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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

Sunday night viewing as we begin the New Year has given me the entertaining and at times harrowing SAS Rogues Heroes. I am not sure of the historical accuracy, but the show can, at times, highlight the horrors of war. Last evening it showed an SAS man strike up a friendship with a young Italian boy and his family which ends horrifically. Innocent lives lost and in some cases at a very young age is heartbreaking to comprehend.

Over Christmas Bruce and Dorothy Padfield gave me a DVD to watch called 'LA CASA DI DIO' a story about how 1,500 Italian POWs arrived at a POW Camp in Henllan in 1944, near Newcastle Emlyn in West Wales. It tells the story of their time working on local farms and we hear interviews with various people who in 2009 were still alive to share their part in the story.

I read a BBC report written by Jon Meiron Jones who as a young boy got to know some of the Italian prisoners. Jon is interviewed at length in the film. He told the story of how the prisoners became a source of manual labour on the farms of West Wales. The camp itself consisted of a hospital, theatre, football pitches, tennis courts, kitchens, office cells, store houses, bathing facilities and 30-35 huts for the prisoners. The Italians had arrived at Henllan having travelled by boat to Glasgow following capture in Libya and Tunisia. From Glasgow they travelled through Derby and Gloucester to Henllan, near Newcastle Emlyn. Some of the prisoners worked on farms at Manobier, Llandeilo and Carmarthen. In the camp prisoners organised football teams, an opera company, and a swing band! There were even one or two weddings and Glenys Anthony who was interviewed in the film married a translator who was working at the camp.

One key area of life for some was missing and that was the spiritual gap in the prisoners' lives. They were given the use of an empty hut to create a Roman Catholic church, but without assistance from the authorities. One of the prisoners who is mentioned at length in the film was Mario Ferlito a 21-year-old Italian who spoke about the hurt of losing his early life to the war. However, it was Mario who painted (self-taught) the Fresco above the altar and murals within the roof. The altar rail was made of concrete and wood, the pulpit of Red Cross boxes and the lectern from old boxes. The creation of the pillars and candlesticks were made from bully beef and cocoa tins!

Mario Ferlito made his paint from fruit and vegetables and tea leaves mixed with a paste made of fish bones and pickling fluid. Mario would return to Henllan in 1977 to see his work at the request of a local school 'Ysgol Y Ferwig. He is quoted as saying 'Through the rainbow of my tears, I see the youth opening in front of me like a book.'

The building was allowed to go to ruin but Bob Thompson, a gentleman from Scotland, who said he wasn't a particularly religious man but who spent much time restoring and maintaining the church. This

church is said to be the only religious building of its type still standing in mainland Britain although there is another church 'The Church of the Barriers' on an Island in Northern Scotland.

I enjoyed watching the DVD with my mother and thank you to Bruce and Dorothy for bringing alive this story from Wales for me. It suggested that even in the most harrowing times people can be creative to help them worship and give glory to God. Equally it tells a tale of a group of people who although they never had the grandeur of George Street's All Saints, Boyne Hill they knew what it was to build community life in the most challenging of times.

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

*Fr Jeremy*

## RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

**Wednesday 15 January 8.50am Epiphany Assembly at All Saints School**

**10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy**

**3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School**

7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre

**Thursday 16**

3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*

4.00pm Baptism/Confirmation Class on Zoom

8.00pm Choir Practice

**Friday 17**

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

**Sunday 19**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy with a speaker from ReCharge

6.00pm *Sundays@Six Night Prayer on Zoom from the Church of the Good Shepherd*

**Monday 20**

**9.30am Morning Prayer**

7.30pm Welcome Group Meeting in the Birinus Room

**Tuesday 21**

8.50am *Assembly on "Hope" at Altwood School*

**9.30am Morning Prayer**

11.00am Funeral of Cyril North in Church

**Wednesday 22**

8.50am *Assembly on "Hope" at Altwood School*

**10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr David**

11.30am *Service at Normanhurst Care Home with Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock*

2.30pm *Service at Larchfield Care Home with Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock*

3.00pm *Open the Book at Larchfield School*

**Thursday 23**

8.50am *Assembly on "Hope" at Altwood School*

3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*

8.00pm Choir Practice

**Friday 24**

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

**Sunday 26**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Epiphany with Holy Baptism**

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

**Monday 27 January 9.30am Morning Prayer**

**Tuesday 28 9.30am Morning Prayer**  
**1.30pm Chapel & Chats at Altwood School**  
7.30pm WMCF Ladies Group at St Luke's see p 6

**Wednesday 29 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: Fr Jeremy**  
3.00pm *Open the Book at Larchfield School*  
7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Parsh Centre

## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

**Friday 31 January 6.00pm in the Birinus Room** –The start of the Film Club for young people. We will be watching a film and enjoying pizza.

## **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

As we recall this Epiphany tide the story of Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana we give thanks for God's unexpected abundance. We pray and give thanks for God's generosity in our lives and ask that we may respond in love by giving back within community through use of our gifts, talents, time and money.

We pray for the local charity of Re:Charge and their desire to create community. May they continue to create safe spaces, build relationships and ignite change in peoples' lives. May this charity support families by creating a sense of belonging where each individual feels valued and seen.

God of all creation, you have provided enough in this world so that everyone can be fed and cared for. We offer you this fortnight all those who may have been deprived of what they need. We remember asylum seekers who have left their homes and livelihoods for safety and for those who have been oppressed by unjust systems and governments. God of abundance we pray that all people should be fed, free and cared for. We are reminded that you have given us gifts, talents and material gifts so that we can thrive. May we use those gifts to bless and build up those around us and afar that we may ambassadors of your Kingdom.

We pray for the terrible situation with the fires in Los Angeles. We pray for those who have lost their lives, those who have lost homes and employment. We pray for all Aid Agencies and rescue services working all hours to support people in this desperate time of need.

We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, The Middle East, Sudan and South Sudan and all those areas of the world where there is war and unrest.

We pray for Thomas James-Jordan, Esme Lennox, Noah Velozenbach, Clementine Collins and Stefan Lungu 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, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Vera Shaw, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Diana Monari, Abdul Ghader Tajeddini, Barbara Ann-Bourne, Beryl Dorton, and Ella and Amelie, two young children that are slowly recovering from illness. May they all know God's healing and loving presence.

We pray for all the recently departed loved ones and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We pray for Catherine at the loss of her mother and Jane Donovan and Cyril North who died recently. May those we have loved and lost rest in peace and rise in glory.

## WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 19 JANUARY THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

### COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 for ever. Amen.

### EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

### GOSPEL: John 2: 1 - 11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### MUSIC

Prelude:	Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele BWV 654	<i>J S Bach</i>
Opening hymn:	709 Rejoice, the Lord is King	
Gradual hymn:	344 Come to a wedding, come to a blessing	
Offertory hymn:	104 Songs of thankfulness and praise	
Communion hymn:	448 I come with joy	St Botolph
Closing hymn:	97 Christ is our light!	
Postlude:	Flourish and Chorale on 'Gopsal'	<i>M H Corl</i>

## WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 26 JANUARY THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

### COLLECT

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

### EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you,’ nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

### GOSPEL: Luke 4:14 – 21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

### MUSIC

Prelude:	Prelude No 2	<i>E Bairstow</i>
Opening hymn:	379	God has spoken, by his prophets
Anthem:	Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song	<i>A Smith</i>
Offertory hymn:	742	O for a thousand tongues to sing
Communion hymn:	638	Father of heaven, whose love profound
Closing hymn:	258	O thou who camest from above
Postlude:	Choral Song	<i>S S Wesley</i>

## FLOWERS FOR 2025



The Flower Sponsors' Board for 2025 is now available on the table at the back of the Church; and we would be pleased if you would like to add your name against a week you would like to sponsor. This is a very appropriate way to remember loved ones we no longer see or to celebrate anniversaries, that special birthday or occasion. Sponsoring a week ensures that we can have flowers in the church on that Sunday and relieves the PCC funds of any cost whatsoever. We are sure you are aware of the pleasure the flowers give to everyone and would like to thank you in anticipation for your continued support.

Would you please give your Sponsor donation, prior to your chosen week, to Stella Harding and inform her of any colour or flower preference you might have, and we will do our best to

accommodate. If Stella is not available, please feel free to use one of the envelopes with the board and hand it into the Church Office.

*The Flower Team*

## DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL

The National birdwatch weekend is 24/26 January this year. <https://www.rspb.org.uk> Grab a drink, nice chocolate biscuit and notebook and see how many of our feathered friends come along to join you in the garden.

We often put out some water for the birds in the heat of summer but never think of it in winter. However, ponds and bird baths can freeze solid when it's cold leaving the poor birds thirsty. So when you make your morning cuppa think about putting out a little shallow bowl of water for them to have a morning drink too.

*Happy New Year from your eco-committee*

## WMCF LADIES GROUP MEETING TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 7.30pm AT ST LUKE'S

Ladies of all faiths and none are welcome to come along to hear T/S Superintendent Louise Warbrick speak about **Women in Policing Today**.



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP DONATING TOILETRIES TO CARE FOR CALAIS.**

**THIS APPEAL IS ONGOING SO DO HELP IF YOU CAN.**

*Claire Foley*