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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

“The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord” Psalm 33:5



I may just be lucky, but I seem to be noticing a lot of butterflies and dragonflies around at the moment – in my garden at home, and out in the green spaces where I walk my dog, Rosa. With summer flowers in the hedgerows and Red Kites wheeling overhead, this does feel a particularly beautiful time to be out and about.

Most people I meet appreciate our gardens, flowers, and the beauty and wonder of nature, which I think are all essential for our flourishing and well-being. Human beings are intimately connected to the rest of nature, and appreciating the rest of creation and being in harmony with it truly lifts our spirits – just as God intends. We can find a sense of freedom, a sense of belonging, a sense of delight, and our anxieties may lessen even if only for a time.

It is no accident that gardens play an important part in the Bible especially as places of encounter with the divine; think of Adam and Eve living the life intended for humanity in the Garden of Eden, or Mary Magdalene meeting with the Risen Christ in the garden by the tomb - the garden where the darkness of death is replaced by the joy and gladness of resurrection hope.



Gardens, and nature more generally, are places given to us to be signs of God’s presence and blessing upon us, and places of healing where we are able to find a true perspective on our lives once again. And if you are a gardener, you will know the immense joy and satisfaction of being a co-creator with God in his natural world.

My prayer is that we will all be able to find some time and space in our lives this summer to simply “be” in the natural world, to observe the butterflies and dragonflies, and the birds and the flowers too. And maybe to find opportunities to share these things with our children and our loved ones, with others who find it more difficult to get out and about, or those who just feel a little lost and alone at the moment. And maybe drop in a bunch of flowers to someone you know who is housebound, to bring something of the beauty of nature into their life.

Fr John

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 13 July	3.00pm <i>Open the Book at All Saints School</i> 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 14	10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre 12 noon Funeral of Victor Franklin in Church
Saturday 15	
Sunday 16	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy This will include the last Young Saints for this summer term. We will resume on Sunday 3 September.
Monday 17	9.30am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 18	7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Parish Centre
Wednesday 19	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy <i>11.00 am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre</i> 11.30am Bible Study in the Birinus Room <i>11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home</i> 12 noon Confirmation Class <i>2.00pm Services at Larchfield Care Home</i>

ADVANCE NOTICES

WAMCF WOMENS' GROUP MONDAY 24 JULY

Ladies of all beliefs and none are warmly invited to the next meeting from 7.30 - 9.00pm at St. Thomas' Church Kings Park, Colnbrook, Slough SL3 0JY. There will be space in the quiet garden there, and time to enjoy refreshments together. *Further details from sally514@btinternet.com www.wamcf.org*

WAMCF CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS CRICKET TOURNAMENT SUNDAY 27 AUGUST AT BOYNE HILL CRICKET CLUB

Adult's & Children's Competitions start from 10.00am Fr Jeremy presenting children's prizes at 2.00pm. Full details on WAMCF website.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We give thanks for the joys and beauty of the natural world and for the opportunities we have to find rest and refreshment in our gardens and countryside. We pray for those working to preserve habitats and biodiversity, including local volunteers, our Wildlife Trust and Wild Maidenhead. We give thanks for the joy of gardening and for those involved in promoting gardening as a recreation. We celebrate those who lovingly bring the delights of the natural world into our church building through flower arranging.

We pray for those who find solace and meaning through gardening and the world of nature, and we pray that in so doing they will come to know the God who created and sustains the world and bestows all blessings upon us.

We pray for our Bishops, Steven and Olivia, and the clergy and people of our Diocese of Oxford; for all who serve in mission and ministry in Christ's Church.

We pray for the Anglican Church in Kenya, for the Diocese of Taita Taveta, for Bishop Liverson, and for Grace Kitawa Karingo seeking confirmation of her call to begin training for the Priesthood.

We pray for James Tudor, Skylark Knight, Riley Howard, Chloe & Gary Edwards, and Cora Butler-Cole on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We pray for those of our congregation and Parish in any kind of need. We pray by name for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Tadeusz, Teresa, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Ruby Doughty, Andrew Collins, Jeremy Nordberg, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard and Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Janet Emerson and Liz Holloway.

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

We pray for the recently departed, including Victor Franklin, Peter Forsey and Tom. We pray for their families and friends and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 16 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 Romans 8: 1 - 11

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 1 – 9 & 18 - 23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no

root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Recession on St George <i>V Griffiths</i>
Opening hymn:	103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
Gradual hymn:	34 Earth was waiting
Offertory hymn:	290 We plough the fields
Communion hymn:	134 Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour
Communion hymn:	285 God, whose farm is all Creation
Closing hymn:	27 Colours of day Light up the Fire
Postlude:	Fantasia in F Minor and Major <i>W A Mozart</i>

FOODSHARE & MAIDENHEAD CARE COMMISSIONING SERVICE THURSDAY 20 JULY

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.

To learn more about the work of Foodshare do come to High Street Methodist Church on Thursday 20 July at 7.30pm. Nigel Cohen, Foodshare Trustee, will be addressing the Maidenhead Care Commissioning Service on the challenges a growing number of people in our community are facing and what further steps we can take to help in this vital work.

PARISH NEWS NEWS

Please send any items for the next edition (19 July) direct to the Parish Office: allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com as Tanya has kindly agreed to produce and distribute it.

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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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