

ALL SAINTS NEWS

12th June 2022
Trinity Sunday

A Trinity Sunday Reflection From the Vicar of Beverley Minster, Yorkshire

This morning we think about God as Trinity, the Holy Trinity. This is perhaps one of the hardest ideas to fathom in all our faith. It's a difficult day for preachers, trying to explain the Trinity. You might also say it's an even more difficult day for congregations – having to listen to a preacher try to explain the Trinity! Well, I'm not going to try to explain anything today, only issue an invitation. I want to issue an invitation to reflect on the Trinity as a relationship of love, and let that inspire you in the week ahead.

I want to open this morning by reading a poem by Malcolm Guite, a poet and college chaplain in Cambridge:

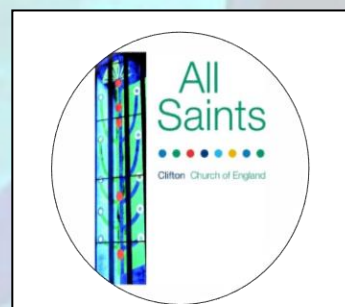
In the Beginning, not in time or space,
But in the quick before both space and time,
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,
In music, in the whole creation story,
In his own image, his imagination,
The Triune Poet makes us for his glory,
And makes us each the other's inspiration.
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,
To improvise a music of our own,
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,
Three notes resounding from a single tone,
To sing the End in whom we all begin;
Our God beyond, beside us, and within.

Malcolm uses the medium of poetry to explain something beautiful about the Trinity: that the three persons exists in an eternal relationship of love, and that we are made for the glory of the Triune Poet, and for one another's inspiration.

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There are many areas of our life with God that we do not understand, indeed that we may not understand until we get to heaven and meet God, and I think that the Trinity is one of them. We can get tangled up in thinking how one God can be three persons, and how they relate to each other. Or the other thing we can do is to simply accept referring to the persons of the Trinity without ever thinking of how they interact and what bearing the Trinity has on our lives as Christians.

At the heart of it, God has revealed a mystery of the deepest kind, that He is not alone, but is a Trinity of love and relationship. It is perhaps here, more than any other area, that we can see the importance of thinking about God as Trinity. In thinking of God in this way we Christians are unique; no other religion does this. Religions are faced with a choice; many gods, or one God. Other religions have many gods, throughout history the Greeks and Romans had many gods. Most of the religions of the world today recognise only one god, one divinity. A casual glance at Hinduism would indicate that there are many gods, although this isn't actually the case, and the "many gods" are actually all avatars of the one divinity. Yet we are different, we strongly believe in one God, but recognise within that three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, in relationship, in what Malcolm calls "co-inherent" Grace. A close, inherent relationship of grace.

What do we gain from this image of God? It is useful to occasionally ask of our aspects of our faith, "what's the point?" What's the point of thinking about three persons?

Well the first point is that God is revealed in this way in Scripture. Even though the term Holy Trinity nowhere appears in the Bible we recognise Father Son and Holy Spirit within its pages. We see their actions as being distinct, the Father in many parts of the Old Testament, the Son in the pages of the New Testament, and the Spirit mentioned in both.

The second point is that thinking of God as a Trinity teaches us about our common life, a life common with one another, but also with God. If God is in a relationship of love, shouldn't that be the model for all our relationships? God is in an eternal, perpetual relationship, but it is no closed relationship which shuns outsiders. We know about the Trinity precisely because God is in a relationship of love which goes beyond the persons of the Trinity. Everyone here has a place, is offered an invitation, an invitation to partake in the life of the Trinity, to enter into that love and relationship. That is why Jesus came, and died, and rose again, so that death should not be our end but that we should be in relationship with God.

So, to my invitation to you all: I invite you to spend today thinking about the holy trinity; not trying to fathom the finer points of doctrine or wrestling with the Greek terms from the church's history, but thinking about the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit all being in union with one another, and all working and wanting to bring us into relationship with them. Then think of how valuable that makes you, and those around you, and how you might invite them to partake of that relationship. You could, as Malcolm says in his poem, be the inspiration that awakens in them the realisation of the love they are held in.



A huge 'Thank you' to everyone who works so hard to make every event at All Saints so successful.

On Thursday 2nd June the 'Friends Together' Cafe' held a musical celebration for people living with Dementia, their families and carers.

The Saturday Matinee Concert with Allan Schiller and John Humphreys was truly appreciated by a large audience.

The All Saints Society who provided Jubilee drinks in the Atrium after Mass at Pentecost

An estimated 80 people came for the Jubilee Cream Tea – many of them coming to All Saints for the very first time – an amazing feat of baking, tea making and washing up!

And, of course,
Everyone who enabled the Funeral Requiem of Mtr Wendy to be such a special, dignified, hopeful and meaningful occasion.

Thank you for making All Saints special to each person who come through the church door.



Art in Church: Mission, theology and the beauty of God

Wednesday evenings in June and July 2022

7.00-8.30 pm



In this series we will look at a range of artwork in churches across the diocese. We will spend some time looking at the art; and thinking about what it has to say for the mission of the church and how we speak of God.

Sessions will include time to look at the artwork; reflections on its artistic, historical, and theological significance; and a short time of prayer with the art.

Feel free to come to one or all of the sessions:

Session 1:	8 th June	St Stephen's Southmead, Bristol	Ascension Reredos
Session 2:	15 th June	St James, Dauntsey	Doom Board
Session 3:	29 th June	All Saint's Clifton, Bristol	Baptistry Windows
Session 4:	6 th July	St Barnabas, Gorse Hill, Swindon	Mural Paintings

Open to all

Register to attend via Eventbrite using the session links above

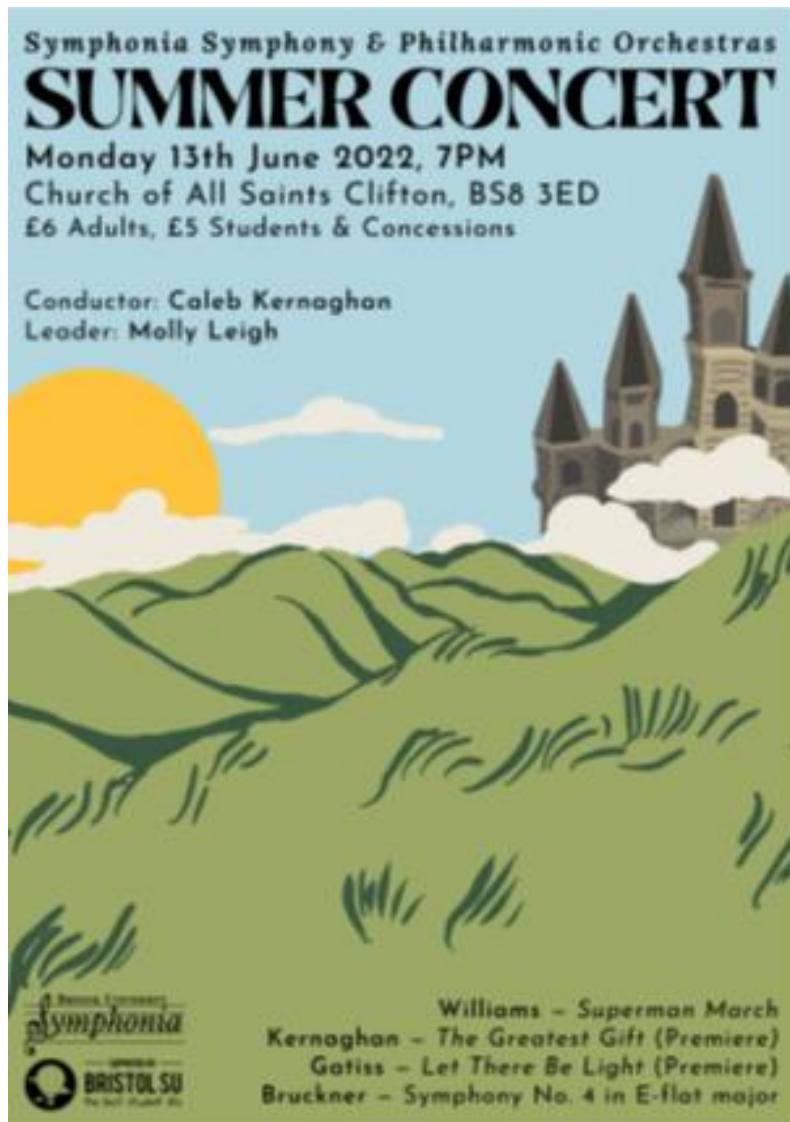
All Saints Food Help Point

As an outreach from the Loves and Fishes Project, run by the Sisters of the Church, the All Saints Food Help Point is used by many people experiencing food insecurity as the economic downturn takes hold.

The Project relies on donations from a variety of sources and can only offer what is donated. Please support the Help Point by donating - currently we are looking for donations of porridge, baby foods and tins of fish, meat, vegetable and fruit to supplement the goods in stock.

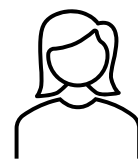


Please leave your donations in the porch or bring them to the office for storage and distribution later



Sr Teresa is asking for some help...

I am looking for a self contained unit for a single lady, 50+.
Please contact me if you need further information, thank you.



Corpus Christi

Thursday 16th June

7.30pm

Day of Thanksgiving for Christ's
Institution of the Holy Eucharist

The All Saints Bar re-opens



Good news.

We will be re-opening after Mass this Sunday,
12th June, in the Randall Room.
All welcome.

Please note that we are a cash bar, but hope to get a
card reader soon.

All Saints Church, Clifton
Music Events July – December 2022

concert matinée Saturday July 2nd 4pm
Sophie Chung - Violin & James Drinkwater -
Bach, Beethoven, Elgar and Tchaikovsky

concert matinée Saturday August 6th 4pm
Trio Gwaun - Lorna Osbon - violin, Nila Harries - cello, Matthew Bale - piano
Schubert Piano Trio in B flat • Piazzolla

concert matinée Saturday September 3rd 4pm
Julie & Stephen Browne - Flute and Piano Recital

concert matinée Saturday October 1st 4pm
Bristol Brass

concert matinée Saturday November 5th 4pm
Sara Temple - Clarinet & Catherine Milledge - Piano

concert matinée Saturday December 3rd 4pm
Bach Again - All Saints Singers and Players

ORGAN RECITALS

Saturday 25th June 4pm Julian Haggitt (Organist St Peter Mancroft Norwich)
Saturday 16th July 4pm Chris Gray (Director of Music Truro Cathedral)
Saturday 20th August 4pm Michael Butterfield
(Chapel Organist Marlborough College)
Saturday 10th September 4pm Claire Hobbs
(formerly assistant Bristol Cathedral)

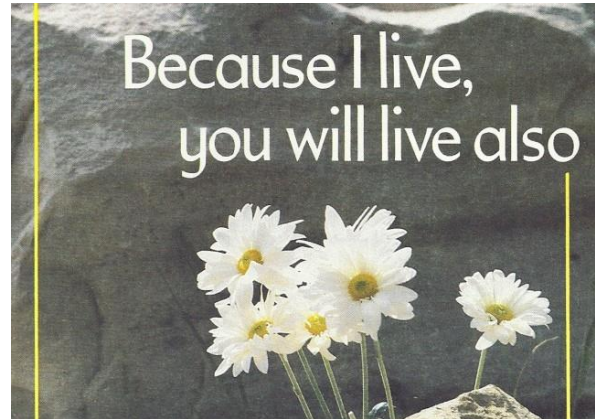
Admission to all concerts is free.
There will be a retiring collection (card or cash)
Refreshments (tea & cakes) £3

Prayers Requests

'In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.'

(John 14: 19).

Please let Fr Charles know of anyone who would like to be remembered within the weekly prayer list or anyone who you would like to be remembered in prayer



Those who we remember in our Prayers

Sunday Tabitha Clark, Ruth and Richard Harding, Katie Norman, Neal Gordon, Jean Callow, Sarah Bradley, Katrina and Katherine King, Samantha Tucker, Veronica Hayfield, Joyce Shepherd, Philip Miles, Ryan Lindsey, Immie, Audrey Jones, Christine Bartlett, Emma Cartwright, Sue Hilliar, Steve Cooper, Alison Tierney, Brenda Davison

Monday John Bradley, Robert Paul, Nicky Cousins, Peter Maine, Peter Martin, Ian Wallace

Tuesday Chris Callow, Elizabeth, Judy Torrens, Margaret Swindale, Diana Verity,

Wednesday Felicity Firth, Kate Thomas, Adam Holmes, Hugh Farry, Linda Cynthia Ashford, Ros Hawkins, Alan Roberts

Thursday Richard Harris, Matt Mumford, Brian Davidge, Caroline Semon,

Friday Charlotte Hopkins, Andy & Gina Ford, Elisabeth Morgan
+ Peter (Bishop of Bath and Wells)

Saturday Merryn, Roger Durbin (Pr), Nicholas Edwards, Alan & Poppy

This Church

- All those who come into our church to find the comfort of our Sacred Space.
- For those who enter this church as visitors and tourists, for those who come just to look
- For those looking to the coming 'Christian Year' wishing ways to take part in the *missio Dei*
- For those who make use of this space for meetings, rehearsals, concerts, exhibitions, exercise, classes, events and so much more.
- For those who come into this place weighed down through fear – fear of life and life events, the Covid virus, of those around them, and so many other causes

The Departed

James Souter, Roy Beckworth, Jill Masefield, Peter Jones, Douglas Henderson, Nina Thorp, David Andrews, Rita Plaise, Wendy Roberts, Jean Weeks, Barbara Collins, Wendy Bray (Pr).

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Dee Cirdland, Alan Rundle, Patricia Handford, Brian Callow, Molly Gapes, Diane Clover, Max, Cameron, Mary Barty

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 13	Pray for the many thousands of young people who will be attending music festivals this summer. Pray for Christians who offer a place to be, friendship and support in " Spirit/Faith Zones" during these events.
Tue 14	Richard Baxter, puritan divine 1691. Today is the anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire in North Kensington, London. Pray for those who live in and with the aftermath of the fire, in grief, loss and anger, and those who support them.
Wed 15	Mass 10.00am Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941 Pray for children and young people who will go into Care today: for courts, social workers, parents and foster parents as they strive to put vulnerable children first.
Thurs 16	Festival Mass 7.30pm Corpus Christi Give thanks today for our celebration of the Eucharist and our life at All Saints as a Eucharistic community.
Fri 17	Mass 10.00am Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social reformers 1913, 1936. Pray for those who continue to work for social reform: for individuals, agencies and charities working with the very poorest in our communities. Remember Sisters Teresa and Rosie and their work here in St.Pauls.
Sat 18	Many of us take our food and its variety for granted, pray for those working to ensure food production for the poorest areas of the world in a way which encourages self-sufficiency and healthy eating.
Sunday 19	1st Sunday after Trinity God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30am

If you would like to give regularly to the Church, please set up a standing order to the church account, details below ;

Parochial Church Council of All Saints

Account No. 65256747

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Gift Aid forms are available from the office

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