

ALL SAINTS NEWS

6th April 2025
5th Sunday of Lent

God's Purpose and Presence revealed in the Land of the Holy One by Lord Rowan Williams



I'm struck again and again when I read the accounts of Jesus' passion and death in the gospels by the close focus on *place*. There are scholars who argue that the original passion narrative would have been something like a script for a 'Stations of the Cross' liturgy performed by the first Christians in Jerusalem – a sequence of short narrative episodes that could be read or recited at different sites around the city. This makes a good deal of sense.

The first Christians would have been sensitive to the idea that that they could be connected with God's action simply by standing in the place where God had shown the divine purpose and presence. The very idea of the land of promise in Hebrew scripture is bound up with the belief that the soil you stand on is a living sign of divine faithfulness – in the succession of the seasons and the harvests but also in its silent witness to what God has done in history.

It's one reason why the 'Holy Land' should not be a matter of contested territory between Jews and Christians – and indeed Muslims: there is a single promise at the root of it all, the promise to Abraham that he and his descendants will have a place in which to make real and concrete the will of God for a loving and just society. That is the ground – literally – on which Jews, Christians and Muslims can find something to work for passionately together.

The living will of God for a justice that will embrace all is something that can't remain an abstraction. There has to be somewhere for it to happen, and in Hebrew scripture this is the land of promise. The Christian revelation doesn't either deny the importance of the land of promise understood in this way, or seek to compete with or displace the people of the First Covenant; but it declares that, on this soil of the land of promise, God's justice has been embodied uniquely



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and completely in the child of promise, Jesus of Nazareth.

Here, in this place within this particular timeframe, the Wisdom of God walked the earth and suffered the violence of political power at the hands of an occupying empire which had seized the land of promise by force.

To walk the path which Jesus literally and physically walked in the days of Holy Week is to say that Jesus once again reveals the land's true function as a place where God's will is made visible in history; he fulfils the promise of the land of promise. We who trust in the promise renewed and fleshed out in Jesus are called to make that will visible in our own settings; to make the purpose of God as clear as Jesus did, with the same specificity and local particularity, in all the ways that are demanded by the details of that setting, with all the deep attention to those demands that Jesus shows. Walking through the Stations of the Cross, 'walking through' the Passion story as those earliest Christians may have done, rehearsing that same journey symbolically in our liturgy, is a way of recalling ourselves to our vocation to make the soil we stand upon holy by enacting the will of God there, struggling with all our energy to find how we do that with our brothers and sisters of other faiths and identities. In the words of the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews, we have found a 'new and living way' through Jesus, a new way to realise and honour the holiness of the soil we tread on.

Rowan Williams 2022

Lent Charities in a Season of Self-Denial

This Lent we are hoping to help two small local charities through collecting the proceeds of our seasonal self-denial. The charities have been chosen because they provide uncomplicated but life-improving support to people who are the least well equipped to articulate their needs. The charities are:



i. [Bristol Children's Charity](#) who provide basics such as beds and bedding for children who have none, specialist equipment for children living with disabilities or basic white goods for families moving into unfurnished accommodation.

ii. [Bristol Refugee Rights](#) support new arrivals to the city to settle in, make friends, receive language support and lessons, bring young children out to a crèche and play area, eat in a café, have a free haircut, get help with legal processes and most importantly, feel they are valued.



Please put your cash donations in the steel box under the tower in a gift aid envelope marked Lent Collection, or through the card machine but do also mark up a gift aid envelope.

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>



A funeral service for
Jean Detheridge
will take place at 2pm
on
Monday 7th April
at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Andrew,
Toller Porcorum,
Dorset DT2 0DE

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol



**Sunday
April
6th
6pm**

Journey to the Cross

A reflection in words & music

concert matinée

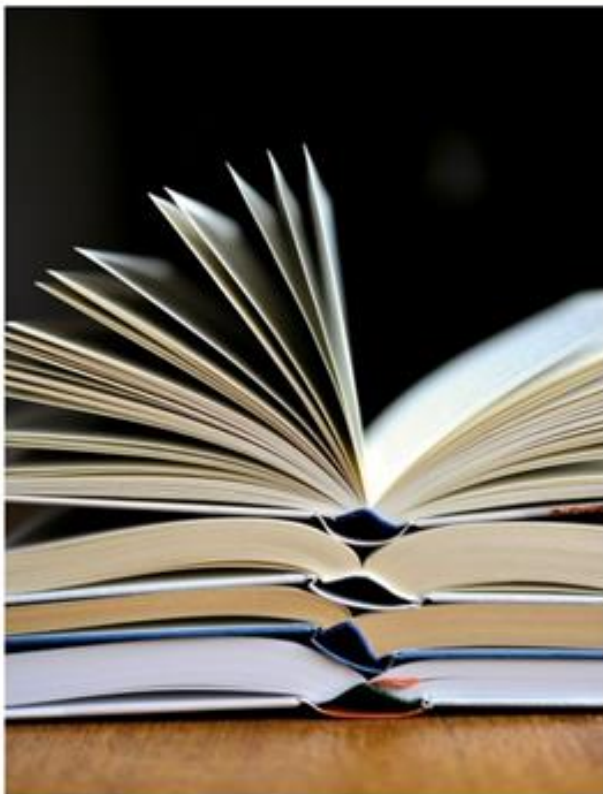
All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

**Saturday
April 5th
4 pm**



**Bristol Brass
40th
Anniversary Concert**

Tea and cake retiring collection



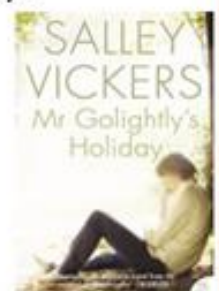
All Saints Book Group

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 completed Electoral Roll 2025, names only, will be displayed from 6th of April 2025 until the APCM on Sunday 27th April.

The Parish Office should be notified of any corrections.

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

Thank you



ASC Walks
everyone, and their dog, welcome

Saturday 12th
April
Kings Weston
Estate
– beautiful and
blighted



Meet 10.30 at the bus stop outside Boots, Clifton Down.
Contact georginaharford@hotmail.com 07767 74 61 68
if you would like to come.

The next Clifton Down Community Association **WILDLIFE WALK** will be on **Sunday 6th April**, heading from Clifton Down Station (Platform 1) to Severn Beach. **Steve England**, an amazing botanist, forager and wildlife enthusiast will lead the walk. You will be amazed at what we will find!! Please send an email djlrdp@aol.com to reserve your place. We will meet at 10:50 to catch the 1:00 train and aim to be back by 16:00.

The **ASC walk in May** will be to see the bluebells at Barrow Court.
The **June walk** will be on the pathways of Stoke Bishop.

LENT CONVERSATIONS 2025

FACETS OF VIOLENCE—PATHS TO PEACE

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

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

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 !



Palm Sunday

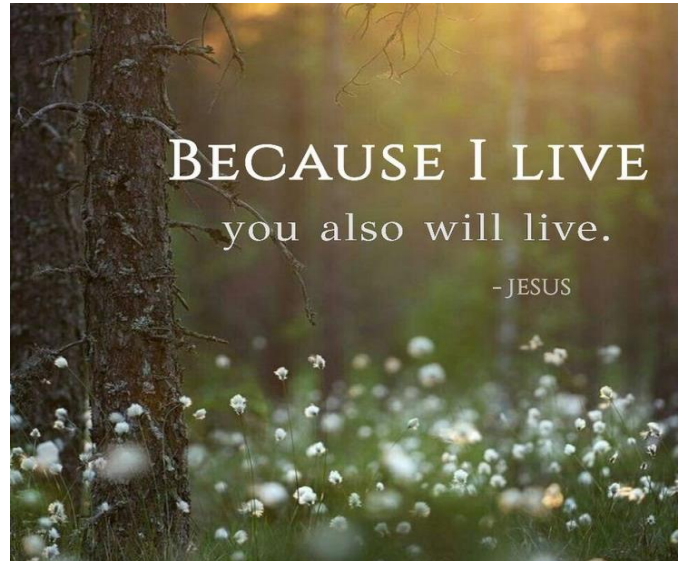
Mass for Palm Sunday begins at 10.15 am

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 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

Maureen Badman Pat LePetit Richard Ashby Jean Detheridge Olivia Griffiths Ann Wardrop John Badman Charles Easmon Elisabeth Morgan

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Win Cormack Anne Burrough Jean Weeks James Dalglish Tom Marsh David Hetherington Ron Pulsford Ethel Mary Gillard Peggy Cleeve Cynthia Glover-Lloyd



ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 7	Give thanks for the existence of all living things. Remember that at creation we are given the responsibility of care for all of creation – may we be enabled to live up to this responsibility. Think about what 'stewardship' means to the Church.
Tue 8	Prayers in thanksgiving for the wonder of creation, for the teeming life on this planet and for our acknowledgement of the human responsibility for its continuation. Pray for other life forms within the universe.
Wed 9	Mass 10.00 am Dietrich Bonhoeffer Lutheran Pastor 1945 Dietrich Bonhoeffer was an anti-Nazi theologian and pastor during World War II. Best remembered for authoring the Christian classics <i>The Cost of Discipleship</i> and <i>Life Together</i> , Bonhoeffer was born in 1906 in Germany and began his journey in church leadership during the rise of the Nazi regime. "God loves human beings. God loves the world. Not an ideal human, but human beings as they are; not an ideal world, but the real world. What we find repulsive in their opposition to God, what we shrink back from with pain and hostility... this is for God the ground of unfathomable love."
Thurs 10	Willian Law, Priest 1761 Pray for the good order of society. That those in positions of power or authority have wisdom and insight. Pray for beekeepers and all who are involved in many different ways with the life of bees.
Fri 11	Mass 10.00 am George Selwyn, first Bishop of New Zealand 1878 Pray for the people of New Zealand, the students, academic staff and other staff of Selwyn College (Cambridge). Pray for the Church Missionary Society and its work (Bishop Selwyn was 'thrown out of the CMS because he was too 'high church and had Anglo Catholic tendencies).
Sat 12	Pray for those individuals who are 'different', who mark themselves out through behaviour, dress or in other ways as people who don't conform. Let us try to understand their statements or motivations rather than condemning them as 'not like us'.
Sunday 13	Palm Sunday Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.15

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.