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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

As many of you will know Monika treated me to a wonderful 60th birthday trip to Amsterdam in February just past. For those of you that know this city it is renowned for its beautiful streets, buildings and canals as well as for housing some of the great art galleries of Europe. We visited the Rijks museum, Rembrandt's House and the Van Gogh Museum.

The highlight for me was the three hours we spent enjoying the art on display at the Van Gogh Museum. It was fascinating to listen to the commentary explore not only some of the selected paintings but how the story of Van Gogh's life and thinking came through his works. The life of Van Gogh is a tragic one in terms of his mental health and ultimate early death. However, his work in particular the burst of colour found in his 'Sunflowers' paintings are according to the author and journalist Martin Gayfield (Whose book on the Sunflowers I recently purchased) writes 'In the twenty-first century, no work in this collection of great masterpieces is more loved and admired than Van Gogh's glorious 'Sunflowers'. (The National Gallery)

As some of you will know from a recent sermon, I shared I was introduced to Van Gogh by a ten-year-old boy who was seen as a bully at Garnlydan school in Beaufort, Ebbw Vale. When I left the South Wales valleys in 1998 to move to Bracknell I was presented with the young boy's gift to me of his painting of the Sunflowers. I mislaid the picture for a number of years until clearing out the vicarage attic last summer and the painting came floating down from the open attic hatch.

During Lent on Wednesday evenings, I have chosen to show five films that ask us important questions of life. 'The Old Oak' that tells the story of Syrian asylum seekers arriving in a town in the North of England who at first do not receive a warm welcome from the locals. We will watch an entertaining but ultimately sad film that asks the question around end-of-life issues called 'Me Before You' adapted from the novel of Jo Jo Moyes. We will explore again through a refugee the ability of humanity to be creative and offer hospitality through 'Babette's Feast' and then contemplate the Law v. grace of 'Les Misérables'. The film we start with which Jan and Mike Moss are kindly hosting is 'Loving Vincent' which tells the story of a postman asking his son Armand to deliver Van Gogh's final letter to his now late brother Theo. Armand becomes fascinated with the fete of Van Gogh and the details surrounding his death. The film is a beautiful, animated story using 1000s of paintings designed in the way of Van Gogh.

The 200th anniversary of the National Galley and the book VAN GOGH SUNFLOWERS by Martin Gayfield focus largely on the time the artist spent in the South of France and his joy for light and colour. He painted Sunflowers of intense colour highlighting resurrection and dying sunflowers of crucifixion. The brief life of the vibrancy of the sunflower, Martin Gayfield writes 'In the National Gallery's Sunflowers Van Gogh created an image of his own vitality, love of beauty and of the poignant brevity of passing time.'

As Monika and I explored the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam it was the artists 'Wheatfields' that also caught the eye. These were a product of his religious studies, the connection to nature, appreciation of

manual labour (the ordinary peasant life) and a desire to offer comfort to others. Van Gogh was entranced by the biblical parables and the wheatfields are metaphors of humanity's cycles of life. As a child he recalled the parable of the Sower and Van Gogh used the ploughman and the digger as a symbol of the struggle to reach the Kingdom of God. In one of his paintings, we see the reaper (death) and the wheat (humanity) as we see the brevity of life but also the bright sunshine of resurrection. He painted a large number of his works at this point from behind the bars of his Asylum hospital and yet still somewhere inside of him he painted paintings of hope.

In the sermon I mentioned preached on my return from Amsterdam I was presented with the Beatitudes from St Luke. Luke focuses on the poor and marginalised and a view of the kingdom. The poor may not have stored up riches but shared them, the hungry are seeking a deep relationship with God and the people that weep perhaps have empathy and compassion for those people suffering in our world. Van Gogh in his great work reflects that death is faced by us all (Ash Wednesday) but the images of the sunflowers and the sun over the wheatfields point to resurrection hope. I hope that you some of you will join us at Woodstock, the house of Mike and Jan, to discover alongside me the artist who loved God, nature, the ordinary person and peasant and a deep desire to comfort others.

May you be blessed by God's love this Lent, Holy Week and Easter,

Fr Jeremy

Shadan and Mohammad say goodbye to All Saints as they depart for a new life in Brighton:

The church family have done so much for us and have always been by our side during the hardest times. When our country did not accept us, you welcomed us with open arms, with love, kindness, and without judgement. We will never forget this wonderful church family.

The beautiful moments with you all will always stay in our hearts, and we will carry them with us as we move forward in life. Shadan and I will do our best to stay in touch with you and the church, and whenever we can, we will visit from Brighton. If you or any church members visit Brighton, please let us know so we can welcome you.

With love and deep gratitude,

Mohammad and Shadan.

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Thursday 13 March

- 1.30pm Alpha Course at Altwood School with the Revd Jo & Fr Jeremy
- 3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School
- 7.00pm Walsingham Stations of the Cross: Fr Jeremy
- 8.00pm Choir Practice
- 8.00pm Baptism/Confirmation Course on Zoom Week 5

Friday 14

- 10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre

Sunday 16

- 10.00am Parish Eucharist for The Second Sunday of Lent
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

12 noon Holy Baptism

Please pray for Alice Selin Russell, Lucia Clare Jeanette Wagstaff, their parents and godparents

6.00pm Sundays@Six Iona Worship at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

6.30pm Choral Evensong at St Mary's, Langley. Our Choir join with theirs.

Tuesday 18 March	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>1.30pm Chapel & Chats at Altwood School</i> 7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Parish Centre
Wednesday 19	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr David 12.15pm Soup Lunch in the Parish Centre 3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School 7.00pm Film Night at Woodstock, Boyne Hill Avenue See p7 for details
Thursday 20	9.30am – 12.30pm QUENCH pop-up shop at the Salvation Army, East Road 1.30pm Alpha Course for Students at Altwood School with the Revd Jo & Fr Jeremy 3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School 7.00pm Stations of the Cross Walking the Way of the Cross with the Bishop of Blackburn, Philip North 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 21	10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre
Saturday 22	9.30am – 11.00am Servers' Meeting in the Church 11.30am Wedding Planning in Church
Sunday 23	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Lent Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy 1.00pm Wedding Blessing in Church: The Revd David Short 4.00pm Sundays@4 Children's Stations of the Cross followed by Hot Cross buns and crumpets.
Monday 24	9.30am Morning Prayer 7.30pm Young Saints Planning Meeting
Tuesday 25	9.30am Morning Prayer 8.00pm Film at Norden Farm "Sea of the Sacred Fig"
Wednesday 26	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy 11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home with Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock 12 noon Soup lunch in the Parish Centre 2.30pm Service at Larchfield Care Home with Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock 7.00pm Lent Film in the Parish Centre see p7 for details.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Loving Lord Jesus, in this season of Lent we give you thanks that you set your eyes and heart on the journey to Jerusalem, even though you knew where it would lead. We thank you that through this journey you showed us the true path of servanthood. We thank you that we, too, can journey with you during this time of Lent, to Jerusalem, there to see the lengths to which you went to enable all humanity to be reconciled with God and each other. Amen. (A prayer from Roots)

We pray for the Lent lunches giving thanks for those who make the soup, those who serve and wash up and those who share this Lenten hospitality to support the Ripple Effect Charity. We pray for the people suffering as a consequence of climate crisis in Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya and Zambia. We pray for the people of Ripple Effect as they try to help communities make their land more productive and biodiverse, helping them to build food security.

We pray for Altwood School as they support the Street Kids Direct Charity as they continue to give hope to children living on the streets. We give thanks for the work of Duncan Dyason as he, alongside the co-workers of this charity bring hope to young people to be enabled to live life in all its fulness. We pray for the school's sponsored stay awake on Friday 4 April as students and staff stay awake to raise money for the charity.

We pray for the opportunities we have to share in fellowship through our Lenten film nights. May we enjoy watching the films together and enjoy learning from each other.

We pray for the Come and See course from the Diocese as they encourage us to understand our Baptismal promises and live life knowing that we are loved by God as members of the Body of Christ.

In the shadow of the cross, let us pray for the healing of the Church, and the world. We pray for nations that wrestle with hard choices. As Jesus embraced Jerusalem, we pray that leaders of nations might repent and seek God's help.

We pray for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan and South Sudan and all areas of the world where there is unrest. We give thanks for the movement towards peace in Gaza and pray that this may lead to a permanent peace deal.

We give thanks for those people seeking refugee status and the right to remain in this country seeking opportunities to flourish. We pray for Mohammad and Shadan as they move to a new home in Brighton. May they be able to find jobs that enable them to give back to society.

We pray for those in need, sickness or other difficulties and those close to death. As a hen gathers her chicks, so we ask for Christ's protection for those in need.

We remember by name: Daneille, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Vera Shaw, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Massouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Diana Monari, Abdul Ghader Tajeddini, Barbara Ann-Bourne, Beryl Dorton, Helen Brickley and Edite Zadinane. May they all know God's healing and loving presence.

We pray for all the recently departed including Jennifer Speer and Albert and all our departed loved ones. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for Jeanette, her sister Carol and step-sister Vikki as they mourn the loss of their father Albert. We pray for them as a family as they prepare for Albert's funeral service in the coming weeks. We pray that Albert will rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 16 MARCH THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

OT READING: Genesis 15: 1 1- 12 & 17 - 19

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you

from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31- 35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

MUSIC

Prelude:	The Angel's Farewell	<i>E Elgar</i>
Opening hymn:	595 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart	
Anthem:	Hide not thou thy face	
Offertory hymn:	494 I, the Lord of sea and sky	
Communion hymn:	800 The Lord's my shepherd	
Closing hymn:	763 Praise to the holiest in the height	
Postlude:	Fantasia and Fugue in g Minor BWV 542	<i>J S Bach</i>

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 23 MARCH THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

O T READING: Isaiah 55: 1 -9

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

GOSPEL: Luke 13: 1— 9

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those

eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

MUSIC

Prelude:	Pieces for Musical Clock	J Haydn
Opening hymn:	584 All my hope on God is founded	
Offertory hymn:	295 Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth	
Communion hymn:	682 In the cross of Christ I glory	
Closing hymn:	761 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him	
Postlude:	Fantasia in F Minor and Major	W A Mozart

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

We are preparing a new All Saints Church Electoral Roll for the APCM to be held on Monday 28 April. Every six years we ask every member of our congregation to complete a form in order that our records are kept up to date. Please will you therefore ensure that you complete an application form along with a consent form and return it to church as soon as possible. Forms are available on the cross aisle table at the back of church. If you have any questions or would like an application form to be delivered, please contact me by email on sastannett@gmail.com.

Sue Stannett, Electoral Roll Officer

APCM & Fish and Chips Supper

If you are planning to attend the APCM on Monday 28 April at Boyne Hill Cricket Club, please sign the list on the table at the back of church.

Supper will be served at 6.30pm. Fish and Chips cost £9 and Chicken and Chips cost £7. If you would like to order supper, please tick your preference on the form and give the payment to Sue Stannett. The final order date for food is **Sunday 20 April**.

EASTER LILIES



If you would like to sponsor lilies for Easter Day in memory of a loved one, please put your name on the list on the table at the back of the church. This is a lovely way to be involved in making the church look beautiful for this Queen of Festivals. We are hopeful that that the lilies will cost about the same as last year, around **£6.00 per stem**. However, we need to place our order by **Monday 24 March** at the latest; so, it would be a great help if you could put your name on the list by that date. If it's of help, payment can be made using the pre-printed envelopes on the table at the back of the church, which should then be handed to Stella Harding or left in the Church Office for her to collect.



MAKING MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES SATURDAY 29 March 10.00am IN THE PARISH CENTRE

We are always grateful for as much help as possible, so please come along and help if you can. A selection of small pieces of greenery are required, such as Heather, Pittosporum, perfumed leaves (rosemary etc.) which are particularly welcome, so if you or your neighbour have any that can be spared, can you please bring them with you or leave them at the Parish Office on Friday morning, 28 March.

The Flower Team

PLEASE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE TIME FOR ONE OR TWO OF THE LENTEN ACTIVITIES BELOW:



1. WEDNESDAY FILM NIGHTS IN LENT

12 March 7.00pm at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue 'Loving Vincent' – The hope that Van Gogh's art brings.

19 March 7.00pm at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue 'Babette's Feast' – A refugee highlights humanities ability to create and love.

26 March 7.00pm in the Birinus Room 'Me Before You' - A film that questions the issues around assisted suicide. (This is sad but also has moments of humour and love)

2 April 7.00pm in the Birinus Room 'The Old Oak' – Originally shown at Norden Farm and recommended by some of our congregation this film looks at community and the reception of asylum seekers. (it was referenced at Durham University on the conference I attended last Easter)

9 April 7.00pm in the Birinus Room 'Les Misérables' – This wonderful film sets the question of grace v law and the hope of redemption.

2. **WEDNESDAY LENT LUNCHES** 26 March and 2/9 April at 12.15 in the Parish Centre – A soup lunch with fresh bread and cheese. All the soups will be vegetarian, and all proceeds will go to the Ripple Effect Charity supporting sustainable farming in Zambia, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia and Kenya.

3. THURSDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

13 March 7.00pm – The Walsingham Stations

20 March 7.00pm – Walking the Way of the Cross with the Bishop of Blackburn, Philip North

27 March 7.00pm – Stations of the Cross – Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis

3 April 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Mary's Way of the Cross

10 April 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – A Missionary Way of the Cross with Sean Kealy

Wednesday 16 April 7.30pm Stations of the Cross – Walking the Way of the Cross with Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

4. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sunday 23 March 4.00pm Sundays @4 – Children's Stations of the Cross followed by Hot Cross buns and crumpets.

Friday 28 March 6.00pm Film Club The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe – the film night for children includes Pizza and soft drinks.

5. SERVICES

SUNDAYS@6

16 March 10am service at the Church of the Good Shepherd

6 April Stations of the Cross at All Saints

13 April Taizé service at The Church of the Good Shepherd

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 13 April 10.00am Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms and procession

Monday in Holy Week 14 April 7.30pm Eucharist and meditation

Tuesday in Holy Week 15 April 7.30pm Eucharist and meditation

Wednesday in Holy Week 16 April 10.00am Eucharist and meditation

7.30pm Stations of the Cross – Walking the Way of the Cross with Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Maundy Thursday 17 April 11.00am Chrism Mass at Christchurch Cathedral
7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper, foot washing and watch until midnight.
11.50pm Night Prayer

Good Friday 18 April 10.00am Morning Prayer and Litany
11.00am Walk of Witness starting from the piazza outside Sainsbury's
3.00pm Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross followed by Hot Cross buns

Holy Saturday 19 April 9.00am Church decorating, cleaning and flowers
8.00pm Easter Vigil followed by celebratory hospitality

EASTER DAY 20 APRIL 10.00am Eucharist and Worship for All and blessing of the Easter Garden and Easter eggs.

Come and See 'Earth, Wind and Fire: Understanding Baptism – oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see

There are leaflets for Come and See at the back of Church.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP DONATING TOILETRIES TO CARE FOR CALAIS.
THIS APPEAL IS ONGOING SO DO HELP IF YOU CAN.

Claire Foley

QUENCH POP-UP SHOP THURSDAY 20 MARCH 9.30am – 12.30pm

If you miss the Quench card and book shop on Queen Street you can catch up with them at the Salvation Army in East Road at the times above.