

ALL SAINTS NEWS

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Harvest

Harvest Festivals in Scripture

Feasts connected to harvest are mentioned in the Bible. The Feast of Weeks (Shavout) marked the first fruits of harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering (Sukkot) marked the end of harvest. In the Hebrew calendar, the Feast of Ingathering finished on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, Tishrei, which falls between late September and late October.

Exodus (23:16) 'You shall keep the feast of ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labour'. And again, in Exodus (34:22) where it is called the 'Festival of Ingathering at the year's end' in the traditional King James Version or the 'Festival of the Final Harvest' in newer translations. It marked the end of the harvest and thus of the agricultural year.

Thanksgiving Days

The Book of Common Prayer, used by the Church of England, provides for special Thanksgiving Prayers for specific occasions such as times of rain after drought, peace, deliverance from plague, and for plenty.

Sometimes national Thanksgiving Days were called for special occasions. Thanksgiving Days were called in 1588 after the defeat of the Spanish Armada, after the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805, in 1815 after the Battle of Waterloo, and on April 14 1833 to mark the end of a cholera epidemic.

Harvest Thanksgivings



In years when there was an abundant harvest nationally, there would be a nationally set Thanksgiving Day for the Church of England to thank God for the harvest. These thanksgivings were called Harvest Thanksgivings.

In the Church of England there were National Harvest Thanksgiving Days in 1796, 1801, 1810, 1813, 1832 and 1842. These were seen more in the West Country (Devon and Cornwall for instance) where the climate tends to be milder and harvest season typically begins earlier.

The mid-1840s are often referred to as the Hungry Forties due to a series of poor harvests. The most devastating event during this period was the Irish Potato Famine. In 1847, when a bountiful harvest finally occurred, a national Harvest Thanksgiving Day was established for Sunday, October 17, 1847, during which churches collected donations for the relief of the impoverished in Ireland.

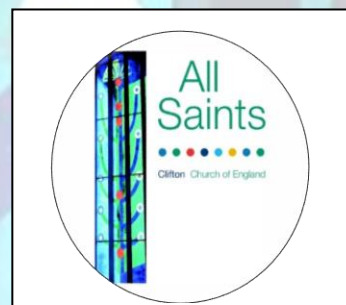
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Subsequent years saw further poor harvests. Everyone will have been grateful, therefore, for the bountiful harvest in 1854.

A national Harvest Thanksgiving Day was established on Sunday, October 1, 1854. Following this, more bountiful harvests were recorded in the years from 1855 to 1859. Despite experiencing a poor harvest in 1860, the concept of an annual Harvest Thanksgiving service had already gained popularity within the church calendar. By the 1860s, such services became a regular occurrence in Anglican churches, and by the 1870s, they began to be adopted by non-conformist churches as well. St Paul's Cathedral in London hosted its inaugural service in 1874.

There was nothing to stop a bishop or priest calling a local Harvest Thanksgiving. These were more common in the West Country especially in Devon and Cornwall where the English climate is generally milder, and harvest is usually earlier. Good harvests in Devon in the 1830s were marked by many Harvest Thanksgivings. Buckerell in Devon has held a Harvest Thanksgiving annually since 1840. In 1843 some local Harvest Thanksgivings were called in Cornwall. Revd J Ellis of St Minver held a harvest festival in September 1843.

Meanwhile Fr Robert Hawker of Morwenstow invited all his parishioners to a special service on the first Sunday in October 1843, to share communion with bread made from the newly harvested corn. This caught on and today many churches have a freshly made loaf on their communion table at harvest time.



Cynthia Ashford celebrates her 100th birthday

Several All Saints (and ex-All Saints) people attended a Big Birthday Tea for Cynthia last Monday at Oakhill Mansions. It was a wonderful occasion, not least because of the enthusiasm and warmth of the 'hostess' as she greeted her guests. She was thrilled with her cake and the card from the King and Queen. As a much loved and treasured member of this congregation over decades, we send her our love and congratulations on her century!





Pilgrimage Walk, Saturday 12th October

Our parish walks to date have lasted fewer than two hours and there has been some interest expressed in having a day-long walk, perhaps as a pilgrimage. Pilgrimage has three parts:

- the journey away from home and the leaving behind of the usual
- the destination which is usually a holy place
- the going home to live life more fully after the experience.

The October walk will thus be a pilgrimage taking a circular walk from Severn Beach to Aust. Why Aust? St Augustine of Canterbury is said to have met the British (including Welsh) bishops on the bank of the Severn at St Augustine's Oak in the early C7. In the absence of surviving cartography, we don't not know quite where this was, but it is believed to have been at Aust which is thus our holy place. The walks will follow the new reinforced sea wall beside the Severn, a metalled path for most of the way, to Aust where we will try to get in to the church of St John. We will then call at the Boar's Head for the intake and release of fluids before walking back to Aust through the meadows and over the rhynes.

Details

- 10 am train from Clifton Down to Severn Beach, ASLEF permitting
- Bring packed lunch as the Boar's Head is very popular and getting a group fed will take a considerable time
- Wear boots as it may be muddy and slippery particularly on the way back
- Trousers as some bits of the path are slightly brambly
- Distance about 12 km – recce took c. 2 hrs each way at a reasonable pace
- Bring binoculars if a birder; the migrants will be arriving
- Probably the 4.01pm train home
- A map and sign-up sheet will appear in the porch

Homelessness Sunday

Sunday 6th of October is Homelessness Sunday

Please think and reflect on the situation both locally and nationally. I will give more factual details on the Homelessness problem on Sunday 13th of October as I have been permitted to occupy the pulpit at the 10.30 Mass.

Vera Sanders



Rise In Song

for Climate Justice

tickets available
at Headfirst
£12/£8 concession



climate choir movement
in concert

11.10.24, 7pm @ All Saints Clifton

BDP CREATIVE COMMUNITIES 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY GALA

FRIDAY 11TH
OCTOBER
7:30PM AT
CIRCOMEDIA



CHALLENGING STIGMA,
CREATING ACCESS TO THE
ARTS AND BUILDING
POSITIVE CREATIVE
RECOVERY COMMUNITIES



CELEBRATING
10 YEARS OF
RECOVERY
THROUGH
THE ARTS



TICKETS AVAILABLE
ON HEADFIRST

Showcasing all six Creative Communities groups for people with lived experience of alcohol &/or drug use. Expect spine tingling acapella singing, orchestral arrangements of familiar epic songs & a co-written show stopping finale featuring spoken word & movement.

With Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra | Fitzhardinge Consort | Gasworks Choir

Bristol Sober Spaces DJs in our non-alcoholic bar

Raffle prizes from local businesses

CREATIVE
COMMUNITIES

7.30pm | 11/10/2024 | Circomedia BS2 8SJ | www.bdp.org.uk

Wayfarer Productions presents

THE BELOVED SON

A NEW PLAY BY MURRAY WATTS

WRITTEN AND PERFORMED
DIRECTED BY Murray Watts | BY Andrew Harrison

From the creators of the acclaimed *Mr Darwin's Tree* and *Fire From Heaven* comes a remarkable new play inspired by the life of Henri Nouwen (80mins duration)

7.30PM | THURSDAY | OCTOBER 10TH

COTHAM PARISH CHURCH | COTHAM RD | BRISTOL | BS6 6DR

TICKETS £12, PLUS BOOKING FEE
BOOKING LINK: www.hdfst.uk/e112590

(Doors open at 7pm, unreserved seating. Bar available)

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Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham 30th June- 3rd July 2025

Holy Trinity Horfield and the Union of Catholic Mothers' are once again travelling together to England's Nazareth next summer. If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with Caroline Plance on 07714 255670 or email: cjplance@gmail.com by 6th November.

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

**Sunday
October 6th
5 pm**

An orchestral
concert by
All Saints Players

Schumann
Konzertstück for Four Horns
and Orchestra

soloists
Claire Fraser-Tyttler : Alison Harris
Paul Tomlinson : Dave Ransom

Mozart 'Magic Flute' Overture
Beethoven 1st Symphony

Admission free
Tea and cake available before the concert from 4 pm

Come and Have Fun at Brownies!



We have a fab little Brownie unit that meets in the church every Friday night and desperately needs new Brownies!

Brownies is a group for girls aged 7-10, and we have tons of fun!

We have an action-packed programme each term, and girls have the opportunity to make lots of new friends, try new things, go on trips & residentials, and earn badges!

Come and join us!

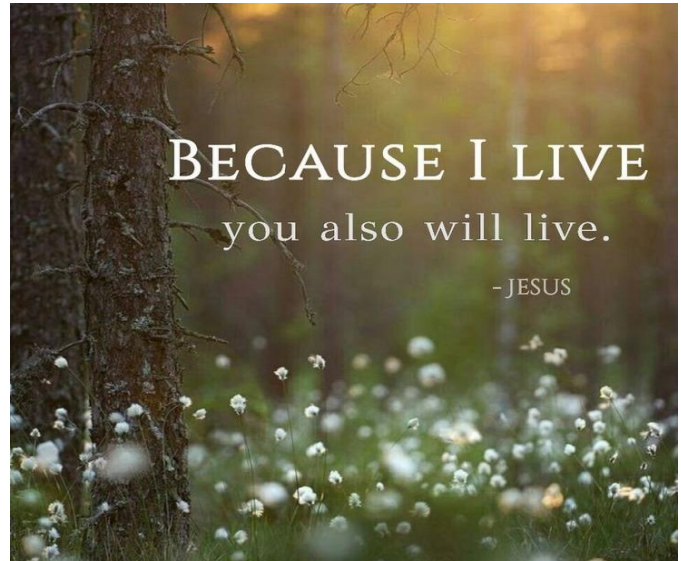
If this sounds interesting, get in touch with the Unit Leader, Andromeda, at 57thbristolbrownies@live.co.uk or text her on 07341557647

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 of the parish and our hearts whom we remember in our prayers:

Sunday

Tabitha Clark, Ruth and Richard Harding, Katie Norman, Neal Gordon, Joyce Shepherd, Cynthia Ashford Elisabeth Morgan Sathia Aruliah Sister Rosina Jean Detheridge Nicholas Parker Jack O'Sullivan and family Susie King Arthur Cleaver Sebastian Kloss Vyard Angel Wray

Monday

Sue Hilliar Hugh Farry

Tuesday.

Ryan Lindsey George Lympelopoulos Pam Parker

Wednesday

Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, Diana Verity, Samantha Tucker, Maureen Mumford

Thursday

Steve Cooper Barbera Freeman Remi Clarke

Friday

Charlotte Hopkins, Caroline Semon, Nicole Kaneza Nadine Benn John Badman

Saturday

The Departed

Myra York Raymond Clarke David Reed Maria Gingell Christopher Trelawny Ross Elizabeth McKie Cher Maximen

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Joan Peters Maureen Turnbull Jenny Healy Diana Harding John Weller (Pr) Val Probyn- Long Jean Baker Alan Starkey Frances Perkins Jennifer Machin Mildred Shute Josephine Whittaker Neville Sharpley Ruby Badman Mary Densham

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 7	Pray for all who teach; in our schools and universities, colleges and on courses. May we all be active learners, continually listening, challenging, thinking and growing. Pray for St John's School.
Tue 8	World Hospice and Palliative Care Day . Pray for the work of our local hospice, St.Peter's , and for those who work in palliative care in hospitals as they accompany those at the very end of their lives.
Wed 9	Mass 10.00 am Denys, bishop, and companions martyrs c.250 Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist. 1253 Pray for those priests and academics who study and research into theology in order to increase our knowledge of, inspiration by and understanding of, the things of God. Pray for those who seek to apply theology in church and pastoral practice so that theology has " legs" .
Thurs 10	Paulinus 644 Pray for all who struggle to share the Gospel. Some to great effect and others, struggling equally hard, but with less effect. Ask that we may find ways to share our faith in our own communities and to the best of our ability
Fri 11	Mass 10.00 am Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675 Pray for those who work to understand and protect us from fast spreading infections. Especially those who research epidemics and pandemics. Pray for those medical staff who put their lives on the line in caring for others with serious infections (Covid 19 but also other highly infectious diseases)
Sat 12	Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845 Pray for those who work to improve conditions inside prison, establish effective penal systems and find alternatives to incarceration.
Sunday 13	20th Trinity Pr 23 God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation, the joys of eternal life; 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
sort code 08 92 99

Gift Aid forms are available from the office
office@allsaintsclifton.org

We are committed to safeguarding children, young people, victims of domestic abuse and vulnerable adults.

If you have any Safeguarding concerns please contact :
 The Parish Safeguarding Officer - Caroline Davenport
c2davbristol@hotmail.com
 Janice Callow – office@allsaintsclifton.org mark for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.