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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

One of the most creative and happy times at All Saints, at least during my time as vicar, was when we met at All Saints Junior School to share Messy Church activities and a lovely homecooked meal. At its best Messy Church brought a good number of families together to enjoy activities, eucharistic worship and the shared meal. During Lockdown many church communities saw the need to worship outside, and beginning at Easter 2021 we shared our first Sundays @4 service with activities. This developed and we began to share simple worship, activities, and a BBQ to finish. This summer of 2023 we have been sharing with our all-age congregation themes from 'Caring for the world we live in – Messy Church Goes Wild' edited by Lucy Moore, the Messy Church Founder.

Messy Church Goes Wild is the movement within Messy Church which aims to encourage churches to meet God outdoors, love the natural world, experience a sense of awe and wonder there and to be more eco-aware in all that we do for the good of the planet. In June we looked at the value of trees and plants to the eco-system and in July (In the pouring rain) we thought about caring for the climate and our weather. In the July Sundays @4 the children were given small maps of the world to see where the weather was impacting negatively the welfare of people and all living beings. The children wrote prayers and placed the prayers on countries that were suffering such as Greece and Southern Europe that had terrible fires, parts of Africa that were suffering droughts and tragically if we were sharing this exercise now the devastation caused by Hurricane Dora and the wildfires in Hawaii. On September 24 at 4.00pm we will share a service caring for animals and our pets marking the festival day of St Francis of Assisi which falls on 4 October.

As part of our Sustainability programme and our ministry to families we will share a walk at Ockwells Park this Sunday (20 August). I know this walk well as it is the way I enjoy relaxation and refreshment during the day walking my dog, Lilly. Ockwells is part of a local nature reserve in Cox Green and is owned by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. This conservation area has a circular walk with information boards on wildlife and plants. The paths and trail around the park allow people to explore areas of woodland, meadow and copses. You will find plants, insects, and birds.

In 2012 the Brownies, Scouts and Cubs helped other volunteers to plant 800 trees including aspen, crab apple, dog roses, field maples, hawthorn, hornbeam, lime and oaks. (Information on the local website). In more recent times more trees have been planted and indeed there are signs for locals to offer time to offer to help with planting even more.

In James Martin's excellent book 'Learning to Pray – a guide for everyone' we discover in his chapter on 'Discovering God in Creation' that spending time outdoors is good for mental, emotional and physical health.

It can also, writes Martin 'connect us with God at a deep level. Within the chapter we read about Pope Francis and his environmental document Laudato Si and he writes "We are invited to see that every living creature – not only every human being is valuable and therefore worthy of our care.' Also, we read 'the entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil. Water, mountains, everything is, as it were, a caress of God'.

Please take the opportunity to share this hour long walk this Sunday afternoon meeting at Ockwells Park at 2.30pm followed by the opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee at the café near the car park.

May you all be blessed by God's love this week,

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Thursday 17 August	11.00am Baptism Class in the Birinus Room
Sunday 20	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy 12 noon Holy Baptism Please pray for Lila May Kele, Clemmie Isabel Kele, their parents, godparents and grandmother, Brenda Burne (one-time Churchwarden). <i>2.30pm Meet at Ockwells Park for Walk (see lead article)</i>
Monday 21	9.30am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 22	9.30am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 23	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy <i>11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home</i> 11.30am Confirmation Class & Bible Study in the Birinus Room <i>2.00pm Services at Larchfield Care Home</i>
Saturday 26	2.30pm Marriage of Glenn Ferguson and Kim Elson in Church
Sunday 27	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity with Holy Baptism Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy 12 noon Holy Baptism Please pray for Lilibet Birdie Jessie Grace Dance , her parents and godparents <i>2.00pm WAMCF Mult-faith cricket tournament at Boyne Hill Cricket Club</i>
Monday 28	9.30am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 29	9.30am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 30	10.00am Eucharist (BCP) Celebrant: Fr John 11.30am Confirmation Class & Bible Study in the Birinus Room

ADVANCE NOTICE

Thursday 31 August 6.00pm 20th Anniversary Party for AllSorts at All Saints

PRAYER INTENTIONS

This weekend we give thanks for the story of the Syro-Phoenician Woman who had great faith in Jesus to heal. That faith would see God's salvation for Jew and Gentile. We pray that we may be a community of people at All Saints that is open and compassionate to people from different countries and cultures.

We pray for our Parish walk on Sunday at Ockwells Park. May this be a time of relaxation as we enjoy the beauty of creation. We give thanks for those who have planted trees as part of this local nature reserve within our town.

We pray for Lila and Clemmie Kele who will be baptised this weekend. We pray for their family and godparents Benjamin, Jessica, Hamish and Lily. May the family, godparents and supporters help and nurture Lila and Clemmie in the Christian faith.

We continue to pray for migrants and asylum seekers and for those who are forced to flee from their homes by oppression or violence or to find shelter, food and medical care. We pray for those from places of political instability and violence, especially Niger, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and parts of the Middle East. We pray that governments may turn towards the peace, justice and flourishing of all people. We pray that we may offer communities in this country that reach out with compassion to those seeking to be accepted and desiring to live life in all its fulness.

We pray for all those in any kind of need. We pray for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Tadeusz, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Ruby Doughty, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard and Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Janet Emerson, Liz Holloway, Hugh Boulter, Simon Cowdery, Morieza Seraj and Abbas Heidari.

May they all know the healing presence of Christ. We pray for those who bring healing to those in need, those who are caring for loved ones at this time and for staff and residents of care homes in our parish.

We pray for the recently departed, including Iris Newman, and those who have lost their lives crossing the channel and those in Hawaii who have lost their lives in the fires. We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 20 AUGUST THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

OT READING Isaiah 56: 1 - 8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

GOSPEL Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

MUSIC

Preludes: Preludium *O Gibbons* & Adagio *F Bridge*

Opening hymn: 222 All hail the power of Jesu's name

Gradual hymn: 679 In Christ there is no east or west

Offertory hymn: 806 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Communion music: Andante, Sonata in E minor, BWV 528 *J S Bach*

Closing hymn: 588 And can it be

Postlude: Fugue in G minor ('the Great'), BWV 542 (ii) *J S Bach*

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 27 AUGUST THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

EPISTLE Romans 12: 1- 8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

MUSIC

Preludes: Adagio, Symphonie III, Op 28 *L Vierne* & Sursum Corda *J Ireland*

Opening hymn: 366 Living God, your word has called us

Gradual hymn: 634 Firmly I believe and truly

Offertory hymn: 604 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Communion music: Fantasia (Musica Britannica v, 28) *T Tomkins*

Closing hymn 707 (Omit vv2-6): Lift high the cross

Postlude: Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565 *J S Bach*



heritage open days

All Saints will be open on Saturday 9 September from 9.30am until 4.30pm and on Sunday 10 from 12 noon until 4.30pm. Helpers needed please; see sign-up sheets at the back of the church or contact me on kensmith1@btinternet.com or 01628 633895. See attached flier for full details.

There will be an organ recital by Dr Relf Clark on the Sunday at 2.30pm.

Ken Smith



FOODSHARE
MAIDENHEAD

In these hard times Foodshare are more in need of our help than ever. You can donate food at all the supermarkets, and a list of what's most needed is in the Maidenhead Advertiser each week. BUT what would really help them is if people are able to set up a regular standing order. It is regular gifts that enable them to plan the food they can afford to buy. This can be done for as much or as little as you like:

Unity Trust Bank

Account Name: Foodshare

Sort Code: 608301

Account Number: 20448464

Reference: [Please use your name as the reference]

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 9 September

WHY? It's the annual Ride & Stride event!

This national event happens every year across the country. Any mode of transport is fine – you could walk, cycle, ride - simply choose a route and find lots of sponsorship from all your friends and family, perhaps every person in the congregation could sponsor you?

You can go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10.00am and 6.00pm and many people make a day of it. There are so many wonderful and interesting churches to visit, many will be open and offering refreshments too.

There is also the Daphne Barnes-Phillips trophy which is awarded to the most successful church each year – this is a splendid silver cup which is still resting with St Peter's Woolhampton as they raised the most sponsorship in 2022.

All Saints will benefit hugely as we will receive half of your sponsorship. The remaining 50% goes to Berkshire Historic Churches Trust which in turn makes generous grants to churches in need; All Saints has benefitted from this in the past.

More details of the participating churches, together with sponsorship forms will be available soon, or can be found on the BHCT Ride & Stride website - <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride>

Stella Harding, All Saints Boyne Hill Ride & Stride Co-ordinator



CARE4CALAIS TOILETRY APPEAL

We have had the pleasure of getting to know some refugees from Iran in our congregation over the past year. At our APCM recently, Sam Jonkers from Care4Calais spoke to us about the fantastic work the charity does in welcoming and supporting refugees.

Asylum seekers face many challenges even after arriving in the UK. They are not allowed to work so do not have money, even to spend on what we would see as basic essentials.

One practical action we can take to help is to donate toiletries.

If you are able to support, please bring your donations and leave them in the box at the back of church.

Thank you!

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