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**Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,**

I received a text last December from a friend that goes back to my school days. John who I have known from the age of 4 in our days at Rogerstone Junior School, outside Newport, South Wales wrote that he had watched The One Show which had guests talking about the St James' Way Camino in England. The route takes the pilgrim from Reading Abbey, the centre of the cult of St James in the Middle Ages, to the port of Southampton. In times gone by pilgrims would have then sailed from Southampton to Northern Spain to walk to Santiago Compostela Cathedral.

John, knowing how much I had enjoyed two pilgrim journeys through Northern Spain in 2013 and on holiday with a group of Polish friends in 2014 in Portugal, asked me if I liked the idea of walking the modern day English Camino? We made our plans over a very good Indian meal at Cookham back in February and decided upon a 4-day journey to Southampton throughout May. Although the Lamb dhansak was very good the planning that took place was rather less organised. The journey will likely have taken us 7 days due to our taking the pilgrimage contemplatively noticing the awe and wonder of God's English countryside rather than racing to finish. The speed of the journey may also have been impacted by the fact that Berkshire and Hampshire have some of the most fantastic country pubs with rather delightful local ales to sample on route.

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June we began day four of what will have been a four-month pilgrimage rather than four days if you count the day we started in mid-April to the day we are likely to finish in early August. All of the walks have been joyful, sharing company, enjoying the peace and tranquillity of the English countryside and indeed in my case learning new facts about the country I live in. As we began our walk from Upper Wield, Alresford to the Plough Inn, Itchen Abbas, John who from his youth has enjoyed fishing informed me of the delights that we could expect from the day ahead. He told me that we would be walking through the river valleys that are a feature of the county of Hampshire. We would be walking in an area of the Itchen, Test and Meon River valleys. These are clear streams that spring, filtered through the chalk some of the most beautiful stretches of water in Southern England.

Due in no small part to John's knowledge I discovered (One of the joys of pilgrimage is that you get to know a country or at least part of it by noticing) that these rivers are not just beautifully clear but have formed part of the commercial background that helped create the county of Hampshire as we know it today. The Test and the Itchen are known to be some of the most famous fly-fishing rivers in the world. I have read that the crystal-clear waters are a result of the geology through which they flow. Our sustainability group will be thrilled to know that I am learning that the rivers and streams in this area are an incredibly rare phenomena and produce a fauna and flora that is unique in the world. If you look up Hampshire chalk streams online you will discover that 'As rainwater falls on Hampshire's downland, it soaks slowly through the porous chalk. The chalk acts like an immense filter bed and once it hits an

impervious layer, pools in great aquifers. Where there are breaks of slope the water seeps out of aquifers as springs, feeding the Hampshire river system with beautifully sparkling clear water.’

Equally exciting for the Sustainability team is that with the water filtering through chalk, it is alkaline and full of dissolved minerals and nutrients which lead to an incredible ecosystem. I have read that snails and shrimp thrive in the water and many types of flies which are rich pickings for trout and grayling as John pointed out to me. At lunch time as we munched happily on our sandwiches sat on a bridge looking down upon clear water watching as John said ‘the happiest trout in England’ enjoy a feast. I didn’t get to taste the trout and although I trust John’s fishing skills to have caught one for me, he pointed out that you need a license (Quite rightly) in these areas. However, John did provide me with another taste of Hampshire as we picked some watercress and enjoyed the distinctive peppery taste that has made egg sandwiches just that bit more enjoyable. Those of you that are interested in train journeys may like to know that there is a heritage railway line running 10 miles from New Alresford to Alton which is part of the watercress line.

Another interesting feature of our walk was our visit to St Mary’s Alresford the church of Mary Sumner and the beginning of the Mothers’ Union, but I will save writing about that for another day. On July 1 we will continue our pilgrim route through the ‘jewel in the crown’ of this particular pilgrim route as we find ourselves walking through Winchester.

One final postscript to this pilgrim journey on the St James’ Way. On returning to share the Eucharist at All Saints, I discussed enthusiastically the pilgrim journey and my newly discovered knowledge of chalk streams, trout and watercress over coffee. One parishioner enquired as to whether I have enjoyed fishing. I replied I only attempted fishing once on a freezing day near to Ebbw Vale and having failed to achieve anything other than get cold and feeling my stress levels getting higher, I turned to my hip flask and enjoyed another pure product found perhaps most famously in Scotland!

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

*Fr Jeremy*

#### **RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**

##### **Thursday 4 July**

*3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School*  
*3.30pm Confirmation Class on Zoom*  
**8.00pm Choir Practice**

##### **Friday 5**

**10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**

##### **Sunday 7**

**10.00am Eucharist for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity**  
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

**6.00pm Sundays@6 Evensong & Benediction**

##### **Wednesday 10**

**10.00am Book of Common Prayer Morning Prayer** with hymns led by Jeanette Lock. Please come and share in this rich heritage of Anglican worship led by Jeanette and then enjoy the coffee.  
*2.30pm Senior Saints cream tea at Brenda Illott’s home.(see p)*  
*3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School*

##### **Thursday 11**

*3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School*  
**8.00pm Choir Practice**

**Friday 12**

**10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**

This will be the last gathering of the group before the summer break. Thank you to Carole, Tanya, Mei and Lorraine for continuing to provide leadership and support to this important ministry to young families.

**Saturday 13**

6.30pm Renaissance Voices Concert in Church see poster on p 4

**Sunday 14**

**10.00am The Parish Eucharist for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

Celebrant: Fr Chris Mann

We welcome Fr Chris who is celebrating the Eucharist for us having worshipped here for much of the last year. Thank you to Fr Chris and his wife Heather for sharing worship and community with us.

**Wednesday 17**

**10.00am Eucharist**

Celebrant: Fr David Joynes

*3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School*

## **ADVANCE NOTICES**

### **SUNDAY 25 AUGUST**

WAMCF Cricket Match at Boyne Hill CC. See poster attached to email

### **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 7pm 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 so please email [mike.moss@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.moss@btinternet.com) to register your interest. If Over-subscribed a second session will be held.

*Fr Jeremy*

## **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

We remember Theodore & Jacob Fretz, Sophie Higgins, Annabel Codd, Lucas Barnes, Elsie Roberts, Joseph West, James Tudor, Skylark Knight, Riley Howard and Chloe & Gary Edwards on the anniversaries of their Baptisms

We pray for those in need of God's healing;

Daneille, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Moreiza Seraj, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Gill Deane-Williams, vera Shaw, Kristina Balock, Abbas Heidari, Azita Heidari, Arash Rezaei, Elham Nekunam, Doreen Bramble, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Abdul-Quadir Taj-e-din, Mahmoud Tabkhi and Karen Harvey. May these people all know God's loving and healing presence.

We remember the recently departed including Geoffrey, and Paul Latham and all our departed loved ones whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

*Renaissance Voices and  
Quarry Renaissance Band*

**Present**

**Sackbuts and Madrigals**  
Summer music for voices and instruments



6.30pm Saturday 13 July 2024  
All Saints Church, Maidenhead, SL6 4HE

Tickets £18 (£16 in advance, under 18s free)  
Includes a light supper after the concert  
[renaissancevoices.co.uk](http://renaissancevoices.co.uk) or 01628 624429



***DO THE SMALL THINGS WELL***

On Sunday Fr Jeremy linked the lives of St Peter & St Paul with what we now call 'sustainability'. What struck me especially was Jesus' command to St Peter to 'feed my sheep' (John 21:17). We tend to read this metaphorically now as meaning 'teach them', but St Peter took it literally too, setting up a food distribution program (rather like our Foodshare today). (Acts 6: 2-6). His example lays a huge responsibility on us too, which is why we, as a Church, take seriously buying Fair Trade coffee & tea and support the Ripple Effect farmers. We can't send Foodshare parcels abroad, but we do try to make sure we support God's children in staying above destitution whenever we can. It's not much, I agree, but every little helps.

*Your Eco-team*



## **SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 14 September**

WHY? It's the annual Ride & Stride event! All Saints will also be taking part in the "English Heritage Open Weekend."

A message from our Area Ride & Stride Coordinator:

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.

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>

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like information on how you can participate in this event. We will be asking in the next few weeks, for volunteers to act as welcomers and Stewards for the hours during which the church will be open over the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> September.

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

## **WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 7 JULY THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**10.00am**

### **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.

### **O T READING 2 Samuel 5: 1 – 5 & 9 - 10**

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. 10 And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

## GOSPEL Mark 6: 1 — 13

Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

## MUSIC

Prelude:	Nimrod from Enigma Variations <i>E Elgar</i>
Opening hymn:	379 God has spoken, by his prophets
Gradual Anthem:	To be a Pilgrim <i>N Burt</i>
Offertory hymn:	562 Inspired by love and anger
Communion hymn:	639 Give thanks with a grateful heart
Communion hymn:	389 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind
Closing hymn:	390 Thanks to God whose Word was spoken
Postlude:	Concerto II in A Minor BWV 593 <i>J S Bach</i>

## 6.00pm EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

Preludes:	Adagio, Troisième Symphonie, Op28 <i>Vierne</i>	Te lucis ante terminum, Op 38, No 5 <i>Dupré</i>
Opening Hymn:	16 God, that madest earth and heaven	
Psalms:	37: 1 - 11	
First Reading:	Jeremiah 20: 1 – 11a	
Office Hymn:	12 Before the ending of the day	
Second Reading:	Romans 14: 1 -17	
Benediction Hymn:	23 Sun of my soul	
Postlude:	Wir glauben all' an einen Gott, BWV 680 <i>J S Bach</i>	

## PARISH NEWS NEWS

The Parish News will be issued fortnightly over the summer on the following dates:

17 July, 31 July, 14 August, 28 August.



**DON'T FORGET 2024 CHRIST CHILD MARKET SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER**

**AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP DONATING TOILETRIES TO CARE FOR CALAIS IF YOU CAN.**



## WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 14 JULY THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### GOSPEL Mark 6: 14 — 29

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

### MUSIC

Prelude:	Solemn Melody	<i>H Walford Davies</i>
Opening hymn:	691	Jesus shall reign
Gradual hymn:	197	Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Offertory hymn:	593	At the name of Jesus
Communion hymn:	489	From heaven you came
Closing hymn:	164	You are the King of glory, you are the Prince of Peace
Postlude:	Truro Postlude	<i>M Bedford</i>

