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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,



This weekend sees both Armistice Day on 11th November, and Remembrance Sunday the following day. On these occasions we remember and give thanks for those who gave their lives in the cause of peace, justice and freedom from oppression. As we give thanks for the freedom that we enjoy because of their sacrifice, this gives us a sense of responsibility to use that freedom well, both as the best memorial we can make to their sacrifice (after all, our freedom is their gift to us, bought at great cost), and as the best way of avoiding the need for such sacrifice in the future.

Care for our loved ones.

This season of remembrance, with All Souls last weekend and Remembrance Sunday this coming Sunday, also reminds us of our own mortality. We none of us know when our life in this world will come to an end, and “in the midst of life we are in death” (Job 14:1). So it is the responsible thing to prepare well for our death, not least as an act of care and compassion towards our loved ones who will, whilst still grieving, need to look after our affairs. So ensuring the information they will need can be readily found, however securely it must be kept in the meantime, and that all financial affairs in order and up to date is a great help – Where are all our savings accounts? What is the address of that great friend who would love to be at the funeral? Who has the Will ? It also really helps our loved ones if they know what your wishes are for the funeral or memorial service. By selecting appropriate hymns and readings that mean so much to you, you can make the funeral service both a fitting tribute to the faith that has enriched your life, and a witness to others of the love of God which you have experienced.

Experience of talking with bereaved families shows how much help this can be – and having a conversation as a family about what our wishes might be turns out not to be a dreary, mournful conversation, but is usually an opportunity for celebration together of life, gratitude and faith as you talk together about the things that mean the most to you.

Having an up-to-date Will is essential, and it might need to cover things such as who you want to look after young children if anything happens to you. Remember that if you have recently married, any Will made prior

to your marriage might now be invalid as a matter of law. Consulting a solicitor is advised in all matters concerning your Will. Thinking carefully about how you want your Estate dealt with, and who might be beneficiaries, is an act of Christian Stewardship in just the same way as thinking about our charitable giving during our lifetime.

And have you thought of making a tax-free bequest to All Saints Church in your Will? It is possible to specify that such a gift should be used for a specific purpose, such as maintenance of the building, or work with schools and families in the Parish – or it can be for use at the discretion of the PCC. In this way, you can support the mission and ministry of the Church, and promote the Christian message of faith, hope and love into the future. If you do, you will be following in a long line of those who have been benefactors, contributing to the maintenance of Christian worship and loving service at All Saints for 160+ years.

If you would like further information on how to do this, please talk to me in the first instance. And it's wise to talk to me if you are considering restricting the use to which any gift might be put to – if it is too restrictive, the PCC may have difficulties making use of the gift in accordance with your wishes.

Fr John

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 9 November	11.00am Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room 3.00pm <i>Open the Book at All Saints School</i> 6.30pm <i>Online Confirmation Class (ZOOM)</i> 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 10	10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre
Saturday 11	10.30am Baptism Preparation in the Birinus Room
Sunday 12	10.00am Parish Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
Monday 13	9.30am Morning Prayer in Church 7.30pm <i>Young Saints Leader's Meeting at the Vicarage</i>
Tuesday 14	9.30 am Morning Prayer in Church 4.00pm Almshouse Trustees' Meeting in the Birinus Room
Wednesday 15	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy 11.00am <i>Tai Chi in the Parish Centre</i> 11.30am Service at Clara Court Care Home led by Fr John & Jeanette 3.00pm <i>Open the Book at Larchfield School</i> 7.30pm Christ Child Market Meeting in the Birinus Room

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the souls of all those who have lost their lives as a result of war, and especially those who gave their lives that we might live in peace. We remember before God those whose names are recorded on the War Memorials in our Church.

We pray for peace throughout the world, and especially at this time for peace in Israel-Gaza and the wider Holy Land. We remember the people of Ukraine, where warfare has become almost a normal part of life. We pray for renewed efforts to bring peace with justice to that land. We pray for the of various United Nations organisations working for peace, including the UN Security Council, and for the UN agencies that work to bring relief from suffering and care for refugees.

We pray for Save the Children and other aid agencies active in the Holy Land in this time of conflict.

We pray for the armed services of The Crown, especially those on active service. We pray for vigilance and preparedness in the cause of peace.

We pray for reductions in the international trade in arms and military hardware, and for progress in reducing the flow of arms into the hands of those who seek to make war. We give thanks for work done to reduce the stockpiling and use of chemical weapons, landmines, cluster bombs and other particularly savage weapons.

In our own parish and congregation, we pray for those in any kind of need. We pray by name for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Edite Zadinane, Heidi Webb, Tadeusz, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard, and Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Janet Emerson, Liz Holloway, Hugh Boulter, Simon Cowdery, Charlie and Jess, Joseph White, Morieza Seraj and Abbas Heidari, Scopas Lado, Mageret Ego, Jim Goff, Gill Deane-Williams, Simon Fullarton, Vera Shaw and Suzanne Brown.

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 in our parish.

We pray for the recently departed, and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

COLLECT

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 4 : 13 - 18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 1 – 13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.’

MUSIC

Prelude: Nimrod from Enigma Variations *E Elgar*

Opening hymn 746 O God, our help in ages past

Gradual hymn: 579 I vow to thee, my country

Offertory hymn: 576 And did those feet

Communion hymn: 566 Put peace into each other's hands

National anthem: 578 God save our gracious King

ALL SAINTS' CHRIST CHILD MARKET SUNDAY 3 December 12 noon to 3.30pm

Our Christ Child Market is only a few weeks away now, and we need to ask for everyone's help with the following please:

Volunteers to help on the All Saints stalls:

To help man and provide cover on the following stalls; there is a **sign-up sheet** at the back of the Church:

- ✚ Entrance to the Market
- ✚ Handicrafts
- ✚ tombola
- ✚ raffle
- ✚ children's activities and tattoos
- ✚ cake stall
- ✚ chocolate stall
- ✚ BBQ
- ✚ mulled wine & hot chocolate
- ✚ teas and coffee and mince pies.



Please sign-up for the stall you would like to help on; there is also space on the sheet to sign up if you don't have any preference.

Donations:

We would be grateful now for **prizes for the RAFFLE and TOMBOLA**. *Please remember, new items only.*

The collection box for your donations is at the back of the Church.

Gazebos and Cakes: Sign-up sheets for these are at the back of the church .

We also need to ask for help with providing **GAZEBOS for our stall holders** and – from our bakers - **CAKES for the All Saints' cake stall**.

If you have any questions or need more information, please speak to any member of the team:

*Fr Jeremy, Dianne Farmiloe, Jo McMullen, Tanya Fullarton, Sibo Veira,
Darren Pimm, John Gay and Stella Harding*

PLEASE HELP OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL IF YOU CAN THIS YEAR

We are going to be taking part in this appeal for the 11th time this year. In each of the last 3 years, we have donated over 60 boxes as gifts for children around the world who don't have much. Over 10 years, we've sent over 650 shoebox gifts, which is amazing! On Sunday in church, we explained more about the appeal. One way you can donate is via the Operation Christmas Child website, and we have our own donation page this year again to make donating even easier! You can find it at <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/18697050> . It costs £20.

See leaflet attached to this email for more information and other ways to donate.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact me at jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk

DO THE SMALL THINGS WELL

Why not **reduce** your paper consumption by using a small 'write-on, wipe-off' board for your shopping list. Then either take it with you or take a quick photo of it on your phone before heading to the supermarket. A little chalk board is an alternative to a plastic one.

JIGSAW AND BOARD GAMES SWAP

As the nights draw in, many of us like to spend time making jigsaws or playing games. Do you have jigsaws that you've completed or games that you no longer play, which are gathering dust at home? Why don't you bring them along and swap for something different? We'll set up a table near the coffee servery to display the games from Sunday 19th to Wednesday 29th November. If you'd like to bring anything before then, please leave in the office. Here's a chance to recycle and give pleasure to others!



Your Sustainability Team

CARE4CALAIS TOILETRY APPEAL



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!

Claire Foley claire.foley@fit2live.me.uk

WAMCF MEETING 7.30pm MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER AT ST LUKE'S CHURCH

All ladies welcome to enjoy food and fellowship and, given the situation in the Middle East, think about Peace by using some activities to help reflect and by making peace symbols (olive leaves and doves) to decorate the WAMCF Christmas tree for the Christmas Tree Festival.



Operation Christmas Child was formed in 1990 when Dave Cooke from Wrexham saw the horror of children in Romanian orphanages. He asked his friends to help fill a truck with toys and drive it to Romania.

OCC is now the world's largest Christmas project run by Samaritan's Purse. Since 1990, more than 168 million children in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of a shoebox of gifts.

Packing shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal has become an important part of our ministry in recent years. This will be our 11th year of taking part and during this time we have donated over 650 shoebox gifts. In the last 3 years, we donated about 60 boxes in each; in 2019 we gave 100!

We plan to follow the same model as last year. There are 3 ways that you can contribute:

Shoebox Online - you can select your gifts online and Operation Christmas Child will pack and send your shoebox for you. We have our own page this year so we can track how many boxes we send. Click on this link <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/18697050> (or copy the address into your browser) to pack a shoebox or go to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> for more information. It costs **£20**.



Donation –If you're not keen on the online option, you can make a monetary contribution. You can do this by making an online bank transfer or writing a cheque to the church - or by giving cash. Cheques or cash can be left in the small box for this purpose at the back of church – or give them directly to Jenny. If you can donate

£20, the cost of a full shoebox, that would be great, but smaller donations are gratefully received too. **Please mark any donations clearly as being for the 'Shoebox appeal'.**

Your own shoebox –You could pack your own complete shoebox. Some of you have done this previously. Go to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> and choose 'How to pack a shoebox' for more information. As you may remember, there are some items not allowed and these are listed on the website – and it may give you some inspiration too! The nearest drop off point is Braywick Nurseries, 41 Braywick Rd, Maidenhead SL6 1DX. This will be open from 13th – 20th November. Please don't bring your shoeboxes to the church.



A reminder of the project

There are a number of videos on the Samaritan's Purse website which give stories about the children who receive the boxes, but here is my favourite. You may remember it, as we've shown in several times in church.

WOW! video <https://youtu.be/i7g4C4k7UTw>

A simple heartfelt gift, packed with love and fuelled by prayer can mean so much to a child and their family – and enables us to share God's love and bring joy to children around the world.

We hope that you can support this project again this year – and please let me know if you send a box online or drop one off, so I can let you all know the number of boxes we donate.

Thanks, Jenny Wilks

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