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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

In the late 90's I found myself preaching regularly on the theme of cancelling 3rd World Debt. It was a powerful vision that was to coincide with the year 2000 and hence the title of the vision 'Jubilee 2000'. Between 2000-2015 the global Jubilee campaign won \$130 billion of debt cancellation for developing countries. However, the scheme did not prevent debt crises recurring as structural causes remain.

What is clear is that people need to be helped on the ground within their own communities. I found an interesting quote from 2005. A Tanzanian coffee farmer Raymond Kimaro spoke to 1000's at a Make Poverty History' rally and said, 'We don't want charity, pay us a fair price for what we grow and we will make poverty history ourselves.'

In the early 2000's I ran a youth club with an energetic team of youth ministers in Bracknell Team. A couple of young girls following a service that we led one Sunday evening on Fairtrade told me that they had visited a supermarket to complain that they had no Fairtrade products on sale. They followed this up with a letter to the company and made a small difference. These small actions can make an impact as a former teacher and Fairtrade lead at Southend High School for Boys in Essex wrote.

'The Fairtrade Premium and the impact it has on producers lives and the environment is vital. I support the campaign as every small action has a positive ripple effect across the globe. We need to strive for fairness in an increasingly inequitable world.'

Many poor farmers across poor countries do desperate things including deforestation. Fairtrade has helped people to seek sustainable farming techniques through helping financially. The Fairtrade Minimum Price creates a safety net by defining the lowest possible price that a buyer must pay. It ensures producers receive the money they should get for their labour, skill and experience. The Fairtrade premium is an additional sum of money paid to a communal fund for producers for use to improve the social, economic and environmental conditions of their businesses and communities.

2024 marks 30 years of Fairtrade. I have looked at the website to note some of the achievements over this period. In 1994 the first fairtrade certified product 'Green and Blacks Maya Gold' chocolate was made. In the same year 400,000 producers worked with Fairtrade. In 1995 the first Fairtrade fortnight took place. In 2000 first fairtrade bananas go on sale at Sainsburys and the Co-Op. Those two girls in Bracknell played their part in supporting this trend!

In 2006 Companies Act received Royal Assent and this Act makes company directors personally accountable for the social and environmental performance of their businesses. This act was followed in 2013 by the 'Groceries Code Adjudicator Act' to support a fairer relationship between retailers and their suppliers. By 2014 1.4 million producers are part of Fairtrade. In 2022 UK sold the highest volumes globally of Fairtrade bananas, sugar, tea, wine, vegetables and fruit juices and the second highest volumes of fairtrade cocoa, coffee, and flowers.

In 2023 the Competition and Markets Authority issued guidance to allow companies to collaborate on sustainability supply chains. That same year research showed that the Fairtrade Mark was the most recognised and trusted ethical label in the UK with 92% awareness and 88% trust among those seeing the Mark. Also, in 2023 UK Fairtrade sales generated an estimated £28 million. Globally between 1994 and 2022 producers have shared an estimated £1.7 billion in Fairtrade premium payments. These statistics may not impress you so let's go back to stories.

Henry a coffee farmer in Columbia writes 'With the money it has brought, I've been improving the quality of my life, the quality of my family's education and the quality of my farm's productivity.'

Fairtrade this year are urging us to 'Be the Change' by picking up Fairtrade products and speaking up for Fairtrade. All Saints sustainability group will have a display at the back of the church, Young Saints will be looking at the meaning of Fairtrade Fortnight on the 15 September, the Worship for All on the 22 September will share the theme and there will be a raffle to support Fairtrade goods between the 8-22 September in church.

You are already supporting Fairtrade when you enjoy a coffee, or a tea supplied by Kingdom at the 10am Eucharist on a Wednesday and a Sunday. Play your part sharing as those young girls did in Bracknell over 20 years ago in the Fairtrade vision and help this world become a little more sustainable and in a small way fairer!

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

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 5 September	8.00pm Choir Practice
Saturday 7	7.30pm in Church Bucks Symphonic Wind Ensemble concert (Flyer with last week's Parish News)
Sunday 8	10.00am The Parish Eucharist for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Celebrant & Preacher: Fr David Joynes
Wednesday 11	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Revd Joan Hicks 2.30pm Senior Saints meet at Wendy Channon's house, 25 Great Hill Crescent (please note change of venue) 3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School
Thursday 12	3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 13	10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre
Saturday 14	Ride & Stride & Heritage Open Day
Sunday 15	10.00am The Parish Eucharist for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity & Heritage Weekend Celebrant: Fr Jeremy 2.30pm Organ Recital by Dr Relf Clark Programme attached 6.00pm Sundays@Six Evensong & Benediction Fr Jeremy

Monday 16 September	9.30am Morning Prayer 7.30pm Safeguarding team Meeting in the Birinus Room
Tuesday 17	9.30am Morning Prayer 2.30pm Tuesday Club AGM at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue 7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting in the Birinus Room
Wednesday 18	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy <i>3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School</i>

ADVANCE NOTICES

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 14 AND 15 SEPTEMBER HERITAGE WEEK and RIDE AND STRIDE

There are still opportunities to sign up for things at the back of church.

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 3.00pm BISHOP OLIVIA'S RETIREMENT SERVICE at READING MINSTER

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER GARDENING in the CHURCHYARD AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION of CREATIONTIDE.

Bring your tools and get stuck in to clearing and tidying the churchyard. Variety of tasks for all energy levels.

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 7.00pm IN THE PARISH CENTRE

I will relive the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela I made in September 2013 as part of my Sabbatical. If you would like to share an evening with me retelling the journey with Mike providing the pictures please join us at the Parish Centre at 7.00pm on Saturday 5 October. During the evening there will be a meal in the style of pilgrimage. The cost will be £20 with all profit going to The Ripple Effect Charity. Numbers will be limited to 30; there is a list at the back of church but preferably email mike.moss@btinternet.com to register your interest. If over-subscribed a second session will be held.

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 10.00am PARISH EUCHRIST FOR HARVEST WITH A GUEST SPEAKER FROM RIPPLE EFFECT

Following the service there will be an auction of goods followed by a Harvest Ploughman's served in the Parish Centre.

CREATIONTIDE, THE SEASON of CREATION

Creationtide or the Season of Creation is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1 September to 6 October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

This year we will be celebrating this in a number of ways, the details of the events and services you can find in the Parish News Resources and Advance Notices sections.

The Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 6 October will mark the end of Creationtide this year.

For more information from the Church of England on Creationtide, please visit

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/season-creation>

Your Sustainability Team

PARISH NEWS NEWS

Please send any items for the 18 September edition to the Parish Office
[\(allsaintsboynhill@gmail.com\)](mailto:allsaintsboynhill@gmail.com) as Tanya will be in charge.



AND ENGLISH HERITAGE WEEKEND 14 & 15 SEPTEMBER

The church will be open on 14 and 15 September, between 9.30am and 4.30pm on the Saturday, and between 12noon and 4.30pm on the Sunday. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and there will be guided tours at 10.30am on the Saturday and at 3.00pm on the Sunday following the organ recital. Light refreshments will be available.

If you access the Heritage Open Days 2024 website and search for All Saints Maidenhead you can see more details of the event, details which can also be seen by anyone in the country who is looking to visit somewhere. This will also enable you to find any other participating locations.

Please help to put your church on the map by volunteering to assist at some time during the weekend – see the list at the back of the church or speak to myself or Stella. We cannot do it without full support. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

If you are not able to help, please come along anyway with your friends and learn more about your church. On the Saturday we will also welcome people taking part in the annual Ride & Stride event, and raising money for the Berkshire Historic Churches Trusts (BHCT). This will help BHCT make grants to places of Christian worship – All Saints itself has benefitted from such a grant.

Of course other churches are taking part in this event and St Luke's programme is attached to this newsletter.

Please speak to either of us if you have any questions about these arrangements.

Stella Harding & Ken Smith

PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we continue the journey through Creationtide we remember the millions living in poverty and hunger, for our own needs, and the requirements of our neighbours, by cooperation, compassion and generosity. Bring new hope for the relief of suffering. We look forward to the Harvest Festival at All Saints when we once again welcome a speaker from Ripple Effect as they support 6 African countries in the training of sustainable farming.

We pray for those people around the world who grow and produce the things we eat and buy. We pray that they get a fair price for the things we buy from them. We pray that we can support these people by buying Fairtrade goods so that we can create a better and more just world.

We pray for peace in this troubled world. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Iran, Lebanon and the surrounding areas. We continue to pray for Sudan and South Sudan and pray that weapons may be turned into ploughshares and where nations no longer lift up sword against nation and peace is found.

We pray for all asylum seekers and all people forced to flee their homes because of conflict, oppression, a lack of food and resources and persecution. We continue to pray within our church community for our friends from Iran. As they receive news of their interviews to seek refugee status, we pray for them as they seek homes to live in and jobs that will bring meaning in their lives.

We pray for the start of a new academic year and for students, teachers and all those who support the education system as they return to places of learning. We pray that all may enjoy the opportunity to learn and to teach in safe, caring and nourishing environments.

We pray too for our Tiny Saints, Young Saints and our Open the Book Teams as they continue to share opportunities for the message of Jesus' love to be shared with young people and families.

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, Gill Deane-Williams, Vera Shaw, Keistina Baloch, Doreen Bramble, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Abdul Quadir Taj-e-din, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Patricia Butcher, Andrew Collins, Diana Monari, Abbas Heidari, Azita Heidari, Arash Rezaei, Barbara-Ann Bourne and Elham Nekunam. May these people all know God's loving and healing presence.

We pray for Gilda (Jilda) Zizzari Street, Daniel Fatoux and all our departed loved ones whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 forever. **Amen**

EPISTLE James 2: 1 - 10 & 14 -17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL Mark7: 24 - 37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and

said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Prelude No 1	<i>J C Kittel</i>
Opening hymn:	9	When morning gilds the skies
Gradual hymn:	587	Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
Offertory hymn:	532	We cannot measure how you heal
Communion hymn:	639	Give thanks with a grateful heart
Closing hymn:	357	All people that on earth do dwell
Postlude:	War March of the Priests	<i>F Mendelssohn</i>

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY HERITAGE WEEKEND

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 forever. Amen

EPISTLE James 3: 1 - 12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL Mark 8: 27 – 38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Sicilienne	<i>G Fauré</i>
Opening hymn:	667 I danced in the morning	
Anthem:	Come my Way, my Truth, my Life, <i>R Vaughan Williams</i>	
Offertory hymn:	612 Christ triumphant, ever reigning	
Communion hymn:	489 From heaven you came	
Closing hymn:	777 Sing of the Lord's goodness	
Postlude:	Fugue in G (Gigue) BWV 577	<i>J S Bach</i>

6.00pm EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

Preludes	Vater unser im Himmelreich, BuxWV 219	<i>Buxtehude</i>
	Pari intervallo	<i>Arvo Pärt</i>
Opening Hymn	702 Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us	
Psalm	121	
First Lesson	Exodus 18:13 - 26	
Office Hymn	21 O strength and stay	
Second Lesson	Matthew 7: 1 - 14	
Benediction Hymn	13 At even, ere the sun was set	
Postlude	Fantasy on <i>St Columba</i> , Op.72 No 4	<i>Kenneth Leighton</i>

TUESDAY CLUB AGM 2.30pm 17 SEPTEMBER AT WOODSTOCK, BOYN HILL AVENUE

We welcome everyone to come along and hear about our new programme. You don't need to be a member; just come and meet us and see if any of our meetings appeal to you. *Jan Moss, Group Leader*

DON'T FORGET 2024 CHRIST CHILD MARKET SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER



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