

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

7<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity

## A Beautiful Coda: Bishop Viv's Calling

On 1st September 2025, the Rt Revd Vivienne Faull retired as Bishop of Bristol following her announcement in February this year. To honour her dedicated service, individuals from across the country gathered at Bristol Cathedral on Saturday 30 August to celebrate her time as Bishop and wish her well in retirement.

Bishop Viv was enthroned as the 56th Bishop of Bristol at Bristol Cathedral on 20th October 2018. Under her leadership, the Diocese has seen tangible growth in its transformational values of bravery, creativity, generosity, and openness. She has championed inclusion, sustainability, and the flourishing and founding of Church communities across Bristol, Swindon, South Gloucestershire and North Wiltshire. Much of this progress is a result of the 'Transforming Church. Together' strategy, established in 2021.

In tribute, The Very Revd Dr Mandy Ford, Dean of Bristol, said that Bishop Viv has been "an inspiration to women in ministry since the 1980s. Noting her gratitude for Bishop Viv's "encouragement over the years, firstly in the Diocese of Leicester, and most recently in Bristol."



## A Champion of Progress and Justice.

Throughout her ministry, Bishop Viv has been a pioneer. She was the first female Chaplain of an Oxford or Cambridge college, proceeding to become the first woman to lead a Cathedral, namely Leicester, the first female Dean of York and, finally, the first female Bishop of Bristol. Since 2021 she has also served as one of the lead bishops for Church and Cathedral buildings. In addition to this, Bishop Viv has been a passionate anti modern slavery campaigner, regularly raising the topic in the House of Lords, where she has sat as a member throughout her time as Bishop.

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### **A Joyful Service of Celebration.**

At Saturday's farewell service, Bishop Viv gave the sermon, encouraging members of the diocese to pursue equality and inclusion in the Church and to "continue to sing the song that all are welcome". Following the sermon was a reflection on Women's Ministry which included a contribution from The Revd Preb. Angela Berners-Wilson, the first woman to be ordained priest in the Church of England.

At the end of the service, Bishop Viv handed the diocesan crozier to the Vice Dean, who placed it on the High Altar, symbolising the end of her episcopal ministry.

### **Vacancy in See.**

As Bishop Viv retires to Herefordshire, the Diocese enters a 'vacancy in see' period. During this time, the Bishop of Swindon, the Rt Revd Neil Warwick, will serve as Acting Diocesan Bishop. The process to appoint the next Bishop of Bristol is already underway, having begun with a Diocese-wide consultation which helped to shape the Statement of Needs, a key document in the process of selecting the next Bishop. There will also be an online consultation meeting on September 8th which is open to all members of the diocese and will support the drafting of a Memorandum to accompany the statement of needs. You can sign up to the meeting at the link at the bottom of this article.

The Rt Revd Neil Warwick, Bishop of Swindon, reflected on Bishop Viv's time in Bristol, saying: "I am deeply grateful for the transformative impact Bishop Viv has had on our Diocese and our communities - leading us with vision, compassion, and hope - always reminding us to listen to people on the margins, to less heard voices. Viv has lived out the call made at a Bishop's consecration to: 'proclaim the gospel boldly, confront injustice and work for righteousness and peace in all the world.'"





## BLESSING FOR RETIREMENT

John O'Donohue

This is where your life has arrived,  
After all the years of effort and toil;  
Look back with graciousness and thanks  
On all your great and quiet achievements

You stand on the shore of new invitation  
To open your life to what is left undone;  
Let your heart enjoy a different rhythm  
When drawn to the wonder of other horizons.

Have the courage for a new approach to time;  
Allow it to slow until you find freedom  
To draw alongside the mystery you hold  
And befriend your own beauty of soul.

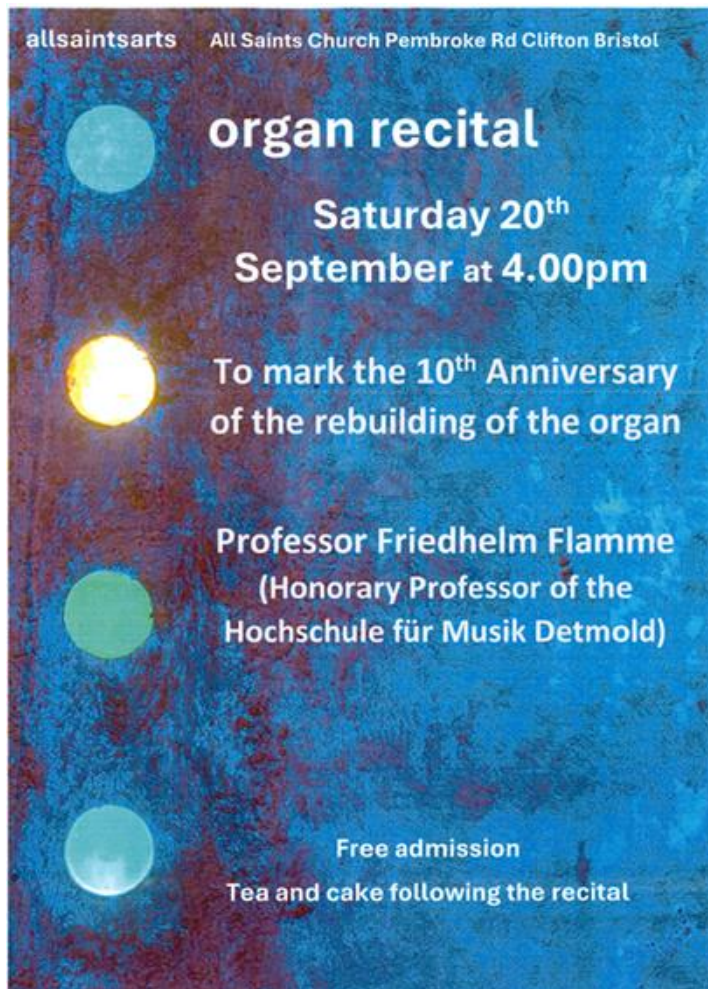
Now is the time to enjoy your heart's desire,  
To live the dreams you've waited for,  
To awaken the depths beyond your work  
And enter into your infinite source.

Jean Bradford.



It's official: Jean is now booted instead of plastered!  
This is a major step forward (literally!) as she had been unable to walk for some months now.  
She is very grateful for the prayers of All Saints people and hopes to be sufficiently mobile in time to be at church by All Saints' Day.





## **Organ Restoration 10th Anniversary Recital by Professor Friedhelm Flamme**

Friedhelm Flamme is a highly-respected organist with an award-winning discography, as well as being artistic director of the Vox Organi festival in Germany's beautiful Lower Saxony region, and a distinguished teacher.

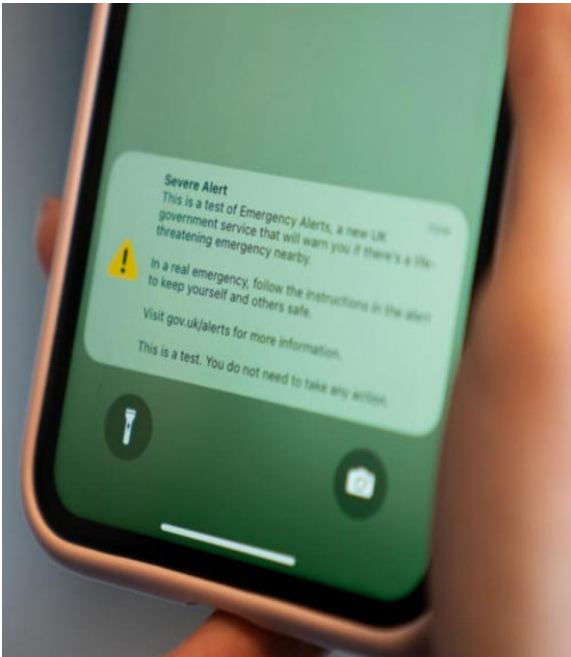
Following multi-disciplinary studies at the Hochschule für Musik Detmold and Paderborn University, he achieved the highest German academic degree in Sacred Music, won an accolade for an outstanding performance with his artist diploma concert, and was awarded a PhD for his thesis on the pianist and composer Friedrich Gulda.

In 2018, Flamme was appointed Honorary Professor of the Hochschule für Musik Detmold. His recent recording on the CPO label of the complete works of Buxtehude has been met with universal acclaim.



**Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm**

**A Siren will sound from your phone for approximately 10 seconds, your phone will also vibrate as Government test the Emergency procedures**



Millions of mobile phones across the UK will blare a loud siren next weekend, as the government tests its Emergency Alert System (EAS). All 4G and 5G phones and tablets will sound the alarm at the same time, even if they are on silent, with a text message displayed on-screen explaining what is going on, in what will be the second major test of the system.


Minister Pat McFadden said: 'From major storms to wildfires, this system could save your life in an emergency.'

'Just like the fire alarm in your house, it's important we test the system so that we know it will work if we need it. 'This test will be one of the biggest public safety exercises in our nation's history.'

'Mark the date, spread the word and take a moment to think about how you would respond in a real emergency.'

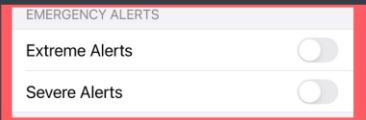
These alerts may put domestic abuse survivors at risk, if they are concealing devices from perpetrators. Survivors may hide devices because they use them to seek and receive support, or to seek employment to increase their financial independence.


Below is a step-by-step guide to opt out of the test on your phone:




**For iPhone & Android users:**

- 1 Go to your settings and search 'Emergency Alerts'
- 2 Scroll down and turn off both 'Emergency Alerts' & 'Severe Alerts'







**For other mobile phones & tablets:**

- 1 Go to 'Message' then 'Message Settings' then 'Wireless emergency Alerts' then 'Alert'
- Or
- 2 Go to 'Settings' then 'Advanced' then 'Emergency Broadcasts'

Then turn off both 'Emergency Alerts' & 'Severe Alerts'



## Friends Together in 2026



The All Saints Friends Together, Dementia Friendly Café has been welcoming those living with dementia, their friends, family and carers to our free, monthly Café for nearly 10 years now!

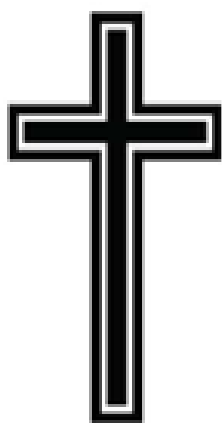
Held on the first Thursday of every month from 10 am to 12 pm, in The Randall Room, and offering delicious homemade cakes and hot drinks, a dedicated team of volunteers provides support, companionship, conversation, and one-to-one help.

The Café is a key element of our community outreach at All Saints and its success has contributed to All Saints being awarded a 'Dementia Aware Organisation Gold Award' *for the third year running* by [Bristol Dementia Action Alliance \(BDAA\)](#).

As we head towards 2026, we're now looking for help running and co-ordinating Friends Together moving forwards. There are a number of roles available, and previous experience of those living with dementia is not a requirement, so if anyone is interested in finding out more, then contact **Helen Sutton on 07802 256315** or [helen@helensutton.com](mailto:helen@helensutton.com).

For more information on the All Saints Friends Together Café, do have a look at the ASC website page: <https://tinyurl.com/Friends-Together-Cafe>

Thank you!



**Judy Torrens**

**Reception and Vigil**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00 pm

**Funeral and Requiem Mass**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00 am

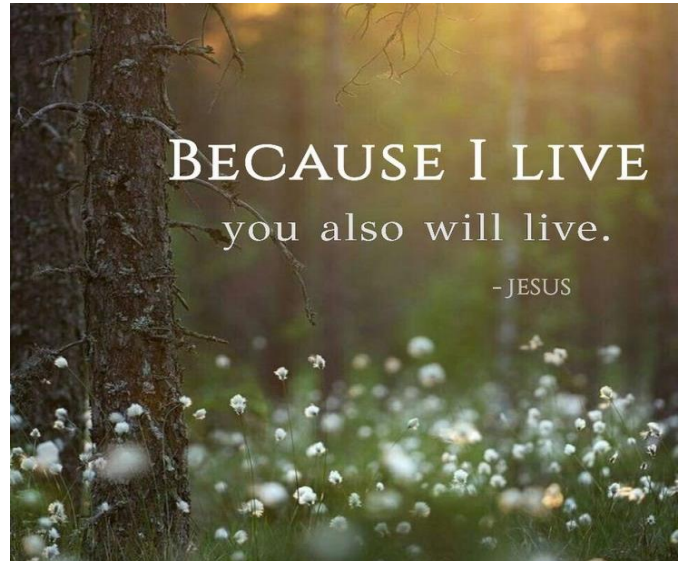
**RIP**

## 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 Nicky Epina Sarah Jean Bradford Adam Chivers Andrew French Swarna Simpson

### Monday

Hugh Farry Sathia Aruliah Susie King Arthur Cleaver

### Tuesday.

Pam Parker Oussama and Claire Sader

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

Remie Clarke Lucille Osafa

### Friday

Charlotte Hopkins, Caroline Semon, Nadine Benn The O'Sullivan family

### Saturday

## The Departed

Silvio Pegado Jo Greenbury Alisa Temple Judy Torrens Armin von Doneck

## Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Mark Rogers John Gibbs Eric Hurst Mildred Ford Brian Haigh

# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

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| Mon<br>8             | <b>Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary .</b><br>Pray for and give thanks for parents; remembering those who desperately want children but are unable to have them, those who have children but are unable to care for them. For foster parents and all who work to ensure children have a parent.   |
| Tue<br>9             | For all associated with the writing, editing, publication, marketing and retailing of books. For readers, especially those who find books (written and recorded) as their only means of escape and entertainment   |
| Wed<br>10            | <b>Mass 10.00am</b> Inventors, creatives and new thinkers. Those who see beyond what already exists and try to shape what might be for the good of creation and humankind.   |
| Thurs<br>11          | Pray for those with suicidal thoughts and those who live and work with them. An estimated 800,000 people commit suicide each year (and 20 million attempt suicide). The WHO promotes the philosophy of 'Connect, Communicate, Care' which act to reduce the frequency.   |
| Fri<br>12            | <b>Mass 10.00am</b> Computer programmers and all who work in the ICT industry. May they work to develop hard and soft ware that serves the good of all creation. Especially we Remember those who are 'addicted' to their technological devices to the destruction of their social and 'real' life.  |
| Sat<br>13            | <b>John Chrysostom 407</b><br>Pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are Jewish or Muslim. May we develop common understandings and mutual regard that enables us fuller worship of The One God.   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>14</b> | <p><b>Trinity 13</b><br/>Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you</p> <p><b>Holy Cross Day</b><br/>Pray for prisoners and all who are in any way confined. Pray for those who suffer torture both physical and psychological. Remember it was through an instrument of torture that our Salvation was won.</p> <p><b>Early Worship 9.00am</b> <b>Parish Mass 10.30am</b></p> |

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.