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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

This September will mark ten years since I embarked on the Camino de Santiago in Northern Spain. July 25 marks the patronal festival of St James the Apostle and I thought it may be appropriate to write this week about this wonderful pilgrimage. The pilgrimage is sometimes known as 'The Way of St James'. John Brierley in one of his Camino guides writes 'There are many long-distance footpaths but only the Camino de Santiago has won the recognition of the United Nations and been given World Heritage status on account of its historical and spiritual significance.' There is no doubt in my mind that this pilgrimage can transform our consciousness and help us to discover a deeper meaning to our lives.

It was during the Camino Portugues from Porto in 2014 that I shared with Polish friends that I discovered what is thought to be the starting point of James' ministry to Spain. It all began in a place called Padron. Padron lies about 20 kilometres South of Santiago and is built on the banks of the



river Sar. It was the town where for supper we shared plates of Padron Peppers which are beautifully sweet and go down well with a bottle of wine or two as we were to discover that evening. Monika and I shared some on Sunday evening for supper and you do need to be careful that you do not get a red hot one which on occasion can leave you seeking water. The experience led me to writing a blog on 'Russian Roulette with Padron Peppers.' It is said that the seeds were imported by Franciscan monks during their missionary work in Central and South America and adapted well to the conditions in Padron.

In Padron there is a steep climb along the Stations of the Cross to Monte Santiaguino, which is where it is said that St James preached the Gospel message. Standing above the river it is not difficult to envisage him delivering Christ's message of unconditional love and forgiveness from this beautifully remote and peaceful place. There is also a small chapel of Santiaguino with a stone motif of the apostle baptising a pilgrim with water poured from a scallop shell.

James the Great was the son of Zebedee and is one of the three privileged witnesses of Jesus alongside Peter and John. They were the only witnesses of Jesus' healing of Jairus' daughter, his transfiguration, and the time of prayer in Gethsemane. Also, James is mentioned with John his brother when together they are called by Jesus to become fishers of men rather than fishermen.

Ken Smith has provided Fr John and me with an article from The Daily Telegraph 'England's answer to the Camino de Santiago nearly had me converted.' The journalist Greg Dickinson writes about Andy Bell a Roman Catholic who inspired by his experiences of walking the Camino de Santiago is hoping to re-ignite what was once England's most popular pilgrimage route. It is 178 miles walk from London Bridge to Walsingham a place well known to many of us in Norfolk. Fr John will be leading another group of pilgrims there this October. The story goes that Lady Richeldis de Faverches experienced a vision of the Virgin Mary. After the vision she built a replica of the home of the Holy Family in Walsingham. At one time Walsingham was a very significant shrine and was surpassed only by Jerusalem, Rome, and Santiago for holy significance. It all came to an end when Henry VIII outlawed the veneration of saints and pilgrimage. Interestingly the Telegraph article informs the reader that an 18-year-old Henry had previously made the pilgrimage to Walsingham barefoot.

Andy Bull said that walking the Camino de Santiago was a big inspiration for his mission to bring the Walsingham Camino back. He says, 'People walk the Camino de Santiago for all kinds of reasons: fighting cancer, raising money for charity, doing a walk on somebody's behalf.' I met one man who had survived a plane crash with his wife and was trying to come to terms with his traumatic experience in 2013.

Thanks to Andy the Confraternity of St James where you get your pilgrim passport in London has officially recognised the Walsingham Camino and this means that anybody who walks 15 miles of the route to Walsingham will be able to put that towards the 62 miles that must be walked in order to get a certificate from the Pilgrims office in Santiago. Andy has also arranged for 20 churches on route to Walsingham to offer pilgrim stamps in your pilgrim passport.

This week let's celebrate the Apostle James and the fulfilment people are gaining from going on pilgrimages. We give thanks for Fr John's pilgrimage planned to Walsingham in September and for one of our parishioners, Isabelle Fatoux who will be walking part of the Camino de Santiago with a friend this August.

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

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 27 July

11.00am Baptism Class in the Birinus Room
3.30pm Baptism Class in the Birinus Room
7.00pm AllSorts at St Mary's Church
8.00pm Choir Practice (last one before the summer break)

Saturday 29

5.00pm Social Gathering for our serving team

Sunday 30

10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John

4.00pm Sundays@4 in the Quadrangle

Using Messy Church we will look at the theme of Caring about Climate and Weather. Following the service there will be a BBQ. All are welcome.

Monday 31

9.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 1 August

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3.00pm Social Gathering for the Open the Book teams at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue

Wednesday 2

10.00am Requiem Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr John

11.00 am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre

11.30am Eucharist at Clara Court

11.30am Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room

ADVANCE NOTICES

SENIOR SAINTS

Next meeting: Wednesday 9 August @ 2.30pm at the Vicarage for a cream tea.

AND Saturday 12 August 3.00pm – 7.00pm

Everyone is invited to join in the 80th birthday celebrations of Margaret Hill, at Boyn Hill Baptist Church, Westborough Road, Maidenhead. Afternoon tea will be served. Games available for the young and young at heart. Please RSVP Jackie Honey (daughter) 07776 117052 if you plan to attend.

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 pray this week for the sustainability group as we search for ways to engage with All Saints congregation, the local community and through the Ripple Effect overseas issues. We pray that we may take on the big issues of today and break them down into manageable challenges to protect God's creation.

We pray for the Baptism and Confirmation classes this week. We give thanks that we have the opportunity to share the Christian faith with new enquirers. We pray for Bradley Shea, Kai Sumner, Harvey & Oscar Lovell, Gracie Waters, Lana Cogger & Poppy Simmonds on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We pray for AllSorts and for the ministry of Sue Nordberg, Jeanette Lock and all those who minister to those who struggle with physical and learning challenges. We give thanks that God loves and values all of us. As the choir finishes for the summer break, we give thanks to Brian Graves for his leadership of the music at All Saints and for his encouragement and nurture of those who wish to learn to sing within a choir. We give thanks too for the new members that have joined the choir in recent times. We celebrate too Relf Clark and Simon Fullarton who provide excellent support to Brian in offering music to the glory of God.

We pray for Street Angels and continue to give thanks for those who provide support to those in need, those who are alone and young people thankful for being kept safe on the streets. We give thanks for all those giving their time late at night to support the Angels.

We give thanks for FoodShare and for this brilliant ministry providing food for 4,000 people across Maidenhead. We pray that we may seek ways in which our church community can provide more direct help to FoodShare.

We pray for all Asylum Seekers as they prepare their cases for interviews with the Home Office. May they be given a compassionate hearing as they seek to live life in a country that will value their gifts and talents.

We pray for those from our congregation and Parish in any kind of need. We pray for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Tadeusz, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Ruby Doughty, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard, and Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Janet Emerson, Liz Holloway and Simon Cowdery. May they all know the healing peace and presence of Christ. We pray for those who bring healing to those in need, those who are caring for loved ones at this time and for staff and residents of care homes of the parish. We pray for the recently departed, including Peter Forsey, Nancy and Philip Shaw. We pray for their families and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 30 JULY THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever; we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE Romans 8: 26 - 39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 31 – 33 & 44 – 52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every

kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

MUSIC

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| Prelude: | Gwalchmai | <i>G Thalben-Ball</i> |
| Opening hymn: | 584 | All my hope on God is founded |
| Gradual hymn: | 698 | King of glory, king of peace |
| Offertory hymn: | 506 | The Church's one foundation |
| Communion hymn: | 454 | Love is his word, love is his way |
| Closing hymn: | 644 | God is love, let heaven adore him |
| Postlude: | | Sonata for Organ 1st Movement <i>E Elgar</i> |



In these hard times Foodshare are more in need of our help than ever. You can donate food at all the supermarkets, and a list of what's most needed is in the Maidenhead Advertiser each week. BUT what would really help them is if people are able to set up a regular standing order. It is regular gifts that enable them to plan the food they can afford to buy. This can be done for as much or as little as you like:

Unity Trust Bank

Account Name: Foodshare

Sort Code: 608301

Account Number: 20448464

Reference: [Please use your name as the reference]

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