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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I am writing this on 21st June, the longest day of the year. And what a sunny and warm summer day it is too. So I wish you a very happy summer whatever that may bring, and whatever your plans are.

For me, I am looking forward to our pilgrimage to Walsingham in September (which is often a lovely month), and I am watching for my newly planted flower beds to mature – in the hope that the flowers prove more vigorous than the weeds ! The bees and butterflies are busy amongst the flowers on my lavender plants, and



the beginnings of a first crop of apples are there on my four new apple trees. All this reminds me of the fruitfulness and the inter-connectedness of the natural world. We thank God for the wonders of creation and rejoice in the opportunity he has given us to be co-creators with him, and stewards and guardians of all he has made. May we find refreshment and relaxation in simply spending time noticing and enjoying this beautiful, fascinating and delightful world.

The summer solstice also reminds us of John the Baptist, whose birth we celebrate each year on 24th June. Luke 1:26 tells us that the Annunciation to Mary occurred when Elizabeth was already six months pregnant with John the Baptist – hence the two births, of Jesus and John the Baptist, were six months apart. So if the nativity of Our Lord is celebrated on 25th December it is appropriate for the birth of John the Baptist to be celebrated in June.

However, this midsummer date for the festival of John the Baptist is entirely appropriate for another reason. In John's Gospel (3:30) we find John the Baptist saying of his own place in relationship to Jesus: "He must increase, I must decrease." John the Baptist's role as the forerunner of Jesus had been completed. So, as we hit the longest day and the day length begins to shorten again, we are reminded of John the Baptist's incredible humility in understanding that it was time for his own ministry to diminish in order to make way for the greater ministry of Jesus.

And there is similar humility in our own journey, too, as we progress on our Christian pilgrimage: the self-assertive 'I' inside us needs to give way to the greater wisdom of the knowledge and love of God growing in

our hearts and minds, the very Spirit of Jesus Christ within us. As Paul puts it “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20).

With my love and prayers,

Fr John.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

- Thursday 23rd June** **9.15am Morning Prayer**
3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School
8.00pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday 24th** **9.15am Morning Prayer**
10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre
- Saturday 25th** **2pm Marriage of Daniel Almassi and Zoe Carter in Church**
- Sunday 26th** **10.00am The Parish Eucharist for the Second Sunday after Trinity**
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John
- 12 noon Holy Baptism**
Please pray for Gary David Edwards (father) and for Chloe Mia Edwards, her parents and godparents
- Tuesday 28th** *9.00am Open the Book at Larchfield School*
7.30pm Churchwardens Swearing-In at Newbury
- Wednesday 29th June** **10.00am Eucharist (BCP)**

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We give thanks and praise to God for the wonders of his creation. We pray that we would be able to find time to enjoy it and find refreshment and relaxation in creation. We pray for all those who care for our natural environment, and who draw attention to ways in which we are damaging it. We pray for the development of agricultural and food distribution policies that enable all the world’s population to be properly fed whilst protecting the riches of the natural world from damaging exploitation. We pray for the adoption of humane methods of farming and fishing that protect the well-being of animals and prevent unnecessary suffering.

We pray for those engaged in managing the economic well-being of our world, and especially in our own country. We pray for economic policies that protect the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised. We pray for the work of the UK charity Christians Against Poverty, and other organisations that seek to help those in financial difficulty. We pray for Maidenhead Foodshare, those who work there, those who support it, and those whom it serves.

We continue to pray for the people of the Ukraine, that they would be able to live in peace and for their common life to flourish once again. We acknowledge with pain and anguish the sinfulness of humanity that causes such suffering, and we acknowledge other places of violence and warfare, including Sudan, Afghanistan and the Middle East, and for displaced peoples everywhere. We pray that the leaders of nations would seek the common good and work for peace with justice.

We pray for the worldwide Church, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ would be heard and that the hearts of many would be turned to love and compassion. We pray for the mission and ministry of our Church here in the Parish of All Saints Boyne Hill.

For our Churchwardens Ken Smith and John Bolodeoku as they prepare to be sworn into office by the Archdeacon on 28th June. We give thanks for their commitment to this important office and pray for their work in the coming year.

We pray for Daniel and Zoe who are to be married in church on Saturday, and for Chloe and Gary Edwards to be baptised on Sunday.

Also for Elsie Roberts, Joseph West, James Tudor, Skylark Knight and Riley Howard as it nears the anniversaries of their baptisms.

Among those who have asked for our prayers, we pray for Suzette, Danielle, Fr John Chadwick, Dave Hill, Eliza, Dave's parents and Anne and Chris, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, John Hicks, Roger and Jane Baldery, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Carol Atkin, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Rene Wilson, Roderick Maclennan, and Rachel. May they know God's loving and healing presence. We pray for any in our parish who need God's loving grace and healing touch at this time.

We remember the recently departed including David Buckland, Maureen McTavish and Doreen Hill and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 26 JUNE THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth; send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

EPISTLE Galatians 5: 1 & 13 - 25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,

kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 9: 51 - 62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

MUSIC

Prelude: Cantique *E Elgar*

Opening AM 450 Jesus calls us here to meet him

Gradual: AM 595 Be thou my vision

Offertory: AM 510 Will you come and follow me

Communion Anthem: A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Closing Hymn: AM 704 Let all the world in every corner sing

Postlude: Pomp and Circumstance March No 4 *E Elgar*

SUNDAYS AT 4

Please note the next Sundays at 4 service in the Quadrangle with barbecue following will now be on 3rd July, not 26th June as previously advertised.

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.

Sustainability newsletter – June 2022

“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it; the world, and all who live in it.” (Psalm 24:1)

Travel and holidays

Welcome to our June hints and tips. As we approach the summer holiday season, this month we look at some ways we can travel more sustainability.

As a general rule, the shorter from home you travel, the lower your carbon footprint. As many of us have discovered over the past couple of years, there are some amazing places to visit in the UK. However, if you want to travel further afield, consider how you can do this in as eco-friendly a way as possible. Investigate eco-friendly accommodation, consider offsetting carbon emissions on flights and find local activities that give back to residents.

See how many of the tips below you can take whether you are taking a day trip to the coast or a longer overseas break!



10 Green Travel Tips

- **Take a spill-proof container.** A plastic bottle often travels thousands of miles before you buy it and may find its way into a river or the sea. Take a reusable container with you or drink locally sourced water when you're on the go.
- **Pack lighter.** Particularly if you are flying.
- **Unplug your home.** Appliances such as fridges need to stay on of course while you are away, and timed lights are good for security, but your TV and computer do not need to remain on, and it's good for routers to power down occasionally. Save energy and money.

- **Take public transportation.** Let the train, bus, tram or ferry take the strain. If you can, hire a bike or walk from where you are staying. If you rent a car or take a taxi, choose an electric one, if available.
- **Take non-stop flights.** Every time a plane takes off and lands, it adds to global warming so if you need to fly, try to find a non-stop option. But only fly when you have to.
- **Eat local.** Enjoy locally sourced produce to minimise airmiles, help local producers and learn exciting recipes that will wow your friends when you get home!
- **Shop locally.** Buy local produce and support the local infrastructure where you can. Remember to take a reusable shopping bag with you (or buy one locally).
- **Stay at a green hotel.** Try to avoid places that waste food or energy or provide food and bathroom products that are not sustainably sourced. And whether it's a green hotel or not, a great tip is to remember to act in a hotel like you would at home – avoid getting clean towels when not necessary, don't have long showers and remember to turn off TV, lights and aircon when you leave the room.
- **Leave no trace.** The places we visit want our money, not our litter...
- **Drink near beer.** Local breweries and vineyards are often undiscovered gems and you'll be supporting the local economy.

Enjoy the summer, whether you are staying at home or holidaying further afield.

We will be providing tips on a variety of topics over the coming months, so if you have any you'd like to share, please let us know by emailing them to jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk.



**Church House, Oxford
June 2022**

Welcome

Welcome to June's *Care for Creation*. We are thrilled to share the news that [the diocese has approved £10 million expenditure on environmental works](#) to improve the carbon footprint of our vicarages.

Did you know that the Climate Change Committee in the United Kingdom estimate that more than 60% of the change required to get to Net Zero involves personal behavioural change by individuals and communities: change focussed in the three areas of transport, home heating and diet?

We've concentrated on energy savings and reducing pollution in this newsletter. There are many options for taking action. What might you try?

The earth is the Lord's

This was the title of [Bishop Steven's address](#) to Diocesan Synod on 11 June. At the meeting the major investment in our clergy housing was approved, in line with our diocesan environmental policy, to bring our clergy housing nearer to our Net Zero carbon targets. Bishop Steven also announced a small [revision to our liturgy](#) for baptism and confirmation services to include safeguarding our environment, the Church of England's fifth Mark of Mission alongside the others.

Church lighting energy savings – and free site visit

Did you see the [Let there be light](#) news item on our website? St Lawrence's Church in Bradwell obtained funding to change their lighting to LEDs and have benefitted from better aesthetics, reduced maintenance and lower energy use. Look out for their open day in September if you'd like to visit.



All Saints, North Moreton switched all their 32 lightbulbs to LED lamps, which greatly reduced the energy used for lighting. From our [energy audit programme](#), we've learnt that switching to LEDs is one of the simplest and quickest ways to pay back energy savings for most churches.

Saving energy and money at church...

Another of our churches, St Kenelm's, Minster Lovell, benefitted immediately from an energy audit assessment when the auditor advised that a heater left on constantly, with the aim of preventing damp in a storeroom, was not necessary, an extractor fan would do. Turning off the heater was predicted to save them 6480 kWh of electricity annually, over £700 a year in 2019 alone.

N.B. some churches require a setback heating level to be maintained for heritage preservation, so do check with the DAC or your archdeacon before making any major heating changes.

... and at home

We are aware that rising energy prices are causing significant challenges for individuals, as well as churches, so we have gathered some resources to support you:

- Chalfont St Giles Eco Church group share these [energy saving tips](#).
 - The Energy Savings Trust have [quick tips](#) and more detailed advice on [reducing energy use at home](#) and Uswitch share [102 home energy saving tips](#).
 - [Better Housing Better Health](#) provide a Warmth and Wellbeing Service with energy advice for those struggling with energy bills.
 - Improving home insulation is a good way to save energy, Sustainable St Albans list a handy [selection of guides](#).
 - Low Carbon Hub have shared a guide to [energy-advice-and-funding-resources](#).
 - The [Boiler Upgrade Scheme](#) is now open and [Cosy Homes Oxfordshire](#) have written a guide to it.
 - If you are near Oxford there are many [Green Open Homes](#) you can visit between 18-29 June and an Energy Saving Fair in Oxford Town Hall, 10am to 4pm on Sunday 26 June.
 - Repairing items rather than replacing them saves resources and money. Read about the [Winslow Repair Café](#).
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Energy Footprint Tool (EFT)

Please encourage/offer to help your church treasurer to complete the [Energy Footprint Tool](#) for your church before it closes at the end of July.

We are given the information from the national church once the data is compiled so can share news of good tariffs we identify.

107 of our churches have started completing the EFT online, but only 61 have submitted their form so far – thank you to those who are working on this. Don't worry if you can't answer all the questions; you can still continue past the notification and submit your form.

If you don't have access to your church Parish Returns account, you can just complete a very short [2021 Word form](#) and email it to environment@oxford.anglican.org for us to enter for you.

Clean Air Day

The [Action for Clean Air](#) website has plenty of information including a tool for you to measure your own [air pollution footprint](#) and resources to help [individuals and communities](#), [businesses](#) and [schools](#) take action. Oxfordshire schools may be interested to know that the Oxford Friends of the Earth [Schools Clean Air Network](#) has air quality monitoring equipment to loan out to schools. Schools and children's groups can also use our [Be Carbon Free](#) activities.



Cleaner travel

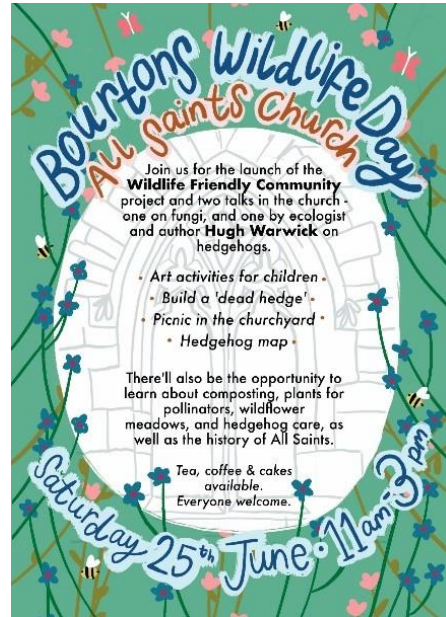
Cycling is low cost, good exercise and non-polluting. Bike Week ran from 6-12 June this year and their [inspiration for cycling](#) page, with ideas for families, cycle-commuters and routes to try, is available to peruse. If driving is unavoidable, here are some tips to make your journeys more [fuel efficient](#) and therefore save money and reduce pollution. If you're considering going electric, you may be interested in these [electric car charger installation](#) options and [charging guide](#). Perhaps you only need a car occasionally and could consider not owning but using an hourly/daily hiring option such as [Hiyacar](#), [Co Wheels](#) or [Zipcar](#) (Oxford). [Let us know](#) if you have experience of these.

Greener preaching

[Preaching For God's World](#) is a new website resource for preachers, which offers thoughts and reflections on each Sunday's Revised Common Lectionary readings, viewed through the lens of the Anglican Five Marks of Mission – in particular on caring for people and planet. Why not share this with your church leaders?

Webinars and online events

- Webinars from the National Church's Environment Programme**
Don't miss the impressive back catalogue of webinar recordings [here](#) or access via the [Church of England](#) and [ChurchCare](#) YouTube playlists.
- Greenshoots Network online get together (with a focus on biodiversity this month)**
Monday 20 June, 7.30-8.30pm
Our Greenshoots Network connects those who are working to green their churches to encourage and inspire one another. Ask to join the network to receive the invitations. [Email us](#).
- Bourtons Wildlife Day, All Saints' Church, Great Bourton, OX17 1QW**
Saturday 25 June, 11am-3pm
Wildlife Friendly Community launch, Hugh Warwick speaking about hedgehogs, a talk on fungi, advice on composting, plants for pollinators and wildflower meadows, children's activities, refreshments and picnic space.
- Arrange for the Future – Sustainable Church Flowers**
Saturday 25 June, 10am-1pm, St Peter and St Paul's, Wantage, OX12 8AQ.
Flower workshop to rediscover the old ways and learn how to create more nature-friendly seasonal displays. Info [here](#) booking [here](#).
- Talking Climate Justice Tour Launch, Christian Aid**
Monday 4 July, 7-8.30pm online. [Info and registration](#).
Find out how you and your church can make a difference and be part of change making climate conversations.
- Sustaining Church online conference**
Wednesday 13 - Thursday 14 July [Poster here](#)
Reimagining communities of faith in climate crisis. Speakers include theologians, farmers, dreamers and environmentalists.
- Guided Retreat: The Wisdom of Trees**
Saturday 16 July, 10am-4pm, Ripon College, Cuddesdon, £30
[Details and booking here](#).
A day to focus on Biblical reflections on the environment and our relationship with it, based on the book [Green Reflections: biblical inspiration for sustainable living](#) which asks "how should we look after the world we inhabit?" With Revd Margot Hodson.



And finally...

A reminder that basic maintenance of your church building (or home), such as clearing gutters and downpipes to stop damp areas, can reduce heating energy use come winter. See the C of E [housekeeping and quick wins](#) webinar recording.



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