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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

In this week's edition David Morgan shares with you the last selection of annual reports from 2023. The reports focus on our Welcome group, Sides people, Choir and Flower arrangers and our Sustainability group. One of the key areas of ministry we will be re-focusing on in the coming months will be our welcome to people. On Wednesday 22 May the Welcome group will gather to return to the 'Everybody Welcome Course' which we began using about 5 years ago. The course has five sessions:

1. Helping people discover the church's existence and character – how does our church make contact with the local community and become visible within it?
2. Giving people a good experience of the church premises. – Can we make our church and the surrounding grounds and hall a positive and anxiety free experience to new people.
3. Can a newcomer experience the church people in a friendly way? Can the worship provide a divine welcome?
4. Can the welcome lead to a belonging? How can our church be motivated, trained and organised to offer attractive friendship and belonging to newcomers? Do we see new people feeling welcomed to the point where they start giving back to the community.
5. Through our wardens, sides people and members of our groups do we enable people to feel integrated into the church community?

One of the reports that David has shared with us is the Side people. This ministry organised and planned by Stella Harding has an excellent way of making people welcomed. Interestingly some of our Iranian newcomers have become key welcomers! This is a great example of people feeling part of the community and giving back.

You will notice that the church has improved signage and people are invited in to share coffee as well as the services or a quiet time in church. The chairs and tables at the back of church can provide a place where people are happy to stay and converse over coffee.



The welcome group has provided thank you parties for people involved in ministry. They have also planned trips and a group of us enjoyed a gorgeous day at Keble College last Sunday including a tour of this Oxford college, a beautiful tea in the college quadrangle and an uplifting Eucharist in the famous Keble College chapel.

The Harvest lunch planned by the Welcome and Sustainability groups enables people to participate in a lunch, auction, and support to the Ripple Effect charity. Soup lunches provide both the opportunity to make soups and to share hospitality and in both ways support farming and education overseas.

We have regular teaching and nurture courses. At the time of writing this news I am hosting on zoom and occasionally in person three Baptism/confirmation courses. It would be good to begin Bible Studies again. We desire to offer good training for those welcoming at the door and we are improving the outside appearance of the grounds. Different people are gardening, offering sustainable gardens and attractive plants.

We are making worship open. We provide Sundays @4 for families, and we hope once again to provide BBQ's throughout the summer for all ages of people. The Christmas Market is a key way in which we can reach out to the wider community. Other areas we hope to develop is our Youth ministry and our support to those who seek healing and support following bereavement.

It is encouraging that we are witnessing people from many different parts of the world, and we look forward to the congregation growing spiritually and in numbers.

Thank you to everyone who plays a part including people like the choir and flower arrangers who give their best in enabling people to share in a worship environment that is vibrant. You just need to see the Pentecost flowers to see the love people have for the Christian Faith at All Saints.

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

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

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| Thursday 23 May | <i>3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School</i> <i>4.00pm Confirmation Class on Zoom</i> 8.00pm Choir Practice |
| Friday 24 | 10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre |
| Sunday 26 | 10.00am Parish Eucharist for Trinity Sunday – during this service we will offer God's blessing upon Sue and Jeremy Nordberg on their Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebrant: Fr Jeremy |
| Wednesday 29 | 10.00am BCP Holy Communion Celebrant: Fr Jeremy |
| Thursday 30 | <i>3.00pm Wedding rehearsal at All Saints Church</i> <i>7.00pm AllSorts at St Mary's Church Hall</i> <i>7.30 pm Sung Eucharist for Corpus Christi at St Stephen & St Agnes Church, Windsor, Vansittart Road, Windsor, SL4 5EA – if anyone would like to share in this service to Celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, please sign the list at the back of church</i> 8.00pm Choir Practice |
| Friday 31 | <i>1.00pm Service of Holy Matrimony for Rob and Naomi at All Saints Church</i> |
| Saturday 1 June | <i>10.30am Baptism preparation in the Birinus Room</i> |

Sunday 2 June **10.00am The Parish Eucharist for the First Sunday After Trinity**
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
12 noon Holy Baptism of Arthur and Eleanor Kinsey and Harper and Bryonie Woolford. Please pray for Arthur, Eleanor, Kinsey and Harper, their parents and godparents
6.00pm Sundays@6 Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing at All Saints Church

Monday 3 **9.30am Morning Prayer**

Wednesday 5 **10.00am Requiem Eucharist**
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
11.30am Holy Communion service at Clara Court with Jeanette Lock and Fr Jeremy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 30 May 7.30pm Corpus Christi at St Stephen and St Agnes Spittal Church, Windsor. The Revd Canon Sally Lodge has invited us to share this service of thanksgiving for Holy Communion. The hope is that we might alternate a shared Eucharist for Corpus Christi over the coming years.

Sunday 9 June 10.00am Eucharist to mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, Kohima and Monte Cassino with the Royal British Legion.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We praise you, God the Father, life giver and creator of us. We praise you, God the Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We praise you, God the Holy Spirit, guide and friend. Surround us in your mystery and be with us this coming week. Amen. (Prayer from Roots)

Lord, grant us in our lives a share in the mutual love of the Holy Trinity. May that unbroken harmony be shown in our families, in our work and in all our relationships.

Heavenly Father, You live in eternity with the Son and the Holy Spirit in oneness of life and communion of love; fill with your blessings your servants Jeremy and Sue as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this week.

We pray for peace in this world of unrest. We continue to hold before you the people of Gaza, Israel, Iran, and the surrounding areas. We hold within our community the people of Iran who are worried about relatives and friends, and we pray too for those with relatives in Israel, Lebanon and South Sudan. We pray for the time when weapons of war are turned into ploughshares and when nations no longer lift up sword against nation and peace is found. We pray for the United Nations as they seek unity and solidarity in the world.

We pray for our new PCC that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit as we seek to fulfil God's mission within our local communities and the wider world. We pray that people may support ministry in areas of welcome, sustainability, schools work and children and youth ministry.

We pray for those in need of God's healing: Danielle, Christopher, Sylvia Dennison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Joseph White, Moreiza Seraj, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Gill Deane-Williams, Vera Shaw, Krisztina Baloch, Abbas Heidari, Azita Heidari, Arash Rezaei, Elham Nekunam, Doreen Bramble, Doris Winn, Nick Kirk, Paul Latham, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Abdul-Quadir Taj-e-din, and Karen Harvey. May these people know God's loving and healing presence.

We give thanks for the anniversary of baptism of Maxim Fullarton, Georgia Hathaway, Reggie Craythorne Lee, Hannah Bellman, Albert Aquillina, Coraline and Emelia Bolygo. May God continue to bless them.

We remember the recently departed and all our departed loved ones whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We pray for Jim Goff. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 26 MAY TRINITY SUNDAY

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.

N T READING Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters,[a] we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! [b] Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness [c] with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 3: 1 — 17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’

Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

MUSIC

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| Prelude: | Theme from ‘Jupiter’ | <i>G Holst</i> |
| Opening hymn: | 276 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! | |
| Anthem: | Praise to the Trinity | <i>Hildegard of Bingen</i> |
| Gathering hymn: | 589 Angel-voices ever singing | |
| Communion hymn 1: | 460 Omit V3, O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray | Song 1 |
| Communion hymn 2: | 350 We pledge to one another | |
| Closing hymn: | 810 Thou whose almighty word | |
| Postlude: | Trisagion on ‘Nicea’ | <i>V Griffiths</i> |

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 2 JUNE THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.

N T READING 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' [a] and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

GOSPEL Mark 2: 23 — 3: 6

One sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.' Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to the Pharisees, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against Jesus, how to destroy him.

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| Prelude: | Ich will dich lieben | S Karg-Elert |
| Opening hymn: | 676 Immortal, invisible | |
| Gradual hymn: | 358 Be still. for the presence of the Lord | |
| Offertory hymn: | 621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind | |
| Communion hymn: | 747 O God, you search me | |
| Closing hymn: | 476 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go | |
| Postlude: | On a Theme of Orlando Gibbons | C V Stanford |

ADVANCE NOTICE

TUESDAY CLUB 4 JUNE 2.30pm in the Parish Centre

Our Speaker for this last meeting of the season is from Guide Dogs for the Blind; he or she may have a furry companion! All welcome to come along.

Jan Moss, Group Leader

Do the small things well

When chatting to people about foodstuffs quite a few are concerned about animal welfare and so have become vegetarian or vegan. Amongst the vegetarians many use dairy products as that does not involve killing an animal, but are still troubled by animal welfare. Some only eat organic animal produce as this has the highest standards of animal welfare, and afford it by reducing the quantity they eat. But even organic calves are taken from their mothers early so we can have the milk. However the good news is that an experimental organic farm is letting the calves stay with their mothers until naturally weaned. The cheese they produce is very tasty and truly ethical and if anyone fancies trying a bit it can be bought through the website theethicaldairy.co.uk (no I don't have shares in them - I just like the warm feeling when I buy their cheese!). Hopefully if this takes off more farms will follow suit and so this type of milk & cheese will become more widely available for everyone.

Happy eating!

Your Eco-team



2024 CHRIST CHILD MARKET SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

We are delighted to tell you that we will be holding the Christ Child Market on Saturday 30 November this year – a change from the previous Sunday event.

Please put the date in your diaries or calendars and look out for more information later in the year on how you can get involved in, or contribute to, this wonderful community event which also helps raise valuable funds for the church.

And do speak to either of us if you would like to find out more about joining the Organising Group.

Fr Jeremy & Stella Harding



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

