

ALL SAINTS NEWS

28th September 2025
15th Sunday of Trinity
St Michael and All
Angels

Seeing Beyond the Veil

On this Festival, St Michael and All Angels, a reading from the Book of Revelation is very often used (Revelation 12.7-12).

It has the Archangel Michael and the angelic army defeating Satan and casting him down to earth. Like a wounded animal, Satan lashes out, inflicting as much damage as he can. In context, the story serves to comfort the faithful in the Seven Churches of Asia. They are experiencing a violent persecution, but they aren't to despair: it's just the last gasp of a war that's already been won.



This is a sadly evergreen message in our world. It's not an exaggeration to say that every generation has seen itself in this story, caught in the death throes of the old world and its powers, Molech — violence — and Mammon — greed. And so it's expected — and good and right — if we too see ourselves in it, as we witness Mammon and his worshipers destroying the world and its future in the vain pursuit of lining their already overstuffed wallets. The message is the same for us now as it was for the Seven Churches two thousand years ago: Keep the faith; the victory has already been won, whether it looks like it or not.

The danger is real; but despair is not the answer. Beyond the veil of blood and tears that is our world, God is at work.

And this is the promise offered by today's feast: a reminder that there is more to the world than meets the eye. That beyond the veil, in ways we cannot see or comprehend our broken world is being healed, the battles that feel like lost causes have been won, and the whole world is alive and declares the glory of God. It doesn't lessen our present danger or mean that we don't need to act within our circumstances, but offers a reassuring hand on our shoulder: we aren't alone, and we can't see the whole picture.

As the Apostle Paul reminded the faithful in Rome just a few decades before John sent his letter to the churches in Asia, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." And, *I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Matthew Root, 2019 reflects from a unique integral perspective forged from a life lived in small indigenous communities in the Canadian North

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Revd Jo Moule reflects on her placement at All Saints



One Church, One Faith, One Lord.

My placement at All Saints Clifton has been a truly enriching gift, for which I am deeply grateful. From the very beginning, I was welcomed with warmth and kindness and the openness of the congregation created a space where I felt at home, able both to learn and to contribute.

This time has stretched me in ways that have been both challenging and life-giving. The worship at All Saints has especially shaped me, particularly through the beauty of the liturgy, the sensitivity of the music, and the reverence of the Eucharist. I have experienced what St Paul calls “a participation in the body of Christ,” where our worship is not just an expression of faith but the very source that sustains it.

I have also been struck by the strength of community life. At All Saints, I have experienced a fellowship that goes beyond difference and reflects our unity in Christ. It has been a living expression of St Paul’s call to “maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” In this community, I have been welcomed not despite difference, but because of the richness it brings to the body of Christ.

I would like to express particular thanks to Father Charles, whose generosity with his time, guidance, and encouragement has enabled me to gain so much from this relatively short placement. He has gone the extra mile to ensure that my experience has been as rich and varied as possible, and his support has been invaluable to my learning.

As I leave, I do so with thankfulness for a church that has embodied the spirit of the well-known hymn, ‘Thy hand, Oh Lord has guided’. The second verse has a special resonance as it speaks of ‘sharing the great King’s feast’. I have certainly experienced that feasting and sharing at a rich table where the people at All Saints have enabled me to live out the hymn’s final line: **“One Church, one Faith, one Lord.”**

It is our one true Lord who unites us all in his body, making us one in him, not despite our differences, but because of them.

Your heralds brought the gospel

to greatest and the least;

they summoned men and women

to share the great King's feast.

And this was all their teaching

in ev'ry deed and word,

to all alike proclaiming:

one church, one faith, one Lord! (E.H Plumptre 1864)

Modern Mystics Series 2025

A short course of three Zoom Sessions provided by Sarum College

<https://www.sarum.ac.uk/short-courses/mm25/>

(Look for this on the Sarum Website, the sign up fee is £50)

We often think that mysticism is a thing of the past, that the great mystics like Francis of Assisi, Julian of Norwich or Teresa of Avila are resigned to times long gone, and that mysticism died in the Reformation, the Enlightenment, or the Quietist Controversy.

However, there are important mystical elements of all major world religions today including Christianity, and many 20th-, and 21st-century figures exemplify mysticism.

In our fourth series of webinars on Modern Mystics, we are excited to look at three major figures of the 20th century (stretching slightly into the two adjacent centuries). Each webinar will be led by an expert on the mystic in question, and will consist of a 50-minute introductory lecture on that figure and their mystical writings. After a quick break we will have 30 minutes for Q&A with our expert. Each webinar runs from 7:30-9 PM (UK time) on Zoom on a Monday evening

The second session, **on 29th September**, will be run by Dr Roger Lipsey on Dag Hammarskjöld, the secretary general of the United Nations from 1953 until his death in 1961. In interviews and in his posthumously published writings, Hammarskjöld shows a major interest in the medieval mystics, especially Meister Eckhart and John of Ruusbroec. His writings have often been described themselves as mystical.



The third session, on 6th October, will be led by [Dr Sue Yore](#) on the political and liberation theologian, Dorothee Sölle. Sölle wrote widely, including her 2001 *The Silent Cry: Mysticism and Resistance*. She is often considered a postmodern mystical writer and someone who both continued and adapted the traditional mystical theological claims.

Although in different ways, our three mystics show that mysticism should not be divorced between politics, action and social justice. Join us to see how this played out in their lives and writings.



• Friends Together •
at All Saints, Clifton

THURSDAY 2ND OCT, 10AM-12PM

DJ SET

WITH 'DJ RICHARD'

HITS OF THE 1950S & '60S!



AT FRIENDS TOGETHER CAFE

*A playlist of great tunes
from the '50s & '60s to
accompany your
tea/coffee & cake*



**Clifton
High School**

LUNCHTIME CONCERT



Wednesday 15th October 2025, 1.00pm
All Saints Church, Pembroke Road

Featuring the Year 7 and 8 Girls' Choir and
Soloists from Year 7 to 9

Open to parents, staff and the public

For more information, contact Mrs Johnson, mjohnson@cliftonhigh.co.uk



All Saints



Clifton Church of England



Parish Harvest Supper



Join us in the Randall Room for our

Parish Harvest Supper

Friday 3rd October @ 07.30pm

Raffle, Quiz & Cash Bar

Tickets: £7 each
(Children Free!)

On sale in church from Sunday 14th September

Contact Janice: rjhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk OR All Saints Parish Office 0117 974 1355

Vegetarian/gluten free can be accommodated if requested in advance

All profits divided between the Community of the Sisters of the Church (Loaves and Fishes Ministry) and supporting the education of our Sudanese Students



Julian Trust - Sock Appeal

The Julian Trust sock cupboard is empty !

Please can you donate men's socks, new or used for our guests.

Please leave your donations in the box in the Atrium

Thank you



Tea and Taizé at All Saints

Sunday, 19th October

Tea at 4.30 pm

And Taizé 5.00 pm

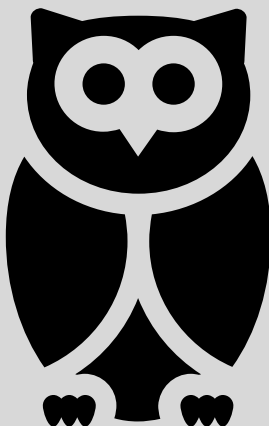
Please come and enjoy a cup of tea (or coffee) followed by a simple, meditative service based on the worship practised by the ecumenical Taizé community in France (www.taize.fr).

Everyone is welcome - all those who have a Christian faith and those who struggle to believe.

This will be a contemplative service in a relaxed, candlelit setting, with beautiful chants, prayerful silence, and short readings. Taizé chants are repeated many times to help quiet the mind and enable reflection. You are free to join in with the singing or drop out at any point.

Tea will be served from **4.30 pm**. The Taizé service will start at 5.00 pm and last around 45 minutes.

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Are you a Night Owl ??

The church needs one or two people who (whoop !) don't mind staying up to lock the church after events that end later in the evening

There are some events during the year that end at 11.00pm, if you are a night owl rather than an early morning lark please could you volunteer to lock the church occasionally.

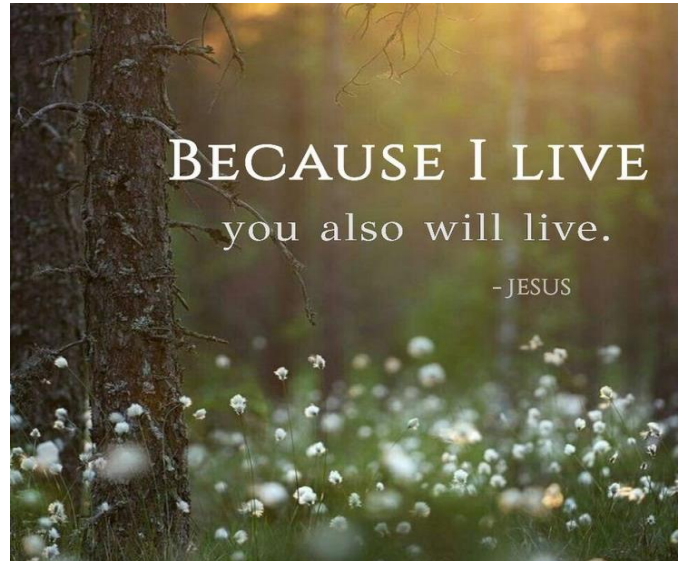
If you would like to know more, please speak to the churchwardens or contact the Parish Office

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

Judy Torrens Armin von Doneck

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Molly Poole Barbara Gay Lorna Day Cyril Parker Frank Powell

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 29	Michael and All Angels As your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth
Tue 30	Jerome Translator of Scriptures, Teacher 420 Pray for the translators of scripture and for all those who work to help us understand the place of scripture in our lives and faith. Jerome (347 – 420) translated the Bible into Latin (the Vulgate) and wrote commentaries on the Gospels.
Wed Oct 1	Mass 10.00 am Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks 533; Anthony Ashley Cooper, Lord Shaftesbury, Social Reformer 1885 Today we also remember Lord Shaftesbury, the “ Poor Man’s Earl” who campaigned tirelessly for the poor, especially in the area of education and welfare. His work establishing Ragged Schools became The Shaftesbury Society.
Thurs 2	Pray for those who worked through the night last night and will sleep today in order to do so again tonight: those working in hospitals, prisons, in hospitality and in industries demanding twenty-four hour working. Pray for their families and relationships, their safety, well-being and flourishing, in a challenging work schedule.
Fri 3	Mass 10.00 am Bp George Bell, Chichester Peacemaker 1958 Friend of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and opponent of area bombing. Pray for civilians caught in wars and conflict, for the unthinking use of violence against civilian populations; remembering where this has happened in the past (Germany, Britain, Japan and Spain) and where it’s happening now (in so many parts of the world, Syria and Sudan).
Sat 4	Francis of Assisi 1226 Pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life; for farmers and agricultural workers, for packers, distributors and company boards; for all engaged in research to safeguard crops against disease, and to produce abundant life among those who hunger and whose lives are at risk. Prosper the work of their hands and the searching of their minds, that their labour may be for the welfare of all. Pray for Franciscan religious houses – Brothers and Sisters (Poor Clares) – in particular Glasshampton SSF. Pray for those who care for creation and who work for the good of our environment
Sunday 5	Trinity 15 Pr 22 Harvest Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.