



ALL SAINTS NEWS

30th March 2025
4th Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

Reflections for Mothering Sunday

By Andrea Corrie

The late Maya Angelou said, *"To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colours of a rainbow."* What better tribute to motherhood can there be?

This Sunday is Mothering Sunday, more commonly known as Mother's Day. I thought of dedicating this column to my lovely mum, but that wouldn't be inclusive enough to recognise the special place that all mums occupy. So, it is for everyone – let us salute mothers and mother figures everywhere and wish them all a very happy Mother's Day!

I have previously composed reflections for the BBC and share here a broadcast which was aired on Mother's Day 2021:

'Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent and we call it Mothering Sunday.'

Centuries ago, it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So, each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit the main church or cathedral of their area. It is likely that this led to the custom of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, being given the day off to visit their mother and family. As they walked along the country lanes, children picked wildflowers to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift; perhaps the beginning of today's more commercial traditions.

It is easy to imagine youngsters in Devon foraging in the hedgerows for posies of flowers to give to their mothers: they would have found dog-violets, primroses and perhaps some late daffodils or early bluebells.

Mothers take many forms. Whether or not we become biological parents, we teach and nurture, offering wisdom, example, and practical experience. We pick up our children when they fall and love them unconditionally. I was very lucky to have my mum and 20 years since she died, she is still greatly loved and missed.

But not everyone has a good relationship with their mother and Mother's Day can be difficult for a variety of reasons. There are those who desperately long to be given the beautiful privilege of motherhood, for whom the day is also especially hard. Some people become mother figures without being literal mothers:

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fostering, nurturing, caring and loving as much as any other mothers.

I was blessed with a son and a daughter, and although my son James died in his teens in 2005, I will always be the mother of two wonderful children. The bereavement organisation, the Compassionate Friends, offers peer support for bereaved parents, which is particularly valuable on days like Mothering Sunday.

For everyone, it is your mum who knew you in the womb, grew you and bore you out into the world. That gives every single one of us, of whatever gender, the commonality, and a God-given uniqueness that make us the wonderful human creatures that we are.

In the Bible, the Book of Proverbs says of a mother:

‘She is clothed with strength and dignity;
She can laugh at the days to come.
She speaks with wisdom,
And faithful instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household
And does not eat the bread of idleness.’

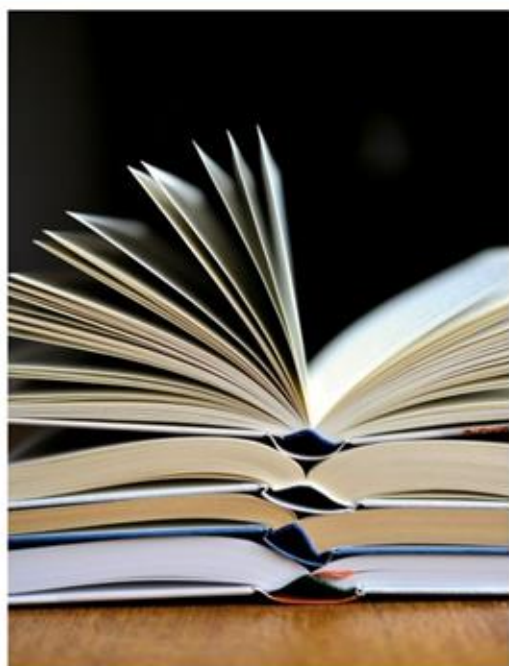
How well these words transport down the years to today, as so many mums breathe a huge sigh of relief that this year, after two years of separation due to lockdown, we can again enjoy spending time with our children. Mums are all heroines in my eyes, including my daughter Stella. How lucky we are to have the freedom to celebrate and to be able to move freely within our mother country, something that is denied to so many families at the moment. I hope that all mothers everywhere can enjoy something of the special time they deserve, on this Mothering Sunday.

Andrea Corrie, Author of *Living in the Mourning Light* and *Into the Mourning Light*

A Key Question.....

Have you completed your Electoral Roll Application Form?

Last chance before Applications Close



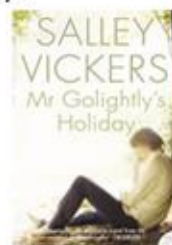
All Saints Book Group

Wed 23rd April and Wed 25th June
7-9 pm
in the Sacristy

Join us for our bi-monthly book group in the Sacristy of All Saints. Every other month, a new book – bringing readers together for lively discussions and great company!

Our book for the **Wed 23rd April** meeting will be:

Mr Golightly's Holiday
By Salley Vickers



The 2025 All Saints Parish Retreat

Llangasty Retreat House, Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th May 2025



This year's Parish Retreat will once again be held at Llangasty Retreat House from **Friday 23 to Sunday 25 May 2025**. The retreat leader this year is our own Mthr Nicola Stanley and her theme will be: '**Praying the Eucharist: On the Road to Emmaus**'



The cost is £230 for the whole weekend, and includes accommodation and all meals. As always, the retreat will follow a scheduled programme based around the daily offices and a number of presentations. However, you can choose entirely what you want to join in with. Some just use the time to rest, and Llangasty is the most wonderful place to do just that; either taking a walk in the grounds or surrounding countryside, relaxing with a book or just sitting in the lounge or on the terrace, looking out at the wonderful view over Llangors Lake.

Numbers are limited, so **book now** by putting your name on the sign-up sheet in the church porch, and/or send an email to Helen (helen@helensutton.com) or Liz (liz.badman@virginmedia.com). Once you've booked, full information and payment details will be sent in due course.

More detailed information can be found here:
<https://tinyurl.com/Parish-Retreat-2025>



BAR NEWS



At the recent AGM, All Saints Society members were delighted to hear that the bar has had another successful year in the social life of the church. Membership and profits are healthy and it was agreed to hold most prices – only possible with careful purchasing, taking account of supermarket discounts. Donations totalling £1100 were agreed - £500 to All Saints, £100 to the Sudanese Students appeal and £500 to the USPG Lent Appeal to support the Anglican Al Ahli hospital in Gaza funded by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. We are very pleased that the Trustees of All Saints Endowments have agreed to match fund the USPG donation.

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol



**Sunday
April
6th
6pm**

Journey to the Cross

A reflection in words & music

**The All Saints Flower Team invite you to
Easter Craft for Everyone.**



Easter Baskets, Easter Wreaths
Potato Animals, Plate Gardens
Mostly for children but fun for
everyone !

Saturday 12th April 10.30 to 12.30

£5 entry, donated to charity.

Children, please bring an adult !

All Saints , Clifton Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol, [BS8 3ED](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/council/councillors-and-candidates/election-results/2019)

Contact us - 0117 9741355

Book your place office@allsaintsclifton.org or just come on the day.

Cash only please

Calling all children, grandchildren, nieces and
nephews !

The All Saints Flower Team are having a craft
session on Saturday 12th from 10.30 am
making fun things for Easter.

Book a place online at

office@allsaintsclifton.org

or just turn up on the door.

£5 entry fee goes to the Lent Charities
Bristol Children's Charity and Bristol Refugee
Rights.

Don't forget to bring a grown up !

The closure date for the new Electoral Roll is 2nd April 2025. The completed Roll, names only, will be displayed from 6th of April 2025 and the Parish Office should be notified of any corrections.

Please complete the Application form in the Atrium and either place it in the envelope provided or leave it in the Parish Office.

Contact details are retained securely and used for the Electoral Roll.

Thank you

Nomination forms for the election of members of the PCC, Deanery Synod and the role of Churchwarden are also available in the Atrium. If you would like a nomination form by e mail, please contact the Parish Office.



Friends Together

at All Saints, Clifton

A Dementia accessible café **for all**.
Support, guidance, information and friendship
with tea, coffee and cake included.

Join us for...

- Reminiscence activities
- Support, guidance, and information
- Tea, coffee, cake
- Fun, laughter – and friendship!

WHERE? The Randall Room, All Saints Church
WHEN? 1st Thursday of **every** month
TIME? 10.00am-12.00pm

Café Dates 2025 ALWAYS THE 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

2 nd January	1 st May	4 th September
6 th February	5 th June	2 nd October
6 th March	3 rd July	6 th November
3 rd April	7 th August	4 th December



 **Bristol Dementia
Action Alliance**

All Saints, Clifton supports the work of BDAA to make
Bristol a dementia aware city. For more information
about the work of BDAA see their website bdaa.org.uk

For further information, please call All Saints Parish Office
on 0117 974 1355 or see the website for latest updates.

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Clifton Church of England



Thursday 3rd April Redland Park United Reformed Church, BS6 6SA
Revd Karen Sethuraman Soul Space, N Ireland
Who is my Neighbour?

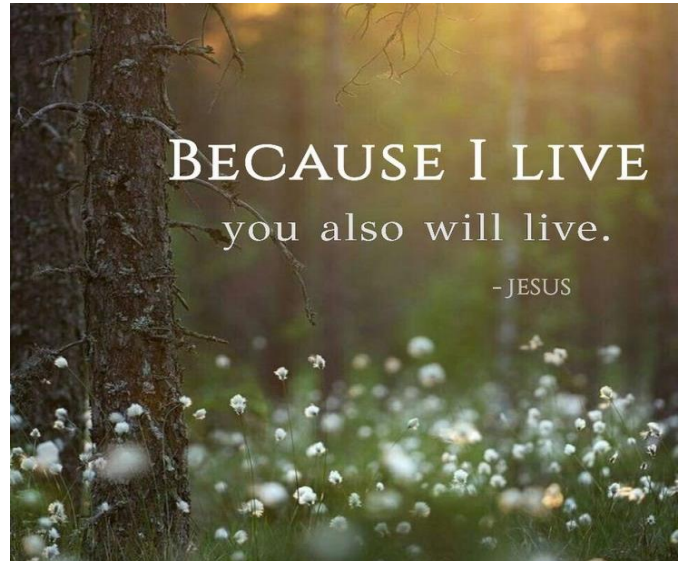
Thursday 10th April at Victoria Methodist Church, BS8 1NU
John Cooper, Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation
The fierce urgency of Peace

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 the O'Sullivan family Susie King Arthur Cleaver Vyard Angel Wray Nicky Epina Oussama and Claire Sader Sarah James Cooper Jean Bradford Adam Chivers Lucille Osafa Andrew French

Monday

Sue Hilliar Hugh Farry

Tuesday.

Ryan Lindsey George Lymperopoulos 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 Zoe Punyer

Saturday

The Departed

Stephen Jordon Maureen Badman Pat LePetit Richard Ashby Jean Knott Olivia Griffiths Ann Wardrop John Badman Charles Easmon

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Roy Ross Jenny Bell Annette Roberts Esme Davis Simon Andrews Sophie Marriott Ella Wheeler



ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 31	John Donne, priest, poet 1631 Pray for all who work in the medical profession. Doctors, nurses, researchers, technicians and all staff. Give thanks for the NHS. Pray for those who are in need of medical attention but are unable to receive it.
Tue April 1	Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest & Teacher 1872 1838 published The Kingdom of Christ, a discussion of the causes and cures of divisions within the Christian Church. He was much concerned with the role of the Church in speaking to social questions, speaking of "faith in a God who has redeemed mankind, in whom I may vindicate my rights as a man." He organized the Christian Socialist Movement, which, he wrote, "will commit us at once to the conflict we must engage in sooner or later with the unsocial Christians and unchristian Socialists." His work is one of the reasons why Socialism in England has been largely devoid of the avowedly anti-Christian overtones it had in many other countries.
Wed 2	Mass 10.00am Pray for those without faith, for those searching, for those who have experienced trauma that means they are unable to have faith. An estimated 2% of the world population are atheist.
Thurs 3	Pray for all in healthcare administration – leadership, management and administration of public health systems, hospitals and hospital networks. Pray for smooth running, positive and effective connections between different structures and organisations, and the achievement of positive outcomes for the common goal which is the good health of society. Pray for parts of the world without these facilities.
Fri 4	Mass 10.00am Rats, usually the though brings negative associations. In the west rats are thought to have spread disease and damage goods and food supplies. The term is used as an expletive or to describe unscrupulous characters. Pray for all who are negatively and unfairly 'labelled' in this and other societies, may we become increasingly aware of the meaning and effect of language we use about others.
Sat 5	<i>Hope springs eternal in the human breast; Man never is, but always to be blessed: The soul, uneasy and confined from home, Rests and expatiates in a life to come.</i> Alexander Pope, An Essay on Man
Sunday 6	5th Sunday of Lent Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 for ever. Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30

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 Officers - Caroline Davenport & Janice Callow at office@allsaintsclifton.org marked for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.