

ALL SAINTS NEWS

5th October 2025
16th Sunday of Trinity
Harvest

First woman Archbishop of Canterbury The Rt Revd Sarah Mullally



THE next Archbishop of Canterbury is to be the Bishop of London since 2018, Downing Street announced on Friday. She is to be the first woman to hold the post.

The nomination of the next Primate of All England was agreed by at least a two-thirds majority of the 17 voting members of the Canterbury Crown Nominations Commission (CNC), who held their final meeting last week. A shortlist had been agreed at their previous meeting in August.

Bishop Mullally, who is 63, succeeds the Rt Revd Justin Welby, who resigned in November after the publication of the Makin report on the Church's handling of the abuse perpetrated by John Smyth. The CNC convened six months later, at the end of May.

Before ordination, Bishop Mullally trained and worked as a nurse in London, becoming a senior civil servant in the Department of Health. She was the youngest ever Chief Nursing Officer, holding that appointment from 1999 to 2004. She was ordained in 2001, and served as a self-supporting minister until 2006 in Battersea, south London.

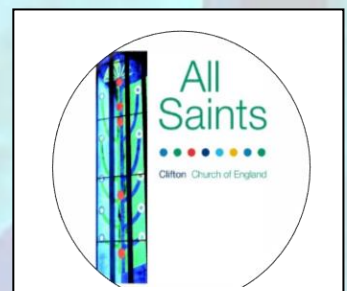
She went on to be Team Rector of Sutton, in Southwark diocese, before being appointed Canon Treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral in 2012. She was elevated to the episcopate in 2015, as Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. She was appointed Bishop of London just two years later.

While Bishop of Crediton, she was asked to lead on the implementation of recommendations set out in the Elliott review, which called for sweeping changes to the Church's safeguarding procedures. She has been an advocate for survivors of abuse in a church context.

Bishop Mullally is Dean of the Chapels Royal, and speaks regularly in the House of Lords on issues including migration, child well-being, and health and social care. She has been outspoken against the assisted-dying Bill currently being considered by the Lords. For three years, she led the Church's workstream on sexuality, Living in Love and Faith.

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The CNC was chaired by Lord Evans, a former head of MI5 and a crossbench peer. In an interview earlier this year, he described the process as one of “discernment” rather than straightforward “selection”.

The processes that follow the announcement include the election of the Archbishop-designate by the College of Canons of Canterbury Cathedral, followed by a Confirmation of Election in January, when the Archbishop-elect legally becomes the Archbishop of Canterbury. After this, the Archbishop will pay homage to the King before being installed in the Chair of St Augustine at Canterbury Cathedral.



The Rt. Revd. and Rt. Hon.
Dame Sarah Mullally DBE
and National SSM Advisors
Revds Dr Nick Fisher
and Charles Sutton
at Merton College, Oxford

Harvest Festival – in the City...

Every autumn, most churches and schools across the UK fill tables with tins and fruit, sing about gathering crops and give thanks for provision. Harvest Festival, with all its colour and comfort, remains one of the church traditions that directly connects our everyday lives with the land and with God. Other festivals have, over time, become obscured in their connections with life and creation. Ember days being a good example.

Whilst few of us work the soil ourselves, we still find something deeply meaningful in this annual moment of pause and celebration. A moment to say thank you, to give to others and to mark the turning of the seasons.

Yet in 2025, in a world shaped more by ideas, information, and services than by physical sowing and reaping of crops, we are tempted to ask where does Harvest fit today? How do we align it to our current cultural climate? What might it offer as a spiritual discipline, especially around generosity?

A moment rooted in the Church calendar

The church’s celebration of Harvest Festival is surprisingly recent. In 1843, the Rev. Robert Hawker invited his Cornish parish to gather for a special service, giving thanks for the harvest and bringing gifts to share with those in need. Because of the agrarian nature of society at the time the idea quickly took root across the country.



But this new moment in the church calendar wasn’t created from scratch, it echoed deep biblical rhythms. In the Old Testament, the people of Israel celebrated three major harvest festivals: Passover, the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot), and the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot). These were not just agricultural milestones, but acts of worship, thanksgiving and justice, where the people brought their first fruits and remembered God’s provision.

In the New Testament, the concept of harvest often takes on a more spiritual dimension. Jesus speaks of the Kingdom of God as a field ready for harvest (Matthew 9:37), connecting the theme with the call to share the Gospel. Paul encourages believers not to grow weary in doing good, assuring them that “in due season we will reap” (Galatians 6:9) and pointing to a future harvest of righteousness. He also uses harvest language to speak directly about financial generosity, urging the church to give freely and faithfully: “Whoever sows generously will also reap generously” (2 Corinthians 9:6).



A time for reflection

Harvest is a natural moment to give thanks for what has grown, but it can also invite us to ask deeper questions:

- ★ What am I, personally, investing in? What kind of fruit am I hoping to see?
- ★ How do we, at ASC, focus our energy in the care of the environment and achieving Net Zero?
- ★ As an ‘urban’ church how do we grow our connection within this community?
- ★ Agricultural imagery might feel distant for us, but the spiritual practice it reflects is timeless. How do we grow our rhythm of life?
- ★ If our collective responsibility is to sow and water, how do we show this in the life of this church?
- ★ Harvest prompts us to pause, to reflect and to review - in our modern times this might mean looking prayerfully at our financial habits and patterns of generosity.
- ★ Harvest isn’t just a tradition to be remembered. It’s a rhythm that can shape our hearts, and one of review, recommitment, and rootedness.

Rev'd Dr Louisa Pittman RN



Louisa is currently Chaplain of HMS Raleigh which is the largest Royal Navy training establishment in the Southwest. Its purpose is to equip new recruits with the essential skills and knowledge needed for a successful naval career.

This picture is of her on a previous posting as Chaplain on HMS Northumberland which monitors undeclared submarine activity, and protects the UK's nuclear deterrent, among other roles.

She is one of three female chaplains in the Royal Navy. She caters for all faiths, never carries a weapon, and holds no rank so can speak freely to all, be it the captain or a junior rating.

Louisa will join us for Parish Mass and to preach on Sunday 5 October.

concert matinée

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton

**Saturday
October 4th
4.00 pm**

The Celadon Piano Flextet

Piano Quintet: Frank Bridge

& 'Songs without words' for Piano Trio:
Anne Cawrse

retiring collection

tea and 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



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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Cynthia is 101

Cynthia's tea party to celebrate her birthday was held on Tuesday at Oakhill Mansions

She was on top form, thrilled to see the dozen or so friends and family attending, even making a speech!

A particular joy was that Jean Bradford was able to come, pictured here with Cynthia.





Exploring Christianity

What do we mean when we say we are Christians?

- If this is a question which interests you, there are 4 opportunities over this winter designed to explore the answers.
- Ideal for those who have recently started their journey, as well as those further along the way.

Topics: Jesus Christ. Use and misuse of the Bible. Christian Worship. Christian Living

Dates: 2nd Nov, 7th Dec, 4th Jan, 1st Feb. **Time:** 12.30-1.30. **Place:** Sacristy.
Sandwich lunch provided. No need to book, all are welcome.

Exploring Christianity

Four sessions on Sundays over the winter period, starting at 12.30 and finishing at 1.30pm. Located in the Sacristy and lunch provided.

The purpose of these sessions is to explore what we mean when we talk about being Christian. It will be ideal for those commencing their journey of understanding as well as those already established on the path.

CS Lewis wrote: *'Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.'*

Dates: Sunday 2nd November Sunday 7th December. In 2026 Sunday 4th January Sunday 1st February



Are you a Night Owl ??

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

There are a 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



Julian Trust - Sock Appeal
The Julian Trust sock cupboard is empty !

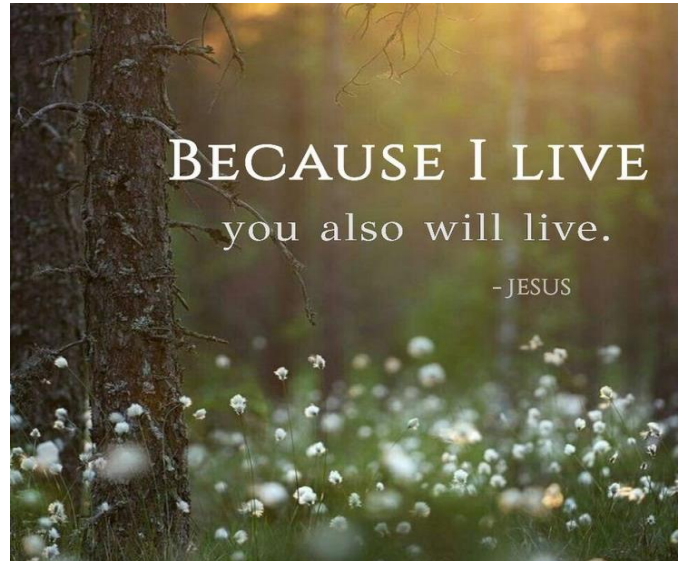
Please can you donate men's socks, new or used for our guests.
Please leave your donations in the box in the Atrium

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 Jenny Oates

Monday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

The Departed

Judy Torrens Armin von Doneck Hugh Farry Lucille Osafa

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Bill Fry Joan Peters Maureen Turnbull Jenny Healy Diana Harding John Weller (Pr)
Val Probyn- Long Jean Baker Alan Starkey Frances Perkins Jennifer Machin

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 6	William Tyndale William Tyndale was martyred on this day in 1536, the first person to translate the bible into English. Pray for the Bible Society, Wycliffe and others who still do this work to enable people to read the texts in their own language
Tue 7	Pray for all who teach; in our schools and universities, colleges and on courses. May we all be active learners, continually listening, challenging, thinking and growing. Pray for St John's School.
Wed 8	Mass 10.00 am World Hospice and Palliative Care Day . Pray for the work of our local hospice, St.Peter's , and for those who work in palliative care in hospitals as they accompany those at the very end of their lives.
Thurs 9	Denys, bishop, and companions martyrs c.250 Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist. 1253 Pray for those priests and academics who study and research into theology in order to increase our knowledge of, inspiration by and understanding of, the things of God. Pray for those who seek to apply theology in church and pastoral practice so that theology has " legs".
Fri 10	Mass 10.00 am Paulinus 644 Pray for all who struggle to share the Gospel. Some to great effect and others, struggling equally hard, but with less effect. Ask that we may find ways to share our faith in our own communities and to the best of our ability
Sat 11	Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675 Pray for those who work to understand and protect us from fast spreading infections. Especially those who research epidemics and pandemics. Pray for those medical staff who put their lives on the line in caring for others with serious infections (Covid 19 but also other highly infectious diseases)
Sunday 12	17th Trinity Pr 23 Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face 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.