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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I write this newsletter trying to keep cool on the day that could be the hottest recorded in the UK since records began. For some people, I have read that it has reminded them of the summer of 1976. Although the highest temperature was in the mid 30's (not as extreme as expected today) I do recall the two months of continual hot and dry weather that year brought. I recall having to walk up the hill outside our house in The Uplands in Rogerstone, near Newport to pump water for our use. That said most of my memories of that summer are pleasant ones.

Those memories take me back to hours and hours of playing cricket, football, and tennis on the welfare grounds in Rogerstone with my friends. Tim my brother and I would be staying with my grandparents with my mother working at the South Wales Electricity Board. Early in the morning we would set off to play sport and every half hour or so cooling down eating 'Tip Tops' (Does anyone remember them?) The morning would flash by as we pretended to be one of the great West Indian cricketers who were thrashing England that summer. (My mother even took us to Lords to see England v West Indies and the great Viv Richards et al) I recall Bjorn Borg playing unbelievable tennis at Wimbledon and then diving round the grass courts at Rogerstone trying to emulate his top spin forehands down the line. They were happy days, but on the horizon, changes were ahead for me.

In September of that year, I would begin at a new school at Bassaleg Comprehensive. This school had 1200 (Now close to 2000) students and I was leaving my lovely little Junior School where I had been taught my times tables via football style knock out competitions with the wonderful Bob Sully. Bob who died in the last 12 months was a brilliant, enthusiastic teacher who coached our football team. We reached the Town Final losing 3-1 after extra time before winning the Valley's Cup. This was quite an achievement for a small school.

I arrived at Bassaleg to be informed that there was no football at this school. We were proud Welshmen and played rugby. Football was for softies! I tried whispering that my team Leeds were very good at kicking people as well as the ball, but no one listened! This was only part of the problem. Having to learn so many new subjects including learning languages like French and for goodness sake Welsh! Not only that but how would I cope in a school with so many new faces and new teachers?

This was my starting point this week as I spoke to the leavers service of All Saints School. I told them about the story of Joshua and Caleb the two wonderful spies sent by Moses to view the Promised Land. The people had survived slavery in Egypt, but God wanted them to know that they were loved and should live life with dignity. When they struggled to find food in the wilderness and then were informed by 10 other spies that the Promised Land was filled with giants they were really cheesed off! I knew the feeling when I was told as a 6

stone weakling to tackle this 12 stone, muscle bound thug on the rugby field at Bassaleg! Slowly of course I met new friends (Simon, Mark and John are friends to this day), watched Wales win grand slams and started to try and learn a subject or two at school though never mastering Welsh.

Joshua and Caleb did convince the people that the Promised Land held good prospects and they the people should face change with confidence that God was with them. I asked the children what would they miss at school? Some a favourite teacher, some their best friends as they would be going to different senior schools, some the comfy benches that Furze Platt apparently do not provide! Some were worried and anxious about the size of their new school, but they all seemed more confident than I had been at their age.

We discussed the idea of change and the fact that they had learned from their teachers, made great friends, and would take these experiences into the next stage of their education. Even the girl who was upset that she would not be given a lift to school but would have to walk, reflected with half a smile when I pointed out the weather and how she might be playing her part in helping the planet.

We are blessed at All Saints with the opportunities we have to share the educational journey of children in our parish. It's great that we have shared 14 years of Open the Book, assemblies, classes at church and Christmas services with our schools. We celebrate too our governors in our church schools as we follow George Street's example of education of the young when he built the school in the Quadrangle all those years ago. Last week Sue Wright and I had the joy of seeing Altwood School welcome one of our Iranian friends, Zoe, to begin A levels in September. Zoe who has travelled to a new country, learned a new language, and is thrilled at the chance of discovering a new opportunity to continue her education and know that she is valued and loved by God. Zoe (Zoha) is highlighting what real change might be.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 21 July	7.00pm Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room 8.00pm Choir Practice in Church (last one until after the summer)
Sunday 24	10.00am The Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John 12 noon Holy Baptism Please pray for Tyler Dani Mungal, Reginald Curtis and their parents and godparents 4.00pm Sundays@4 on the theme of St James, the Apostle all welcome to join us for our outdoor service and BBQ
Monday 25	9.15am Morning Prayer in Church
Tuesday 26	9.15am Morning Prayer in Church
Wednesday 27	10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: Fr Jeremy <i>10.45am Tai Chi Class in the Parish Centre</i>

ADVANCE NOTICE

Friday 5 August 4.00pm Thanksgiving service at St Mary's Church for the life of Roger Baldery Roger contributed so much to the life of Christian witness in action through Open the Book, Larchfield Open Table, Summer Clubs at Larchfield and All Sorts. Some of you will have known Roger and it would be lovely if people could support Jane, his wife and the family at the service.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray this week for our schools including students, teachers, support staff and Governing Bodies. We pray for those children who this year face major changes in their lives as they move schools and also those who will follow their journey to University, and further Education. We pray for those who may discern career paths and vocational qualifications. May they live confidently with change.

We pray for our Open the Book Teams who share the stories of the Bible with children and teachers. We pray that more people from churches across Maidenhead may discern a call to support this wonderful ministry.

We pray for our Governors, Anne Sweeney, John Bolodeoku, Jenny Wilks as they give their time to support the educational needs of children across the ages within our local schools. We give thanks too for Sue Wright and her work and ministry with Care4Calais as she attempts to access educational opportunities for young people. We celebrate Sue Nordberg's ministry to teach English to our Iranian friends.

We pray this week for the ministry of Maidenhead Care which began in 1985. We give thanks for Mike and Jan as they play leadership roles in co-ordinating support to people with needs across the town of Maidenhead. We celebrate all those people who endeavour to lead lives that follow the example that Jesus gave us to love God and our neighbour.

We pray for all new people to All Saints church congregation. May everyone feel a sense of welcome and belonging. We pray for our Welcome group and Fr John as he leads this group to discover new ways to help people find a sense of community within All Saints.

We continue to pray for the World and for all places of violence and war. We recall the needs of refugees, for victims of injustice and discrimination. We pray for all Aid agencies that risk their own wellbeing to support people in difficult situations.

In our service this weekend we are reminded of the Lord's prayer and the call to play our part in sharing Kingdom qualities. We pray for Muhammad, Reginald and Tyler who will be baptised into God's family this weekend. May they discern their gifts to shine as a light into the dark places of the world. We ask for your continued blessing on Harvey & Oscar Lovell, Gracie Waters, Lana Cogger, Poppy Simmonds on the anniversary of their baptisms.

For all of our parish and congregation in any kind of need, that they may know the healing and strengthening power of Christ in their lives. We pray by name for Suzette, Danielle, Fr John Chadwick, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, John Hicks, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Carol Atkin, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Rene Wilson, Roderick Maclennan, Eddie Sheppard, David Stewart, Rachel, Tadeusz and Teresa

For the recently departed, especially Roger Baldery, and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 24 JULY THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Colossians 2: 6 -15

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 13 – 21

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

MUSIC

Prelude: *Elégie L Vierne*

Opening Hymn: AM 815 Thy kingdom come, on bended knee

Gradual: AM 629 Father, hear the prayer we offer

Offertory: AM 227 Crown him with many crowns

Communion Anthem: God so loved the World

Closing Hymn: AM 775 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Postlude: Carillon *H Murrill*

WMCF WOMEN'S GROUP Monday 25 July 7.30pm at St Luke's *What's In a Name?*

Ladies of all faiths and none are welcome to come along.



Heritage Open Days" and Ride and Stride – 10 and 11 September

As in previous years the Church will be open to welcome visitors and offer guided tours as part of the national **Heritage Weekend**. This is a lovely opportunity to share the beauty of our church with the wider community (we have had visitors coming long distances in the past) and, especially this year, to highlight the fantastic work carried out on the church floor.

The Berkshire Churches Trust **Ride & Stride** will take place on the Saturday when we will welcome visitors "riding and striding" to raise money through sponsorship for their own churches. We will be organising a walk for any one from All Saints who would like to take part, and there will be a sponsorship form at the back of the church in support of the walkers' efforts. Half of any money raised will come back to All Saints.

There will also be a sign up sheet at the back of the church for volunteers to act as Stewards, to help welcome visitors to the church and provide drinks for weary travellers. Please do sign up if you can offer an hour or so on either of these days. We will be sponsoring the Stewards for Ride & Stride too.

Ken Smith and Stella Harding

COX GREEN LUNCHEON CLUB IS IN URGENT NEED OF YOUR HELP

Are you a dab hand with a pair of rubber gloves? Could you spare a little time on a Tuesday? They have just been doing the rota for the autumn and they are very short of helpers, particularly people to do the washing up. Luncheon Club takes place at Cox Green Community Centre on Tuesdays from 12 noon to 2.00pm.

If you can help in any way please speak to Pam Hitchcock to find out more: email pam.hitchcock@outlook.com or ring her on 01628 825157.

MAIDENHEAD CARE COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this lovely service; Fr Jeremy, Brian Graves, who played the organ, Dr John Bolodeoku for a brilliant talk, our bellringers, Maidenhead Choral Society, who sang John Rutter's Prayer for Ukraine, and those who baked cakes and helped with refreshments. *Mike Moss*

TAI CHI CLASSES START WEDNESDAY 27 JULY 10.45am IN THE PARISH CENTRE

See attached poster for details

FOODSHARE

In these hard times Foodshare are more in need of our help than ever. Each week in the Maidenhead Advertiser there is a list of items most wanted.



TAI CHI EXERCISES

Tai Chi For Better Health

£4 per class

Venue: All Saints Church Parish Centre
Boyn Hill Road, Maidenhead SL6 4HE

Date: Wednesday – starting 27th July 2022

Time: 10:45 – 11:30am

Tea/Coffee/Biscuits £1

For the over 50's - Calms body and mind

Tina Smith - 07519955942