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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

Monika and I have just returned from a wonderful holiday in the quiet and relaxing resort of Almyrida in Crete. It is about a 45-minute bus journey from Chania the place with a beautiful old town with narrow streets and tempting tavernas alongside the sea. The other trip we took was the journey to the Southwest of Crete to experience the stunning beach of Elafonisi where you can swim in the glorious Libyan Sea.

The trip for me was memorable not for the final destination of Elafonisi but rather for the entertaining and thoughtful talk given by the guide on the journey through the mountains of Crete. Demetrius was a very interesting man who seemed to specialize in 'Counter Culture'. He is not a fan of AI, and 'All that rubbish' and even the Greek salad was not Greek because the original tomatoes were discovered in Mexico 350 years ago! We were advised not to eat rubbish pizza's, rubbish burgers or even fried and grilled Greek food such as Souvlaki and gyros. The British government would be happy with Demetrius' words as they have announced a ban on all fried food for children at schools. The most interesting part of his talk was the link between English and the Greek words that are the root. The one that our guide particularly had a passionate view on was 'Kerygma.'

Demetrius used the word to introduce education of the young. He is damning of an education system that teaches children how to pass exams without finding their passion for life. He said that if children found their true gifts, they would do things in life with natural desire and without anxiety and fear. Later in the day over the meal at a restaurant high in the mountains of Southwest Crete, enjoying wild goat, roasted potatoes with oil and rosemary and chestnuts in a delicious source (Demetrius had informed us that the people of Crete live off the land and agriculture had traditionally been the way of earning a living and so I picked his recommendation with ingredients all from the local land) I asked our guide how he would change the education system? Of course, the answers are not easy. To seek to bring out the best in each child is beyond a teacher working within the education system.

Despite the challenge of finding a way of allowing children to find their passion (Think of Billy Elliot one of my favorite films) some thought on the word 'Kerygma' might be helpful. One of the most important areas of ministry we have the privilege and challenge to provide is our support for our local schools. I am happy that we have people giving time to support our school governing bodies and that we work in partnership with Revd Jo Ellington at Altwood providing assemblies, pastoral support and discussion groups. One area we are struggling to find new volunteers is the Open the Book Ministry. The word kerygma which our guide used for education has the specific message of proclaiming the gospel. The message that God loves us and created us for a relationship with him is at the heart of the meaning. We can continue by adding that Jesus died for our sins, God raised him and he calls us to turn away from sin and receive the Holy Spirit. The meaning of the word Kerygma can be a message that changes hearts and transforms destinies.

Open the Book has played a part in sharing the bible stories that are perhaps no longer shared at home. Teachers and students love the simple way in which the meaning of Jesus' life and the Old Testament stories are brought alive for the students. Part of education is allowing students to play their part and Open the Book scripts allow children the joy of sharing stories with us through acting. I discovered a quote when looking up the different ways people might explain the word Kerygma. I found a quote of a seven-year-old child when asked why he was a Christian? 'Because Jesus loves me, died for me and now lives with me.'

I share Demetrius concerns about encouraging children that there are winners and losers in life based on their success of learning and remembering facts. The Christian faith has Kerygma and the meaning that faith goes to the fire that gives warmth to everything else. I am drawn to the Easter Vigil when we light the Paschal candle from the Easter fire and enter the church in darkness. We sing the light of Christ has come into the world as we spread that light around us. This is the

hope young people should find of the Holy Spirit enabling them to use their gifts with community knowing that they are loved and known by God.

Please give thought to whether you might have time to share with the Open the Book teams at Larchfield School at 2.30pm on Wednesdays and All Saints School on Thursdays at the same time. Please let me know or Jan and Mike Moss if you would like a feel for this ministry.

Thank you Demetrius.

May you be blessed by God this fortnight,

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Thursday 17 September	3pm <i>Open the Book at All Saints School</i> 7pm-7.45pm The start of 'Come and Rest' – please join Claire Foley and Fr Jeremy for the first of our times of quiet reflections in what is an often busy and anxious world. 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 18	10.00am Tiny Saints starts the new term in the Parish Centre
Sunday 20	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Fr Jeremy sharing the theme of Fairtrade Fortnight. Please see the raffle of Fairtrade treats at the back of church. 12.30pm The Parish outing to St Alban's Cathedral. The bus will collect us at 12.30 from the church. 7.30pm Confirmation Course weeks 13&14 on zoom
Monday 21	9.00am Morning prayer <i>Start of Prayer Space week at Altwood School with Revd Jo Ellington and Fr Jeremy</i>
Tuesday 22	9.30am Morning Prayer 1.00pm Wedding Rehearsal at All Saints 7.30pm Curates animators course at the vicarage
Wednesday 23	10.00am Eucharist – Fr Jeremy 2.00pm Wedding rehearsal at All Saints church 3.00pm <i>Open the Book at Larchfield School</i>
Thursday 24	7.00pm–9.00pm The Peoples Emergency Planning Film at All Saints School. All welcome to view and listen to experts highlight risks to health, food supplies, national security, and the economy to name just a few issues concerning sustainability 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 25	9.00am <i>Harvest Assembly at Boyne Hill School</i> 10.00am Tiny Saints starts the new term in the Parish Centre 3.00pm Service of Holy Matrimony – Michael Baker and Svitlana Pohribniak 7.45pm Royal British Legion meeting 9.45pm Street Angels patrol
Saturday 26	1.00pm Service of Holy Matrimony – Daryl Mandell and Deborah Olanegan
Sunday 27	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity Celebrant & Preacher – Fr Jeremy 4.00pm Sundays @4 for St Francis of Assisi in All Saints Quadrangle
Monday 28	8.50am <i>Harvest Assembly at All Saints School</i> 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 29 September

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 30

10.00am Eucharist – Fr Jeremy

11.30am Holy Communion at Normanhurst Care Home

2.30pm Service at Larchfield Care Home

7.30pm Safeguarding meeting in the Birinus Room

ADVANCE NOTICE

Parish visit to St Albans Cathedral on Sunday, 20th September 2026

We are pleased to confirm that the parish visit St Albans Cathedral will go ahead as planned on Sunday 20th September, after strong interest within the congregation.

There will be a seat on the bus for everyone who signed up on the sheet at the back of the Church. We can make a small number of additional seats on the bus available to anyone else who would like to join this trip, as some members of the congregation have offered to drive if needed.

Please be ready to leave All Saints by bus at 12.30pm for us to arrive in good time for a private tour of the cathedral at 1.45pm. The tour will last an hour and 15 minutes. There will be an opportunity afterwards to have tea in the cathedral café, or explore the building further. We will attend evensong at 4pm, and expect to return to Maidenhead for about 6pm.

The total cost for the visit will be £25, including the per-head charge for the private tour and by-mile cost of the minibus. Please note that this will not include the cost of any refreshments from the cathedral café.

Thank you to those who have paid. Payment can be made at the Church office, to Greg Hurst or Stella Harding at the Sunday Eucharist service, or on the day. Our group will be dropped at the Cathedral entrance, and the building has extensive accessible facilities. If anyone has any access needs or other questions, please contact Greg Hurst at greghurst@btinterest.com or, if you prefer, let Father Jeremy know.

Thursday 1st October 7pm Deanery Synod at All Saints Church

Guest speaker is the chaplain to the Thames Valley Police

Sunday 4th October – 10am Parish Eucharist for Harvest

We will have our local church schools participating at this year's harvest service. Following the service we will share hospitality and hold an auction of harvest goods. Please bring gifts for the auction.

CONGRATULATIONS

Those of us in the choir received a beautiful photograph from Greg Hurst last Wednesday. The photo was of Greg's son Richard following his marriage to his new wife Sophie in Gloucestershire. Many congratulations to the Hurst family on this joyful news.

NEWS NEWS

Street Angels

During my time in Crete Jeanette was on Street Angels duty. Jeanette was joined by Cllr Jennifer Sinnett, the Mayor of Marlow. The town of Marlow is concerned by the rise in public disorder, particularly amongst young people in the town in the evenings. She had heard about the ministry of Street Angels and thought the ministry of Street Angels might help in Marlow.

Jeanette reported that during the evening they found a man very drunk outside the Methodist church. They spent time with him and left a pillow and sleeping bag for him. Next up they came across a very hungry homeless man. They went to one of the takeaway food shops which kindly provided the team with free burger and chips for the grateful man. Just around the corner from the Methodist Church is an interesting place called 'Sip and Conquer.' The team spoke with the lady running the venue and she said she was aiming to bring lonely young people together through social evenings by playing board games. Next stop for the team was the railway station where they were faced with a good number of grumpy people who were faced with the news of delayed and cancelled trains. The Angels cheered up the frustrated folk facing a long night by handing out the famous lollypops. The Mayor of Marlow commented about Street Angels 'You deliver such a valued service – that was clear from residents of all ages and whether working or socializing with friends.' Jeanette reported that Mayor Jenny loved giving out the lollypops! Please do let me know if you think you may have a call to Street Angels duty.

New All Saints Church website

I am delighted to announce that the new All Saints Church website is up and running. Following nearly 12 months hard work and planning Michelle Symonds, Jenny Wilks, Greg Hurst and Claire Foley have given us a wonderful new site. This provides All Saints with a place of welcome and information to the church and wider communities. Thank you to Rod Broad who gave so much of his time over 15 years in maintaining the previous website. Rod's input was of particular value during the pandemic when for a time ways of communication changed and developed.

Please take time to browse the All Saints website over the coming week.

Fr Jeremy

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Spirit of the living God, at the beginning you moved over the face of the waters. You brought life into being, the teeming life that finds its way through earth and sea and air, that makes its home around us, everywhere. You know how living things flourish and grow, how they co-exist; how they feed and breed and change. Help us to understand those delicate relationships, value them, and keep them from destruction. Amen.

Lord, we give thanks for those who work to produce our food. May they be given fair reward for their labours. Grant this Fairtrade movement to secure justice for those whose bargaining power is weakest, and help us to make choices that support fairness in every part of the supply chain.

God bless the communities where Fairtrade ensures children can go to school and families have access to healthcare. May our actions, purchases, and prayers contribute to sustainable livelihoods and a fairer world.

We pray for the showing of the Peoples' Emergency Briefing Film on Thursday 24 September at All Saints School. As we share the film with people of all world faiths from across Windsor and Maidenhead, we pray that more people may come to an awareness of climate and environmental risks. We give thanks to those experts who provide advice on positive actions.

We continue to pray with sadness for the innocent victims of war in the Middle East. We pray for people suffering as a result of wars between Ukraine and Russia, Sudan and South Sudan and all other areas of unrest. We pray that dialogue may prevail, and peace be found in all troubled parts of the world.

We pray for our outreach ministry in the areas of Open the Book in Schools, Street Angels on patrol in Maidenhead, The All Sorts ministry and Maidenhead Care. We pray for more people to volunteer to support these important ministries.

We pray for those in need including Daneille, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Heidi Webb, Barbara Ann-Bourne, Beryl Dorton, Elek Bolygo, Catherine, Rod Broad, Jill Crace, Majid and Neda, Georgina Finney, Fr John Chadwick, Scarlett, James, David Emerson, Jeff Collins, Michael Woodley, Geraldine Gifford, Jeremy Nordberg, Natalia Kolodii, Nikki McMichael, Anita Gordon, Paul and Jaffer. May they all know God's healing touch and loving presence.

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

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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.

READING : Philippians 1.21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of

the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20.1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage,[a] he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

MUSIC

Prelude:	Scherzetto from Richard III	<i>W Walton</i>
Opening hymn:	394 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord	
Gradual hymn:	284 For the fruits of all Creation	
Offertory hymn:	571 We bring you, Lord, our prayer and praise	
Communion hymn 1:	117 Come, let us to the Lord our God	
Communion hymn 2:	429 Bread is blessed and broken	
Closing hymn:	715 Lord, for the years	
Postlude:	Postlude in C	<i>H Smart</i>

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY **COLLECT**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

READING: Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was[a] in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21.23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this

you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

MUSIC

Prelude:	Praeludium Pastorale	<i>J Stainer</i>
Opening hymn:	453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour	
Gradual hymn:	800 The Lord's my shepherd (Townend)	
Offertory hymn:	593 At the name of Jesus	
Communion Anthem:	Ave Verum	<i>W A Mozart</i>
Closing hymn:	587 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)	
Postlude:	Fantasia in F Minor and Major	<i>W A Mozart</i>



Violin and Piano Lunchtime Recital Given by the Dryads Duo on **Wednesday 28th October 2026 at 1:00pm** (Free of Charge)

On October 28th the Dryads Duo complete their series of lunchtime recitals at All Saints Church at which they will have played all 10 of Beethoven's piano and violin sonatas. In the forthcoming recital they will play Sonatas Nos 8, 9 & 10. The Sonata No. 8 in G major was written when Beethoven was contending with the onset of his deafness, but despite the personal trauma this disability must have caused, the music is witty and cheerful. No. 9, nicknamed the Kreutzer, is a much bigger work more appropriate for stage performance than intimate chamber music. Finally, No. 10 conveys an introspective and calm mood.

The recitals are free of charge, but donations at the end of the recital to help defray expenses will be welcome.

Brian Graves

DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL

The theme for this year's Season of Creation is 'Living Water'. This hot and dry summer has made us all think about water. Here are a few tips for saving water:

- Take a shower rather than a bath – and keep your shower to three to five minutes. Here's a Spotify playlist of [four-minute shower songs](#) from WaterAid for you to play while you shower!
- Catch water rather than let it drain. For example, when rinsing vegetables (using a jug or basin) or in the shower. When on holiday in Namibia a few years ago, there was a bucket in the shower to do just this! The water can be used to flush the toilet or on the garden.
- Waste water from washing up or having a bath can be used in the garden (although not on anything you'll eat.)
- Install a water butt, if you have space. Most store about 200l of water. You can capture quite a lot of water even if there is only a small amount of rain.
- Fit a toilet saving device to your toilet cistern. Toilet flushing counts for about 30% of household water. You can get devices like a 'Hippo' from www.hippo-the-watersaver.co.uk or you could put a brick in the cistern.

Jenny Wilks

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

Claire Foley

