

ALL SAINTS NEWS

20th April 2025
Easter Sunday

He is Risen!



Easter Blessings

John 20: 10b – 18

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?'

She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to

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be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'

Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Easter Wings by George Herbert

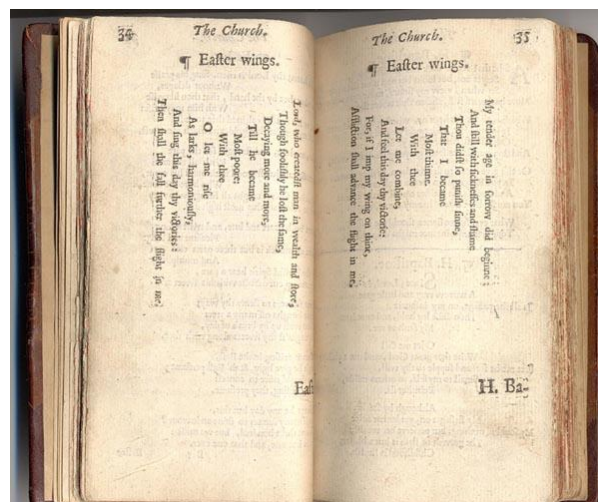
Lord, who createdst man in wealth and store,
Though foolishly he lost the same,
Decaying more and more,
Till he became
Most poore:
With thee
O let me rise
As larks, harmoniously,
And sing this day thy victories:
Then shall the fall further the flight in me.

My tender age in sorrow did beginne
And still with sicknesses and shame.
Thou didst so punish sinne,
That I became
Most thinne.
With thee
Let me combine,
And feel thy victorie:
For, if I imp my wing on thine,
Affliction shall advance the flight in me.

Suffering and Redemption

In "Easter Wings," the speaker meditates on how one's relationship to God offers relief from pain—and how that pain is what allows for spiritual redemption in the first place. The speaker suggests that through devotion to God, one can overcome suffering and find spiritual freedom and redemption. In fact, the poem suggests that the speaker's suffering is what actually makes this redemption possible, and that the speaker's spiritual freedom will be all the more powerful *because of* the pain the speaker has endured.

The poem links the speaker's pain to Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. The title "Easter Wings" specifically connects the poem to Easter Sunday, when, according to the Bible, Christ rose from the dead. According to Christian theology, Christ redeemed humanity's inherent sinfulness through his suffering on the cross. Again, then, suffering goes hand in hand with salvation. And just as Christ rose from the dead, those who *follow* Christ will find their own spiritual resurrection or rebirth in Heaven. The speaker thus suggests that Christ's resurrection offers the speaker the metaphorical "wings" that will allow the speaker to transcend, to fly above, sin-caused suffering.



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**'

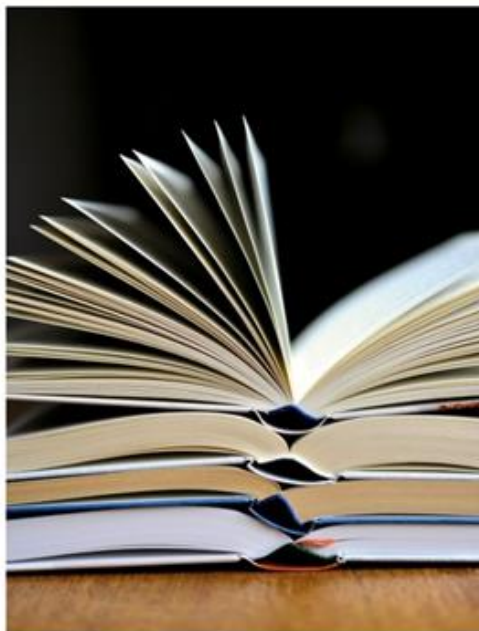


The cost is £230 for the whole weekend, and includes accommodation and all meals. As always, the retreat will follow a scheduled programme based around the daily offices and a number of presentations. However, you can choose entirely what you want to join in with. Some just use the time to rest, and 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>



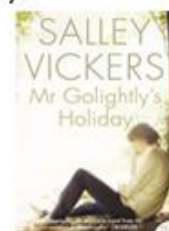
All Saints Book Group

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



Easter Lilies

This year the Easter Lilies are commemorating ...

Rene and Charles Trude

John Simpson Chellathurai & Athisayau Arulanantham

Josephine Whittaker Stephen and Rosemary Robinson



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

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.



All Saints

Clifton Church of England

MATINEE RECITAL
4-5pm, Saturday 3rd May 2025



QUORUM

Imogen Triner - oboe
Sally Bartholomew- bassoon
James Drinkwater - piano

including trios by Marin Marais, Francis Poulenc and Madeleine Dring, and solo works by Britten, Groves and Bridge

free entry - retiring collection
tea and cake afterwards

**All Saints Church, Pembroke Road, Clifton,
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All Saints Flower Team Easter Crafts



On Saturday 12th of April members of the All Saints Flower Team gathered to offer a selection of Easter crafts for children and occasionally their parents.



Everyone had fun creating Easter gardens, Easter flower pictures and Easter baskets and some very interesting potato creatures, these are a stegosaurus and a horse !



All Saints Church
Pembroke Rd Clifton



Tea &
Taizé

Taizé
Evening
Prayer

A simple
meditative
form
of worship

Tea
4 – 4.30pm

Followed by a
short

Service

Sunday
May 4th

TEA AND TAIZÉ AT ALL SAINTS



Sunday, 4th May, 4.00 pm

Please come and enjoy a cup of tea (or coffee) followed by a simple, meditative service based on the worship practised by the ecumenical Taizé community in France which welcome people from all over the world. (www.taize.fr).

Everyone is welcome.

This will be a contemplative service in a relaxed, candlelit setting, with beautiful chants, prayerful silence, and short readings.

Signs of new life, giant Sunflower seedlings!

Giant sunflower seedlings will be available in the atrium on Easter Day – they're fun to grow and will just need staking, re-potting in due course and protecting at night if frost is forecast. They're free to good homes but if you could make a small donation to the church that would also be great. Please see Mthr Nicola in the Atrium.

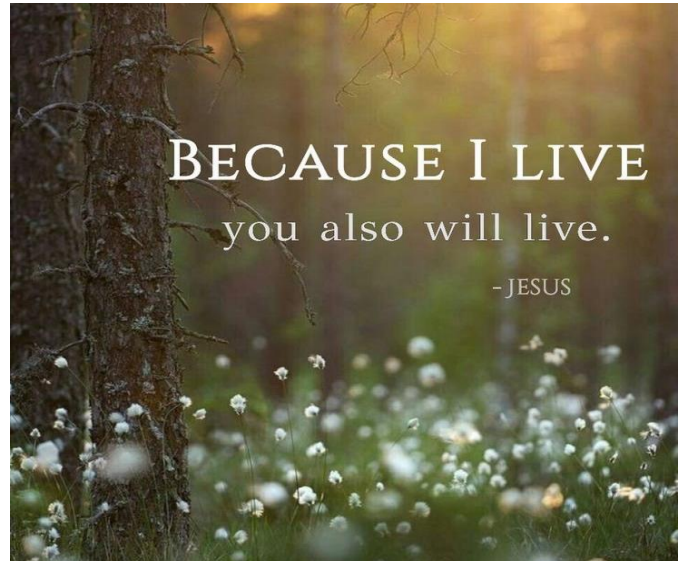


Prayers Requests

'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:

Charles Clarke Beryl Dean Marguerite Walker Helen Roberts Bunny Vile Mary Oakley Barbara Biggs



ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 21	Monday of Easter Week Pray for our planet. In particular all those who work to positively impact on the environmental and ecological issues we face at local and global levels.
Tue 22	Tuesday of Easter Week <i>"What a piece of work is man, How noble in reason, how infinite in faculty, In form and moving how express and admirable, In action how like an Angel, In apprehension how like a god, The beauty of the world, The paragon of animals."</i> (Talk like Shakespeare – and reflect on the wonder of humankind).
Wed 23	Wednesday of Easter Week Mass 10.00am (George is transferred to 28 th April) Pray that the Church may 'rise up' (Isaiah 60:1) and take a positive lead in promoting reconciliation, both within communities where needed and between the nations of the world that in these uncertain times.
Thurs 24	Thursday of Easter Week Malaria is a mosquito-borne infectious disease that affects humans and other animals. Malaria causes symptoms that typically include fever, tiredness, vomiting, and headaches. In severe cases it can cause yellow skin, seizures, coma, or death. Symptoms usually begin ten to fifteen days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. In 2016, there were 216 million cases of malaria worldwide resulting in an estimated 445,000 to 731,000 deaths.
Fri 25	Friday of Easter Week Mass 10.00am Give thanks for the work of Earth Scientists (Charles Richter) in enabling us to understand our planet and its rhythms. Especially we pray for all those living in or caught up in what we term as 'natural disasters' (and their after effects).
Sat 26	Saturday of Easter Week Mass 10.30am Books have Power. Not simply to influence thinking and opinion but to increase awareness, excite and explore, communicate meaning and truth, shape a culture and so much more. Pray for authors and booksellers (especially our Independent book shops)
Sunday 27	2nd Sunday of Easter Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth 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 Officers - Caroline Davenport & Janice Callow at office@allsaintsclifton.org marked for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.