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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I have been spending a week with my mother in Barton on Sea. On Easter Sunday following Holy Week spent at All Saints I arrived at my mother's to watch the news of Pope Francis giving the final blessing that he would give over the people. I woke the following morning to hear the news of his death and listened to stories of his life and witness throughout the day. The BBC showed a documentary of his life at 9pm that night which highlighted his belief that he was in need of forgiveness like every other human being. The program highlighted the challenges Francis took on in Argentina long before he became 'Pastor to the World' as Paul Valley wrote in his article in this week's Church Times.

I cannot recall feeling deep sadness at the death of a Pope before. This isn't because I didn't value the lives of John Paul II and of Pope Benedict, but Francis seemed to really care about people and showed compassion in the way he choose to lead the Catholic church. I was so engrossed in the funeral service from 8.30am on the BBC that in trying to make breakfast for my mother I burnt the toast and had ADT, The Fire Brigade and Rod, Tanya and Ken all involved in stopping the potential destruction of the vicarage!

Once ADT fire and security and the visit from a friendly Fire brigade had been dealt with, I was engrossed with the Funeral Mass of Francis. The mass was beautiful with 250,000 present and 150,000 lining the streets to the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major. I know this beautiful church as it was the first Basilica I visited in 2015 with two long term friends Fr Paul Martin and Ian Hambleton who took me to Rome for 5 days celebrating my 50th Birthday. Our hotel was just around the corner from this magnificent church which has the focus of Mary as Mother of God, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church. Pope Francis is said to have loved Mary and prayed at the famous Icon there before each Papal journey.

When I was a priest in Bracknell the strap-line of our Team ministry was 'Called to Make Christ Known.' I believe Pope Francis lived a life that did indeed highlight that he followed Christ as a pastor to the people. Very early in his time as Pope I was given his book 'The Church of Mercy'. The content was not of an academic nature but spoke powerfully of a church with open doors to all those who sought the love of Christ in their lives. This would of course cause problems as most dominations of Christians discover when trying to exercise compassion. Francis desired to welcome people of same sex, divorced people, homeless people, asylum seekers and refugees and anyone who sought God's love.

His Papal journeys took him to challenging situations. Pope Francis was attentive to the situations around the World. He visited South Sudan and kissed the feet of leaders as he sought peace, visited Iraq, defying risk to balm the wounds it is said of the Iraqi people, he went to Lesbos to support Asylum seekers, and said a Mass on the Mexico/USA border to name but a few of his 47 journeys.

On a one-to-one level Paul Valley writes of Francis meeting a little boy aged about 6. The boy was too upset to ask the Pope his question. Francis called him forward and asked the little boy to whisper his question. The little boy's father had died. The father died without faith but had his four children baptised. Is my papa in heaven? Francis said to the crowd only God knows. Francis asked the parents of the children present 'But what is God's heart like with a dad like that? They were silent. The Pope said 'This dad who was not a believer, but who baptised his children and gave them that advantage, what do you think? God has a dad's heart. Would God be able to leave such a father far away from himself? No said a few people in the crowd. Louder said Francis and the whole crowd said No. 'There said Francis to Emanuele (The boy) that is the answer. God surely was proud of your father. Go and talk to your dad. Pray to your dad.'

The name chosen of Francis Assisi was for a reason. 'Preach the gospel at all times – and, if necessary use words.' He stopped in St Peter's Square to embrace a 53 year old man with a disfigurement that was so bad people crossed the street to avoid him. Francis touched the man's face and kissed him. The man said he felt only love. He washed the feet of prisoners including women.

Francis spoke passionately about subjects such as Caring for the Environment and World Peace. On a visit to America, he challenged the country to love 'Mother Earth.' As the homily stated on Saturday he thought 'War was a defect for everyone.' 'It results in destruction of lives, homes, hospitals and schools.' Will the unforgettable image of Trump and Zelensky at St Peter's Basilica lead to peace in Ukraine?

At the time of writing this article I am looking forward to the APCM at Boyne Hill Cricket Club. Pope Francis sought a sustainable world, a church of open doors and welcome, he cared about young people and wanted us to see Christ in the asylum seeker and refugee. As we look back over ministry at All Saints, we give thanks for the opportunities to share with students in schools, to celebrate the transformation our Asylum seekers have brought to our church and rejoice that we have been recognised by the Silver Eco Church award as we find ways to be a more sustainable community. We give thanks too that we are blessed with people from all corners of the world. Francis sought a universal church and its heartwarming to see people worship at All Saints from all corners of the world.

Finally, the people who greeted Francis' coffin at Saint Mary Major holding a white rose were the poor, the homeless, convicts, immigrants to name but a few. Francis identified with St Matthew as he saw himself unworthy, we heard in the funeral homily. We find in Matthew 25: 31-46 did you see me in the hungry, thirsty, a stranger, sick, in prison, naked? The answer in this particular man's life was found in those who greeted his body at the end of his journey on earth.

May you be blessed by God's love this Eastertide,

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Thursday 1 May	3.00 pm Open the Book at All Saints School 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 2	9.00am Boyne Hill Assembly on relationships 10.00am Tiny Saints returns following the Easter break 6.00pm Film Club with pizza in the Birinus Room. The film we will be watching this evening is called 'A Bugs Life'.
Sunday 4	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Easter – Fr Jeremy 12 noon Baptism of Theodore Pretty 6.00pm Sundays@6 – Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing at All Saints – Fr Jeremy
Monday 5	May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6 May	<i>8.50am Altwood Assembly on Truth</i> 7.30pm Welcome Group meeting in the Birinus Room
Wednesday 7	<i>8.50am Altwood Assembly</i> 10.00am Requiem Eucharist– Fr David 11.30am Communion service at Clara Court Care Home 2.30pm Larchfield Care Home Service 8.00pm Confirmation Class group 2 – week 8
Thursday 8	<i>8.50am Altwood Assembly</i> 3.00pm <i>All Saints School Open the Book</i> 8.00pm Young Saints Social for leaders at the Windsor Castle 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 9	10.00am Tiny Saints – Mothers and Toddlers Group – in the Parish Centre
Saturday 10	6.00pm Parish visit to Worcester College, Oxford 7.00pm Marlow Community Chor – Concert for Spring
Sunday 11	10.00 am VE Commemoration Eucharist with students from Altwood School – Fr Jeremy
Monday 12	9.30am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 13 -Thursday 15	Diocesan Conference in Derby – Fr Jeremy
Wednesday 14	10.00am Eucharist – Fr David 4.00 pm Wedding of Helen and Tony at All Saints Church

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Lord God, you met Saul on the way to Damascus. He had no thought of you in his head – but it was your time for him – and things were never the same again! We pray that we will meet with you to experience your love and compassion and to have our eyes opened to your glory.

Lord, you are the God of miracles. You reveal yourself in so many different and amazing ways. You can be there in a blinding flash from heaven, but also in the gradual breaking of the dawn when our souls are in darkness. We come before you now, rejoicing in your power to light up our lives, and to change our perspective. (Prayers of Roots)

We pray at this time for St Peter who was asked three times by our Lord to love his sheep. We give thanks for the life of Pope Francis who gave his life as a pastor to the Roman Catholic Church and to the wider world. We give thanks that he led many people to change their perspective on how the church should be seen. We give thanks too for his leadership and ministry to the marginalised of the World.

We give thanks for the resurrection stories at this time of year. The early disciples welcomed you into their home at Emmaus. May we welcome you into our hearts and minds and may the church communion be open to welcome those that are seeking your love and compassion.

We give thanks for our Asylum Seekers and Refugees that have brought vitality to our community. We pray for them as they go through interviews, seek jobs and hopefully find homes to live in. May they flourish and live life in all its fulness in this country.

We give thanks for all those who contributed to Holy Week and Easter services this year. We pray for Brian and the choir, the altar servers, the people who provided hospitality and our wonderful flower arrangers who decorated the church in glorious colour ready for Easter resurrection celebrations.

Pope Francis pleaded that the world 'Build Bridges not Walls'. We are all children of the same Heavenly Father, prayed the Pope and we are all part of a family. We pray for solidarity and peace across the world where people see each other made in God's image. We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine, Russia, Gaza and the Holy Land, South Sudan and Sudan and all the parts of the world where this is unrest. We pray for the time when

weapons may be turned into ploughshares and nation no longer lifts up sword against nation and peace is found.

We pray for the Baptism of Theodore Pretty this Sunday at All Saints. We pray for his family and godparents that they may nurture him within the Christian faith.

We pray for Kayson Campagno, Oakley Deeley, Violet Fry, Lily Veevers, Lily James, Tallulah Fry and Maxim Fullarton on the anniversaries of their baptisms.

We pray for those in need; Daneille, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Vera Shaw, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Massouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Diana Monari, Abdul Ghader Tajeddini, Barbara Ann-Bourne, Beryl Dorton, David Morgan, Elek Bolygo and Edite Zadinane. May they all know God's healing and loving presence.

We pray for the recently departed and remember Pope Francis as the Catholic Church mourns at this time. We pray for all our departed brothers and sisters. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 4 MAY THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

NT READING Acts 9: 1 – 6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

GOSPEL: John 21: 1–19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Gelob't sei Gott	<i>R Bonighton</i>
Opening hymn:	709 Light of the minds that know him	Aurelia
Gradual hymn:	769 Rejoice, the Lord is King	Gopsal
Offertory hymn:	510 Will you come and follow me	Kelvingrove
Communion hymn:	219 This joyful Eastertide	Vruechten
Closing hymn:	486 Christ is the king! O friends rejoice	Vulpus
Postlude:	Vruechten	<i>A Bullard</i>

SUNDAY 11 MAY THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NT READING Acts 9: 36 – 43

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

GOSPEL: John 10: 22 - 30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

MUSIC VE CELEBRATION

Prelude:	Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring	<i>J S Bach</i>
Opening hymn:	579 I vow to thee, my country	Thaxted
Anthem:	799 The Lord's my shepherd	Brother James's Air
(Musescore)	Pie Jesu	<i>Fauré</i>
Altwood School to conclude Bonhoffer presentation		
Offertory hymn:	562 Inspired by love and anger	Salley Gardens
Communion Anthem:	Sheep May Safely Graze	<i>J S Bach</i>
(Musescore)		
Closing hymn:	766 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	
National Anthem:	578 God save our gracious King	
Postlude:	March The Dumbusters	<i>E Coates</i>

ADVANCE NOTICES

TUESDAY CLUB, 6th MAY , PARISH CENTRE 2.30 pm

Learn about 'REMAP Berkshire', a charity whose engineers design and produce custom made disability equipment and aids, asking only for cost of materials used, to help their clients with personal care, mobility, daily tasks, sport or hobbies. Come and listen - perhaps they could benefit someone you know!

SPRING CHURCHYARD WORK PARTY - SATURDAY 17th MAY 10.00 am -12.00 noon

Once the beautiful daffodils and bluebells in the churchyard have died back, it will be the ideal time to have another work party in the churchyard. We would be delighted if as many people as possible can come along, even if only for part of the time. No experience required and we can supply tools if you cannot bring your own. Those who came last year made a huge difference and had great fun too!

Our initial focus will be around the areas nearest to the church, tidying some of the notable graves, and marking off those areas across the churchyard to be left for wildlife. It will also be a chance to simply enjoy the space and discuss proposals for the future.

If you have any questions please talk to Jo McMullen or Anne Sweeney.

PARISH VISIT TO WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD – 10th MAY

We are pleased to confirm that arrangements for our parish visit to Worcester College, Oxford for a talk and tour with Relf Clark on Saturday 10th May are in place. The bus will leave from the Church at 1.30pm with an expected return time of around 7.45pm, after evensong at Magdalen College. Afternoon tea and light refreshments will be served.

As anticipated, the cost of the trip will be £20 per person. Please would those attending make payments in cash to Sue Stannett.

EASTER FLOWERS - THANK YOU – FROM THE FLOWER TEAM



We would like to thank everyone who sponsored the Easter Lilies and flowers, provided foliage, and those who helped on the day, enabling us to arrange the floral displays ready for Easter Sunday. We hope you felt they added that extra something to this especially important festival, making our Church look even more beautiful for the Easter period. Special thanks also to Alan & Pauline for the lovely Easter Garden.

We so appreciate your continued help and support, thank you so much.















The Flower Team













Doing the small things well

We are holding a working party in the churchyard on 17th May 10-12am to plant more wild flowers and clear away some of the invasive brambles. We would be delighted if as many people as possible can come along, even if only for part of the time.

Those who came last year made a huge difference and had great fun too! The work on the churchyard is very encouraging! We now have a large number of plants in flower and it is so exciting to see them all. I'm learning new names every week! Attached to the parish news is a pictorial record from January to April. Please do take time to wander through and see how many you can spot for yourself.

Your eco-committee

January 2025	Churchyard	Flowers, fruit & berries
<p>Alkanet</p> 	<p>Crocus</p> 	<p>Cyclamen repandum</p> 
<p>Wild daffodil</p> 	<p>Common Daisy</p> 	<p>Greater Periwinkle</p> 
<p>Holly</p> 	<p>Ivy</p> 	<p>Laurustinus</p> 
<p>Primrose</p> 	<p>Primula</p> 	<p>Snowberry</p> 
<p>Snowdrop</p> 	<p>Winter jasmine</p> 	

February 2025	Churchyard	Flowers, fruit & berries
<p>Alkanet</p> 	<p>Cherry laurel</p> 	<p>Crocus</p> 
<p>Wild daffodil</p> 	<p>Daisy</p> 	<p>Greater periwinkle</p> 
<p>Groundsel</p> 	<p>Hazel</p> 	<p>Holly</p> 
<p>Laurustinus</p> 	<p>Lawson's cypress</p> 	<p>Oregon grape</p> 

Primrose



Primula



Snowberry



Snowdrop















Winter jasmine



Yew



March 2025	Churchyard	Flowers, fruit & berries
<p>Alkanet</p> 	<p>Cherry Laurel</p> 	<p>Cyclamen</p> 
<p>Wild daffodil</p> 	<p>Daisy</p> 	<p>Grape hyacinth</p> 
<p>Greater periwinkle</p> 	<p>Grecian windflower</p> 	<p>Groundsel</p> 
<p>Hazel</p> 	<p>Holly</p> 	<p>Laurustinus</p> 

Lawson's cypress



Lesser celendine



Lungwort



Oregon grape



Primrose



Primula



Purple deadnettle



Violet (sweet)



Violet (early dog-violet)



Winter Jasmine















Wood avens



Yew



April 2025	Churchyard	Flowers, fruit & berries
<p data-bbox="180 233 289 264">Alkanet</p> 	<p data-bbox="612 233 854 264">Barren Strawberry</p> 	<p data-bbox="1044 233 1175 264">Box elder</p> 
<p data-bbox="180 678 354 709">Cherry laurel</p> 	<p data-bbox="612 678 727 709">Cleavers</p> 	<p data-bbox="1044 678 1192 709">Corn Salad</p> 
<p data-bbox="180 1083 345 1115">Cow parsley</p> 	<p data-bbox="612 1083 786 1115">Culver's root</p> 	<p data-bbox="1044 1083 1122 1115">Daisy</p> 
<p data-bbox="180 1491 321 1522">Dandelion</p> 	<p data-bbox="612 1491 776 1522">English Oak</p> 	<p data-bbox="1044 1491 1232 1522">Forget-me-not</p> 

Forsythia



Garlic mustard



Grape Hyacinth



Greater periwinkle



Ground ivy



Groundsel



Laurustinus



Lesser celendine



Lungwort



Maple (Norway)



Maple (field)



Mexican orange



Oregon Grape



Oxlip



Primrose



Primula



Purple deadnettle



Spanish bluebell



Sycamore



Violet (Early dog-violet)












Wild Cherry



Yew



January 2025	Calvary & Remembrance gardens	Flowers, berries & fruit
<p>Carnation</p> 	<p>Coast Rock Cress</p> 	<p>Cyclamen (Persian)</p> 
<p>Hellebore</p> 	<p>Japanese laurel</p> 	<p>Common primrose</p> 
<p>Rosemary</p> 	<p>Winter heath</p> 	<p>Woodland crocus</p> 

February 2025

Calvary and Remembrance gardens

Flowers, berries & fruit

Carnation



Coast rock cress



Persian cyclamen



Hellebore



Japanese laurel



Primrose



Rosemary






























Winter heath



Woodland crocus



March 2025	Calvary and Remembrance gardens	Flowers, berries & fruit
Chinese Pink 	Coast rock cress 	Persian Cyclamen 
Daffodil 	Early dog violet 	Forsythia 
Hellebore 	Hyacinth 	Japanese Laurel 
Primrose 	Rosemary 	Tulip 
Winter heath 	Woodland forget-me-not 	

<p>April 2025</p>	<p>Calvary & Remembrance gardens</p>	<p>Flowers, berries & fruit</p>
<p>Cape Marguerite</p> 	<p>Carnation</p> 	<p>Chinese Pink</p> 
<p>Coast Rock Cress</p> 	<p>Corn Salad</p> 	<p>Crabapple tree</p> 
<p>Cyclamen</p> 	<p>Dahlia</p> 	<p>Daisy</p> 
<p>Dandelion</p> 	<p>Early dog Violet</p> 	<p>Forsythia</p> 
<p>Geranium</p> 	<p>Greater periwinkle</p> 	<p>Hellebore</p> 

Japanese Laurel



Primrose



Rosemary



Saxifrage rosacea



Spanish Bluebell



Thyme-leaved rockrose



Wall Bellflower



Winter Heath



Woodland forget-me-not

