

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

4<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
Easter 3

## Saints Philip and James

In the sixth century, Pope Pelagius I travelled to Constantinople and brought the relics of the Apostles Philip and James back to Rome, placing them in what is today called the Church of the Holy Apostles. It is for this reason that we honour these two Apostles together with one feast.

Saint Philip was one of the Twelve Apostles. He was most likely a follower of Saint John the Baptist and was aware of John pointing to Jesus as the Messiah. Philip might have been a brother to Simon Peter and Andrew, making him a fisherman by trade. The day after Simon and Andrew were invited to follow Jesus, Jesus encountered Philip and said, "Follow me" (John 1:43). Philip obeyed. He was from the town of Bethsaida, just north of the Sea of Galilee. Philip's first act of evangelization was to tell his friend, Nathanael, that they had found the Messiah. Nathanael was reluctant at first, stating to Philip, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip's response was ideal. He said to his friend, "Come and see" (John 1:46). When Nathanael came and saw, he immediately professed his faith in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Early Church theologians believe that Philip followed our Lord from that time forward, witnessing Jesus' first miracle at Cana.

When Jesus established the Twelve, Philip was among them. He is mentioned in John's Gospel during the feeding of the 5,000 when Jesus sees the large crowd and then turns to Philip and says, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?". Philip is also mentioned in connection with Greek-speaking Gentiles who want to see Jesus, possibly indicating that Philip could speak Greek and was known to the Greek community. At the Last Supper, as Jesus was speaking about the Father, Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us", to which Jesus gently responded, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father".

After Pentecost, little is known about Philip's missionary activity. Ancient traditions state he preached in Greece, Phrygia, and Syria, being martyred at an old age in Hierapolis, Phrygia, modern-day southwest Turkey, not far from Ephesus where Saint Paul established a church. Philip is believed to have died either by being crucified upside down or by beheading.

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Saint James is also one of the Twelve. The traditional view, from as early as the second century, is that there are only two disciples of Christ in the New Testament with the name James. Some modern scholars identify three or more. If we stick with the traditional view, which was also held by Saint Jerome in the fourth century, then the two James's are James the Son of Zebedee and James the Less (also referred to as James the brother of the Lord, and James the Son of Alphaeus)



Later authors call him James the Just. If James the Less is also the James who is the Lord's brother, then James' father was Alphaeus and his mother was Mary of Clopas, the sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This would make James the nephew of the Blessed Virgin and a first cousin to Jesus. He is referred to as Jesus' "brother" because it was common at that time to refer to cousins and other relatives as brothers and sisters. In Mark's Gospel, Levi (better known as Matthew) is also referred to as the son of Alphaeus which could make James and Matthew brothers.

In his letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul relates that the Lord appeared to James after His Resurrection. After Pentecost, James became the first bishop of the Church in Jerusalem. The Acts of the Apostles relates that it was James, as the head of the Jerusalem Church, who oversaw the First Council of Jerusalem and declared the final judgment on behalf of Peter (see Acts 15). Eusebius, a fourth-century bishop, writes that James spent long hours in the Temple of Jerusalem: "...he was in the habit of entering alone into the temple, and was frequently found upon his knees begging forgiveness for the people, so that his knees became hard like those of a camel." Eusebius also wrote about James' martyrdom, "...he was thrown from the pinnacle of the temple, and was beaten to death with a club." Traditionally, the New Testament letter of James is believed to have been written by James the Less, although modern scholars question this fact. That letter was a general letter, most likely sent to all of the Jewish Christian communities. It begins, "James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the dispersion, greetings". The letter then goes on to give encouragement in trials and persecutions, exhortations and warnings, and concludes by speaking of the power of prayer.

What we know for certain about these two disciples is that they were among the Twelve Apostles. They were uniquely chosen by the Savior to continue His divine mission of evangelizing the world. They embraced their ministry heroically, establishing communities of believers, preaching the Gospel, offering the sacraments, performing miracles, and governing the early Church. Allow the apostolic zeal and the courageous martyrdom of these apostles to inspire you today with the same zeal and courage, so that God can also send you forth on mission.

*Reflection from 'Saints of the Liturgical Year' by John Paul Thomas*  
*This is the pen name this priest has chosen in honour of the Apostles*  
*Saints John and Thomas and the great evangelist Saint Paul.*

*Shrine of Philip and James*





# Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

**Pilgrimage Dates: Monday 6 – Friday 10 October 2025.**

## ***'Save the Date'***

During the autumn there will be a series of sessions exploring the place and significance of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the Church and in the prayer and discipline of individual Christians.

This will be led by Mthr Nicola.

It will include an opportunity for a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Further details to follow in due course.



## **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](mailto:helen@helensutton.com)) or Liz ([liz.badman@virginmedia.com](mailto: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>





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All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

# organ recitals Wednesdays in May

at **1.10pm**

7<sup>th</sup> Huw Morgan (All  
Saints Clifton)

14<sup>th</sup> Paul Walton\*  
(Bristol Cathedral)

21<sup>st</sup> Paul Walton\*

28<sup>th</sup> Alison Howell (St  
John's Keynsham)

\*All JS Bach programmes including one  
trio sonata per recital in May, July and  
September

**ASC Walks**  
**everyone, and their dog, welcome**



**Saturday May 10th**

**Birds, Trees and Bluebells at Barrow Court.  
A circular walk in the country.**

**Meet 10.30 outside the Church.**

**Car share – please contact Georgina.**

[georginaharford@hotmail.com](mailto:georginaharford@hotmail.com) or text 07767746168

The **June walk** will be on the pathways of Stoke Bishop.



## TEA AND TAIZÉ AT ALL SAINTS



Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



All Saints SUNDAY 18TH MAY  
@ 12.30PM

Clifton Church of England



JOIN US IN THE RANDALL ROOM AFTER PARISH MASS  
FOR  
A DELICIOUS HOME-COOKED LUNCH

VEGETARIAN/VEGAN/GLUTEN FREE CAN BE ACCOMMODATED IF  
REQUESTED IN ADVANCE

CASH BAR

TICKETS £7  
(Family Ticket: £14)

ON SALE IN CHURCH FROM SUNDAY 27th APRIL

Contact Janice: [rjhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rjhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk)

OR  
All Saints Parish Office: 0117 974 1355  
[www.allsaintsclifton.org](http://www.allsaintsclifton.org)

Tickets for the next Parish Lunch, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of May, are on sale now.

An opportunity to meet friends, old and new and enjoy a home cooked lunch.

A Cash Bar will be available.

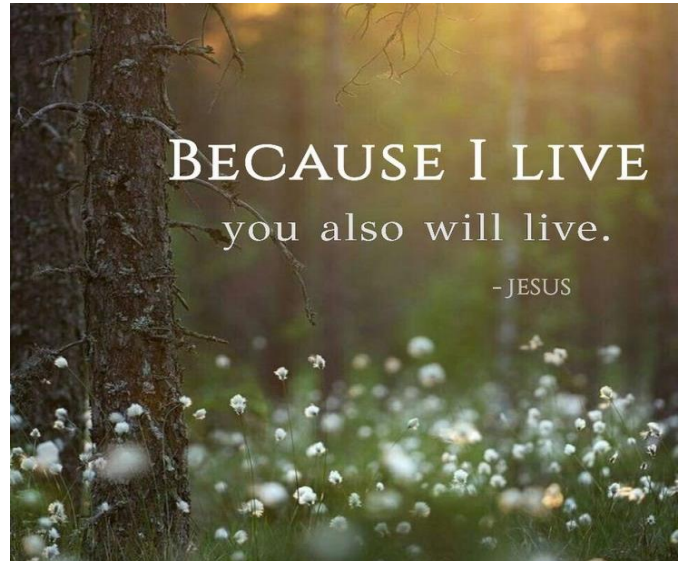
Book your place early to avoid disappointment

## 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 Jean Bradford Adam Chivers Lucille Osafo 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:

Miles Portman Mary Harris Dennis Neill Madeleine Prewett Joan Souter Vera Price



# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 5	Pray for men who suffer in silence. Many men believe that to be 'manly' is to suffer and not ask for help. Many take the full consequence of this decision. Suicide is the biggest killer of men under 45 in the UK.
Tue 6	Give thanks for all who work to maintain our water supplies, to keep our oceans clean and free of pollutants and who bring water to those who thirst. Pray for those who are short of water (especially in the Southern Sahara), pray for those who are afflicted by floods
Wed 7	Pray for: those obsessed with diet, for those who have problems with their body image, for those who suffer from eating disorders, for those who are obese or emaciated.
Thurs 8	<b>Mass 10.00am Julian of Norwich 1417</b> We ask you Father, to send your Holy Spirit to be with us so that we too may learn to draw good from evil (as described by St Julian; and in the works of TS Eliot "...All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well".
Fri 9	<b>Mass 10.00am</b> Give thanks for all who work to maintain our water supplies, to keep our oceans clean and free of pollutants and who bring water to those who thirst. Pray for those who are short of water (especially in the Southern Sahara), pray for those who are afflicted by floods.
Sat 10	Pray for those who have been made scapegoats, those who suffer unjust blame (individuals and groups); and also whistle-blowers.
Sunday 11	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever  <b>Early Worship 9.00am</b> <b>Parish Mass 10.30am</b>

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](mailto: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](mailto:office@allsaintsclifton.org) marked for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.