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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I was recently invited to join the standing committee of the Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum. This group was established in 1981 by Fazal Awan, Dr. Mike Bruton, Peter Hudson, Karnail Pannu and Dr Jonathan Romain. The vision of these people, who contributed so much to the life of our town of Maidenhead, was to foster harmony with a mission to promote understanding, mutual respect, and trust among the diverse faith communities within the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

Karnail Pannu from Boyne Hill Sikh Gurdwara has, during my time in Maidenhead, been a very supportive and good friend to me. Only recently at Boyne Hill cricket club we celebrated the 19th anniversary cricket multi-faith cricket match. The first match was between the Sikhs and All Saints. Needless to say, the church team came a distant second. The money raised from the match and the delicious Sikh food went to support the community of All Saints as we sought to raise money for the restoration of the tower fund.

Over the years, thanks to Karnail, the charity cricket match has continued alongside many other multi faith events. There have been golf tournaments and football matches as well as the cricket. The Revd Sally Lynch promoted a very successful Women's group, and I have attended over the years a good number of faith dialogues at various places across Windsor and Maidenhead. Subjects such as "What brings happiness?" "How do different faiths help with coping with dying and bereavement?" To name but two.

In 2019 Jonathan Romaine contacted me and Imam Hashmi to share talks at each other's place of worship. This was to try to promote a feeling of compassion across our faith communities following attacks upon Muslim, Jewish and Christian people in Sri Lanka, New Zealand and Philadelphia, USA. It was a powerful and memorable experience for me as I was warmly welcomed by Muslim and Jewish people.

You can imagine then that I was delighted to be approached to join the steering group of WAMCF and my first meeting is this Thursday. The subject of community cohesion is an important one. Last September at Thames Hospice I was invited to an Interfaith meeting for the Royal County of Berkshire. This meeting was planned by Andrew Try, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire. The High Sheriff of Berkshire, Alexander Barfield, and Bishop Olivia, in what was one of her last engagements before retirement, were also in attendance. The two subjects discussed were interfaith and what happens in Berkshire and climate change.

I was fortunate to have a conversation with Andrew Try who told me that on being asked to be the Lord Lieutenant, he thought it would be a good idea to ask King Charles how he should view the role? The King thought for a moment and replied that it would be helpful to create community cohesion across the county of Berkshire through multi-faith dialogue. In December 2023 King Charles had brought faith leaders together at Buckingham Palace to discuss challenges and cohesion. He asked them the question how are they as faith

leaders fostering cohesion and stronger bonds? On 16 September 2022 following shortly on from the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, Charles challenged society to protect the diversity of this country. King Charles went on to say that, as a member of the Church of England and a Christian, he has love at the heart of belief. Freedom of consciousness and care of others needs to be promoted.

In my lead article for the 3 September 2025 edition of Parish News when I wrote about VJ 80 commemorations I quotes King Charles again 'The heroes of VJ gave more than freedom but left an example of how it must be protected.' Reflecting on the way countries and communities that had never before fought together learned to co-ordinate their efforts across distances, faith and cultural divides.' The King went on to conclude 'In times of war and in times of peace, the greatest weapons of all are not arms you bear, but the arms you link.'

On Saturday 18 October All Saints, Boyne Hill will host the Week of Prayer for World Peace. From 3-5pm within our church people of different faiths will share a time of prayer and reflection. You are all invited to join me in welcoming the people of WAMCF as we pray for a World that lives in harmony. See poster attached to email.

May you all be blessed by God's love this fortnight,

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Thursday 18 September 3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School
8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 19 **10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre restarts for the autumn term**

Sunday 21 **10.00am Parish Eucharist for Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy We will also reflect upon Fairtrade Fortnight
Young Saints meet in the Birinus Room

12 noon Baptism of Ottolie Florence Pruden
Please pray for her, her parents, godparents and her great-grandfather, Ken Smith.

6.00pm Sundays@Six Evensong & Benediction

Monday 22 **9.30am Morning Prayer**
11.00am Deanery Parish Inspection

Tuesday 23 **9.30am Morning Prayer**
1.30pm Coffee & Chats at Altwood School
7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 24 **10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr David**
11.30am Communion Service at Normanhurst Care Home Fr Jeremy & Jeanette
3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School
2.30pm Service at Larchfield Care Home Fr Jeremy & Jeanette
5.00pm Meeting of Almshouse Trustees in the Birinus Room

Thursday 25 **3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School**
8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 26 September	9.05am Harvest Assembly at Boyne Hill School 10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre <i>1.30pm Memorial Service at St Peter's for Brian Williams, member of The Church of the Good Shepherd and longtime contributor to Open the Book in Maidenhead.</i> <i>7.45pm Meeting at the Royal British Legion</i> <i>9.30pm Street Angels</i>
Saturday 27	9.30am – 4.00pm Quiet Day at Holy Trinity Church, Prestwood with Fr David & Fr Jeremy <i>See 6</i>
Sunday 28	10.00am Eucharist for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity with Holy Baptism Celebrant: Fr David Preacher: Fr Jeremy Please pray for Benjamin Bolygo, his parents and godparents.
	4.00pm Sundays@4 on the theme of St Francis. We welcome everyone to this last outdoor service and BBQ and please do bring your pets with you.
Monday 29	9.00am Harvest Assembly at All Saints School
Tuesday 30	9.30am Morning Prayer 1.30pm Coffee & Chats at Altwood School
Wednesday 1 October	10.00am Requiem Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy <i>11.30am Communion Service at Clara Court Care Home</i> <i>3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School</i> <i>7.00pm Bible Study on Zoom</i> Meeting ID: 819 3151 3958 Passcode: 980712

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAYERS FOR FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

O Lord, you revealed your Kingdom in parables that spoke of simple things – Yeast in a loaf of bread, A woman sweeping her home. Grant that the simple choices we make – What tea we drink, what fruit we eat – may honour your Name and reveal your Kingdom present among us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Lord God, in the fields of the poor, even when abundant fruits ripen, Injustice sweeps them away and families hunger. Help us to share the fruits of your bounty so that all your family may benefit from your gracious gifts. Amen.

We pray for our Sundays at 4 service giving thanks for the life of St Francis of Assisi and his respect for the poor, his love of creation and for his joy of animals. We pray for our service that will reflect Francis love of nature and animals this month at All Saints.

We give thanks for the opportunity to share harvest assemblies at Boyne Hill and All Saints schools this month. We pray for the schools as they share their gifts with FoodShare in Maidenhead.

We pray for the Open the Book teams as they start a new year of sharing the stories of the Bible with the students of Larchfield and All Saints Schools. We pray that children may come to love the stories of Jesus and reflect on them for meaning in their lives.

In this busy world we give thanks for the time for rest and peace. We pray for our Parish quiet day at Holy Trinity, Prestwood. We pray for Fr David as he shares with us pray in the Jesuit style of noticing God in all things.

Next month we will welcome people of all faiths to pray for World peace. We continue to pray for peace in our troubled world. We pray for innocent victims of war between Russia and Ukraine, in Gaza and Israel, and other parts of the Middle East, South Sudan and Sudan. We continue to pray for the security for people in Nigeria and other places of unrest.

We pray for all asylum seekers and refugees. We give thanks for those that come to our church seeking help and welcome. We pray for the baptism/confirmation class that has started in August. We pray for those that have received refugee status that they may find homes and jobs to enable them to find self-worth in this country.

We pray for Cameron & Ethan Jefferson, Celeste Wagstaff, Leo Broad, Lisa Campos, Dylan Deeley, Kallie Rampton and Maxwell & Charlotte Ferguson on the anniversaries of their baptisms.

We pray for those in need: Daneille, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Vera Shaw, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Barbara Ann Bourne, Beryl Dorton, David Morgan, Elek Bolygo, Edite Zadinane, Catherine, Alison Deane, John Latham, Alice Norris, Lyudmila, Sally Morgan, Majid, and Neda. May they all know God's healing touch and presence.

We pray for the recently departed: Brian Williams, Tara Seamore, Felicity Stephens, Hew Dunn, and Gillian Bell. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER PARISH EUCHARIST FOR MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST COLLECT

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 4: 1 - 6

Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL Matthew 9: 9 — 13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Tambourin	<i>F Gossec</i>
Opening hymn:	593 omit vv2 & 6	At the name of Jesus
Gradual hymn:	391 The prophets spoke in days of old	
Offertory hymn:	562 Inspired by love and anger	
Communion hymn:	787 Take my life, and let it be	
Closing hymn:	295 Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth	
Postlude:	Chorale Prelude on The Old 104th	<i>C H H Parry</i>

6.00pm EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

Preludes:	Te lucis ante terminum, Op.38, No.5 <i>Dupré</i> & <i>Regina coeli</i> , Op.64 <i>Dupré</i>
Opening Hymn:	298 For all thy saints, O Lord
Psalm:	119: 33 - 40
First Reading:	Ecclesiastes 5: 4-12
Office Hymn:	16 God, that madest earth and heaven
Second Reading:	Matthew 19: 16- end
Benediction Hymn:	15 Glory to thee, my God, this night
Postlude:	Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671 <i>J S Bach</i>

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER PARISH EUCHARIST FOR THE 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: 1 Timothy 6: 6 - 19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

GOSPEL: Luke 16: 19 – 31

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.”

But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

MUSIC

Prelude:	Lobe Den Herren	<i>J Walter</i>
Opening hymn:	584 All my hope on God is founded	
Anthem:	To be a Pilgrim	<i>N Burt</i>
Offertory hymn:	742 O for a thousand tongues to sing	
Communion hymns:	713 Lord of all hopefulness & 775 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God	
Closing hymn:	765 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	
Postlude:	War March of the Priests	<i>F Mendelssohn</i>

QUIET DAY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, PRESTWOOD, near HIGH WYCOMBE, ON SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

We are holding a Quiet Day for the parish at Prestwood, about a 30 minute drive from All Saints. The day will consist of talks interspersed with periods of quiet reflection, when you will be able to sit or walk around the grounds as you wish, and the day will include a eucharist service.

Coffee or tea and biscuits will be available throughout the day and you are invited to bring a packed lunch with you.

Holy Trinity is a beautiful church which some of us have already visited and its grounds are extensive, including a prayer labyrinth. The sessions will be held in the church itself but the grounds can be used for individual reflection. Seating is flexible and a modern kitchen is available within the church. It has its own large car park.

The programme will be:-

- 9.30 to 10 Coffee and biscuits
- 10 to 10.30 Introduction and orientation
- 10.30 to 12 Talk followed by collective and individual reflection
- 12 to 12.30 Eucharist
- 12.30 to 1.30 self-catering lunch
- 1.30 to 2.30 Talk followed by collective and individual reflection
- 2.30 to 3.30 Talk followed by collective and individual reflection
- 3.30 to 4.00 reflecting on the day together

The cost will be subject to numbers but will not be more than £10 each for the venue.

The address of the church is 134 Wycombe Road, Prestwood, HP16 0HJ.

If you would like to attend please add your name to the list at the back of church and indicate whether you will require a lift.

Fr Jeremy & Fr David

DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL:

1. CELEBRATING FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 22 SEPTEMBER – 5 OCTOBER 2025

At All Saints, we've made a conscious decision to serve Fairtrade coffee and tea, and last year we registered as a Fairtrade church.

Fairtrade is more than a label. It's a global movement that ensures that farmers and workers get a fair deal for the goods they produce. It works to improve incomes, uphold rights and promote sustainability through ethical trade.

Fairtrade Fortnight is a time each year which raises the profile of Fairtrade. The aim is to celebrate the difference we can all make when we choose Fairtrade products. Together our actions can have a positive impact on real people's lives. Fairer pay. Fairer treatment. Fairer futures.

This year the focus is on tea. Supermarkets all sell Fairtrade tea now, including own label in some, so if you haven't tried it, why not give it a go?! And if you have, why not try another Fairtrade product? Coffee, bananas, chocolate, sugar, wine, nuts, flowers... Lots to choose from. Think about the impact of everyone in the congregation buying just one more Fairtrade product during this fortnight...

Look out for raffle tickets for a Fairtrade hamper at the back of church too.

2. HEAL THE LAND 8.00pm WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER AT NORDEN FARM

One of the founders of Wild Maidenhead moved to Somerset a few years ago and set up a rewilding project on what had been an intensively farmed area. Last year they made a film about how the landscape is coming alive. You can see the difference for yourself via a short free film at Norden Farm on Jan Stannard, whose project it is, will be there to answer questions

<https://norden.farm/events/heal-the-land-u>

3. CHURCHYARD WORK PARTY SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Come and join us on the first Saturday in October for a sociable work party in the churchyard. We will aim to tidy the churchyard, sow meadow seed and plant bulbs for the spring. Refreshments will also be provided! It would be lovely if you could join us.

In case of needing to reschedule due to bad weather, or if you are interested in helping but unable to join on that specific date, please contact Jo McMullen (josie.mcmullen@gmail.com) or speak to Anne Sweeney.

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