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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I discovered from reading my mother's Sunday Times 'Culture' that The National Gallery are marking the 200th anniversary of the venue by hosting a 'once-in-a-century event.' The event will include more than 60 pictures by Vincent Van Gogh. All of the paintings were made in the South of France, a beautiful part of the world that seemed to inspire many artistic geniuses. Van Gogh's 'Poets and Lovers' will also mark the acquisition of perhaps Van Gogh's most famous work 'Sunflowers' by The National Gallery in 1924. The painting marks a moving story within my ministry as a priest which I shared recently with my spiritual director Fr Nicholas Cheeseman. In the article I read recently by Waldemar Januszczak, a Polish art critic, we are told that Van Gogh had been painting sunflowers since he arrived in France in 1886. The critic suggests that Van Gogh was 'fascinated and touched by the way that they follow the sun as the day unfolds. In one of his crazier flights of fancy he described them as being Christlike with their glowing yellow halos.' Some of his earlier paintings of sunflowers produced in Paris show them dead and drying out and as the critic states 'not quite crucified but certainly at the end of their story.'

This possible religious theme moves me as I share the following story from my time as Team Vicar in the Rectoral Benefice of Ebbw Vale. During the period from 1995 to 1998 I enjoyed as I still do sharing assemblies, classes and services with students from the local schools of Ebbw Vale, Beaufort and Cwm. At the top of the heads of the Valley was a school called Garnlydan Primary. On a visit to the school, I was asked if I would be willing to help coach the school football team. The teachers by this stage in early 1998 had made the assessment that my football knowledge outweighed my ability to share religious assemblies with the children! I gladly accepted the offer of sharing once a week lunch time coaching with the young lads and one or two girls of the school. One of the boys had experienced a difficult and challenging early life. He was not liked by many students as he was really a bully. When playing football, he had to have the ball all of the time and would not pass to another player.

After a month or so of my so-called coaching, the school were losing games by 5 or 6 goals each week. I decided that it was time to change tactics particularly aimed at my young friend who believed that the only way Garnlydan could win was if he kept the ball to himself all of the time. The truth was that none of his teammates were involved too much, and it basically became a sole player versus a team. I can hear some of you saying Ronaldo gets away with this tactic, but I guess he has always been rather good! My new plan was an idea from Bob Sully my early coach at Rogerstone Junior School. Bob would impress upon us that we needed to pass and move. It was a better and more effective way of winning football matches than keeping the ball to oneself. Bob told us that we could only use two touches of the ball, one to control and one to pass. My friend who liked keeping the ball to himself really didn't like my new tactic, but the team began to perform much better and although they didn't win, the games were much closer.

In June 1998 just before leaving Beaufort, Ebbw Vale to take up a post in Bracknell I was invited to deliver my final assembly at the school on bullying. I hope I didn't pick on one young lad, but that same person was

listening. On my last day at the school, I was given a thank you card with the names of the children and teachers of the school. The front cover was by the lad who had caused so much trouble at the school but who perhaps was turning a leaf. I am not sure the young student had heard of Vincent Van Gogh, but he had painted for me a picture of sunflowers.

Recently when clearing out our attic so that the Diocese could add some insulation the card with the sunflowers which I had been unable to find for years floated down from the attic. I used the story at our last Sundays @4 on 'New Beginnings'. We looked at the text from Matthew and the use of talents (Matthew 25) and discussed that while we should always use God's gifts to us we should also try to encourage others who perhaps do not possess the confidence to use their gifts. The young boy who had a troubled early life had certainly tried to change his life. I was asked by people at Sundays @4 what happened to him. I do not know but he would be in his 30's now and I can only pray that he is flourishing.

Back to the article in the Times. If you visit the National Gallery, you will find two paintings of sunflowers with the possible crucifixion/resurrection theme. In the middle you will see Le Berceuse. I do not know this painting, but I discovered it represents 'a woman who rocks a cradle.' This points to childhood and the comforting presence of a mother. Vincent, writes Waldemar Januszczak, was desperate for love and he knew that all people need a stable up bringing to help them to flourish. As we know Vincent's life ended tragically. I occasionally wonder what happened to the young lad at Garnlydan and pray that he is now using his God given gifts and flourishing.

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

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 19 September

3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*

3.30pm Confirmation Class for group 4 on week 7. – Zoom

8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 20

10.00am Tiny Saints – With the input of Mei promoting the activity and her playing musical instruments the group is growing again. Over 30 parents, grandparents and toddlers filled the parish centre last week.

2.00pm Interment of ashes- Betty and Jack Caswell

Sunday 22

10.00am Worship for All Eucharist for Fairtrade Fortnight

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

12 noon – Holy Baptism of Leo Broad

3.00-5.00pm Meeting of Community and Faith Leaders at Thames Hospice

Tuesday 24

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 25

10.00am BCP Holy Communion service – Fr Jeremy

11.30am Normanhurst Care Home service – Jeanette and Fr Jeremy

2pm Larchfield Care Home – Jeanette and Fr Jeremy

3pm Open the Book at Larchfield School

Thursday 26

3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School

6.00 pm All Sorts at St Mary's Church

8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 27 September

9.00am *Harvest assembly at Boyne Hill Infants school*
10.00am **Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**
11.00am Funeral of Geoffrey Milsom at All Saints Church
7.45pm Royal British Legion meet at the Conservative Club.

Sunday 29

10.00am **Eucharist – Michael and All Angels**
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
3.00pm Bishop Olivia's Farewell service at Reading Minster

Tuesday 1 October

9.30am **Morning Prayer**
7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Birinus Room

Wednesday 2

10.00am **Requiem Eucharist**
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
11.30am Clara Court Communion service with Mike and Jan Moss and Jeanette
3.00pm *Open the Book at Larchfield School*
7.00-8.30pm The Cubs visit to All Saints Church

ADVANCE NOTICES

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER GARDENING in the CHURCHYARD AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION of CREATIONTIDE.
Bring your tools and get stuck in to clearing and tidying the churchyard. Variety of tasks for all energy levels.

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 7.00pm IN THE PARISH CENTRE

I will relive the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela I made in September 2013 as part of my Sabbatical. If you would like to share an evening with me retelling the journey with Mike providing the pictures please join us at the Parish Centre at 7.00pm on Saturday 5 October. During the evening there will be a meal in the style of pilgrimage. The cost will be £20 with all profit going to The Ripple Effect Charity. Numbers will be limited to 30; there is a list at the back of church but preferably email mike.moss@btinternet.com to register your interest. If over-subscribed a second session will be held.

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 10.00am PARISH EUCHRIST FOR HARVEST WITH A GUEST SPEAKER FROM RIPPLE EFFECT

Following the service there will be an auction of goods followed by a Harvest Ploughman's served in the Parish Centre. Paul Lion is kindly providing the ploughman's at £6. Please sign the list at the back of the church

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 10am ALL SAINTS DAY and THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL. Our Preacher will be Fr Chris. Following the service, we will share a celebration parish lunch at the Gandhi restaurant. The cost of the meal will be £25 per person. We will have a list at the back of the church but we will require the money to be paid in advance of the meal to Sue Stannett.

CREATIONTIDE, THE SEASON of CREATION

Creationtide or the Season of Creation is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1 September to 6 October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

For more information from the Church of England on Creationtide, please visit

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/season-creation>

Your Sustainability Team

DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL

Fair Trade: As we come to the end of Fair Trade fortnight I hope many of you will have tried out at least one Fair Trade item in your weekly shop to see what it's like. If not, then have a go at the raffle on Sunday and you might win a whole hamper-full! Tickets are £1 each. Good luck!

Your Eco-committee.

RIDE -AND-STRIDE AND ENGLISH HERITAGE WEEKEND THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who supported Ride-and-Stride and Heritage Weekend. All Saints Church welcomed 114 visitors last weekend to discover the splendour of George Street's magnificent building, to hear wonderful talks given by Ken and a beautiful recital by Relf Clark. It was great to see a good number of volunteers providing hospitality and sharing with visitors.

Fr Jeremy

Father David introducing himself ...

My childhood was spent in rural Lincolnshire where I was a chorister at Holy Trinity Collegiate Church, Tattershall. I graduated in Physics from Leeds University, and it was there that I met Rosalind and married in 1976. After graduating, I initially worked for large companies such as 3M in South Wales and then IBM in Hampshire and Yorkshire, and then continued to work in IT. Approximately twenty-five years ago I was called back to my faith; and realised it was a calling to the priesthood. After an interesting journey I was ordained in 2013.

My passion is being outside with my claim to fame is having climbed all the Munro's – the Scottish hills over 3,000 ft. I have also walked the Camino from St Jean Pied de Port in France to Santiago de Compostela across Northern Spain". Isabella, our Kerry Blue Terrier keeps me busy taking her for regular walks. We also have a Motor Home and enjoy visiting places in Europe.

Fr David

PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we reflect this Creationtide we hold before you Lord, the millions living in poverty and hunger, and for the opportunity to work by cooperation, compassion and generosity to alleviate suffering.

We continue to plan for Harvest at All Saints, for the service with the Ripple Effect speaker, their programme of sustainable farming in African countries, and for our harvest goods auction and ploughman's lunch. We pray too for All Saints School Harvest Assembly and the invitation to share the Ripple effect story with the students at the school.

We pray for Fairtrade Fortnight. We pray the words of a Tanzanian coffee farmer twenty years ago who said, 'We don't want charity, pay us a fair wage for what we grow and we will make poverty history ourselves.' May we seek out Fairtrade products in our shops that we can enjoy and that help provide a fair wage to those who supply food in this country.

We continue to seek peace in this troubled world. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, Iran, Lebanon and the surrounding areas. We pray too for South Sudan and Sudan and pray that weapons are turned into ploughshares and nations no longer lift up sword against nation and peace is found.

We give thanks as we begin to hear news of the asylum seekers from our church who are receiving notice of interviews to seek refugee status. We pray for their futures that they may find homes and jobs to enable them to flourish.

We pray this weekend for the baptism of Leo Broad as he enters the Family of God. We give thanks for his parents Mike and Laura and for his grandfather Rod who shares so much within the Body of Christ at All Saints. May Leo's parents and godparents encourage and nurture him in the Christian faith.

We pray for Camden Mutyaba-Everett, Clemmie & Lila Kele, Lilibet Dance, Ivy Rea, Celeste Wagstaff and Cameron & Ethan Jefferson and their parents and godparents on the anniversary of their baptisms.

We give thanks for the wonderful beginning to the new term at Tiny Saints. We give thanks to Carole, Tanya and Lorraine and to Mei as she brings her musical gifts to the group.

We pray for the Open the Book teams as they begin using the new materials in Larchfield and All Saints Schools. We give thanks for the opportunity to share the stories of faith with the students of these schools.

We pray for those in need of god's healing; Daneille, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Gill Deane-Williams, Vera Shaw, Kristina Baloch, Doreen Bramble Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassini, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Abdul Quadir Taj-e-din, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Patricia Butcher, Andrew Collins, Diana Monari, Abbas Heidari, Azita Heidari, Arash Rezaei, Barbara-Ann Bourne and Elham Nekunam. May they all know God's healing loving and healing presence.

We pray for Geoffrey Milsom and Daniel Fatoux and all our departed loved ones whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 forever. Amen

EPISTLE James 3: 13—4: 3, 7—8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

GOSPEL Mark 9: 30 -37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Miles Lane	P Leddington-Wright	Oxford Hymn Settings for Organists
Opening hymn:	223	All hail the power of Jesu's name	<i>Miles Lane</i>
Gradual hymn:	604	Brother, sister, let me serve you	Servant Song
Offertory hymn:	365	Let us build a house	Two oaks
Communion hymn:	728	Meekness and majesty	<i>Kendrick</i>
Closing hymn:	258	O thou who camest from above	<i>Hereford</i>
Postlude:	Coral Song	S S Wesley	

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

COLLECT

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortal in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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 forever. Amen.

EPISTLE HEBREWS 1: 5 – 14

To which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing;

like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.’ But to which of the angels has he ever said, ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet’? Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

GOSPEL JOHN 1: 47 – 51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

MUSIC

Prelude:	Solothurn	C Hand
Opening hymn:	322 Around the Throne of God	<i>Solothurn</i>
Gradual Anthem:	Panis Angelicus	<i>C Franck</i>
Offertory hymn:	826 Ye holy angels bright	Darwall’s 148th
Communion hymn:	601 Blessed Assurance	
Closing hymn:	589 Angel-voices ever singing	
Postlude:	Pièce Héroïque	<i>C Franck</i>



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