

# 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year



## A Year of Prayer and Action

During 2018 we have celebrated and given thanks for the existence of this worshipping community here in Clifton. One hundred and fifty years ago the original church was consecrated by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol on 8 June 1868. The church itself was established by a group of lay people who felt that a place of worship was needed in this part of Bristol which provided an expression of a more catholic tradition, that would be 'open to all' regardless of background and which reflected God at work in creation through scripture, history and experience, and the work of the Spirit.

This is All Saints Church Clifton.

In our 150<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary we have looked back over this time in thanksgiving and in celebration. And we have also looked forward to the future generations of those who will worship and live out their faith in this special place.

A great deal has taken place over the course of this year. Worship and prayer have been at the heart; and around this have been concerts, exhibitions, lectures and many other events. It has been both worshipful and missional. One of our intentions was to '*bring the outside in and take the inside out*'. This we have done!

# Thank You!!

## Where do you Start? When it comes to saying thank you?

### Recognizing time, effort, ideas and energy!

Events can only take place if people invest time and energy, to turn ideas into reality! Whilst many ideas had been discussed through 2016, it was early the following year that the 150 Anniversary Group became established. Their first task was to agree the purpose of the year which was both celebratory and missional. Then, on the basis of this, to sift through ideas to give a year-long programme of diverse events that would appeal to different audiences, remain close to the original purpose for which All Saints came into being and also ensure that the balance between thanksgiving and mission was maintained.

Chaired by Sue Perry, the group, made up of Churchwardens (Vicky Gordon, Martin Robinson and Adam Chivers), the Director of Music (John Davenport), supported by Andrew Morgan and with the Vicar, Fr Charles, created the programme, designed the brochure, commissioned both book and original music. And then they facilitated the year's activity, keeping people informed and maintaining the pace.

### All Saints is All People – and all of us have contributed

All Saints is for All People and all of us have contributed in so many and very different ways – some obvious and many hidden. Thank you to all those who have been involved with food and drink, from lunch in the Atrium to home-made cake baking; for those in the choir and the serving team; for flower arrangers and chair movers; those who hosted and welcomed; and all the other tasks of cleaning, washing and goodness knows what else. And thank you to those who have prayed and talked to others about all this activity.



### Not forgetting Performers!

Musicians, singers, composers, lecturers, artists, photographers, writers and poets! Thank you one and all for your contributions to this year and for making it such a success.

## OTR

OTR is a mental health social movement by and for young people aged 11-25 living in Bristol and South Gloucestershire.

We are delighted to have been able to support OTR during this our Anniversary Year and we will continue to receive donations for this cause throughout the rest of the year. We also remember the work of OTR and hold those who need their support in our prayers.



# 150 EVENTS

## What has happened in Worship and Music?

### Worship

#### Dedication Festival with + Rachel, Bishop of Gloucester

Remembering the original Consecration in June 1868 by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, we welcomed Bishop Rachel to join us for a joint celebration of the 'old' and 'new' church in June.



#### Choral Evensong of St Luke with Schola Cantorum of Tewkesbury

An extraordinary and glorious Choral Evensong took place in October, prayerfully sung by the visiting choristers and a very large weekday congregation.



#### Festival Mass for Christ the King and The Concluding Anniversary Celebration with the Bishop of Bristol

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Bishop Viv to join us for the concluding act of worship in our Anniversary Year. We are delighted that the Bishop has made time at the start of her Episcopal ministry to share this day with us at All Saints.



### Music

#### Major Concerts



**Community Choral Concert in March.** This included the specially commissioned *River of Life*

**City of Bristol Choir**, conducted by David Ogden singing Bernstein's Chichester Psalms

**The Gesualdo Six** with Owain Park were stunningly brilliant in their April Concert

**New Bristol Sinfonia** joined us in May

**Thomas Bowes** made us part of his nationwide **Bach Pilgrimage** in May

#### Opera

**Two opera events took place.** *The Opera Picnic* in July and a film screening of '*Carmen – on the Lake*' a pop-up Opera in October (and part of the Bristol Film Festival).



#### Regular Musical Events with All Saints Arts

The tradition of the **Monthly Concert Matinee** was maintained through the year with eleven concerts, and five additional Organ Recitals.



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## What has happened in Lectures, Exhibitions and Events?

### The Lecture Series

#### **Professor Mike Benton - A Palaeontologist's View of the Future'**

Professor Mike asks the question...will the Anthropocene mark the end of the world as we know it? Mike Benton is Head of the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Bristol and has an international reputation for his work.



#### **Professor Francis Spalding - 'The Life and Work of John Piper'**

Frances Spalding is a renowned art historian, critic and biographer. She has a specialist interest in twentieth century British art and has an established reputation in the work of John and Myfanwy Piper.



#### **Ruth Dudley Edwards - 'An Atheist speaks for Christianity'**

Ruth Dudley Edwards has been a freelance writer since 1979. She has written both seriously and frivolously for almost every newspaper in the UK and her crime novels satirise the establishment. She has a formidable list of recognitions to her credit and few subjects are safe from Ruth's wit and insight!

#### **Professor Mark Chapman - 'Catholic Renewal Lives on'**

Mark Chapman is Professor of the History of Modern Theology at the University of Oxford.



### The Exhibitions

Photographic Exhibitions included the work by the Bristol photographic art society '**Second Look**' and the Devonian photographer **Carolyn Seagar**.



Additionally painting exhibitions (with ceramics and jewellery) were held by our own **All Saints Artists** and '**Art in the Atrium**' (for Bristol West Art Trail).



### Other Events

'An Evening with' the Poet **Marchant Barron**

**Dedication Festival BBQ** (with Bouncy Castle)

Open Evening with reception for all **Independent Businesses within the Parish**

The **All Saints Exhibition** on Doors Open Day

**Christmas Eco Tree Festival** with craft sale and Christmas music

Publication of '**All Saints for All People**' the 150 plus years of ASC history

