

ALL SAINTS NEWS

12th October 2025
17th Sunday of Trinity

The Taizé Community

The Taizé Community comprises of around eighty brothers from different church backgrounds – Catholic, Anglican, Protestant – and from nearly thirty countries. By its very existence, it is a “parable of community”: a tangible sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and separated peoples.



Throughout the year, the community welcomes tens of thousands of young adults from Europe and other continents. They come for week-long meetings, during which they experience prayer and life together with time for biblical reflection and sharings, in an environment where they can ask questions about their lives and their future

Most of the brothers live in the village of Taizé, in Burgundy, France. Other brothers, who have been sent on mission, share the living conditions of those around them in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the outskirts of Paris. These small fraternities of a few brothers are a simple presence among their neighbours and in the local churches. By their very nature they remain temporary.

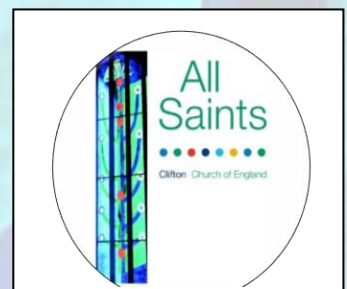
The Beginning 1940 - 1944

At the outbreak of the Second World War, Roger Schutz-Marsauche, the 25-year-old son of a Reformed pastor, leaves Switzerland to help people in difficult situations in France. In Taizé, near the demarcation line that cut the country in two, he welcomes refugees, particularly Jews, fleeing the war. At the same time, he develops the project of creating a community, conceived by him during a long period of pulmonary tuberculosis.

Denounced for his activities, when France is totally occupied in autumn 1942 Roger has to stay in Switzerland. In Geneva, he meets his first brothers and they begin a life together, supported by daily prayer in the cathedral.

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The brothers are able to return to Taizé at the end of 1944. They pray three times a day in their house, then in the village church. With the help of Roger's sister, they take in children deprived of their families by the war, and on Sundays they welcome German prisoners-of-war, interned in a nearby camp. They run a farm and start a pottery workshop. They make ecumenical contacts, organize meetings and retreats, and engage in theological reflection.

The Fraternities

Taizé brothers are present for a time in small communities or “fraternities” in other parts of the world: Asia, Africa, Latin America and a district of the Paris suburbs.

These fraternities do not seek to create large institutions, but rather to be present in a simple way in the midst of others. The brothers live a life of prayer and service, taking part in the life of the local communities. In many cases they work in disadvantaged neighbourhoods, collaborate on social projects or accompany young people in vulnerable situations, always seeking to promote peace, justice and communion.

Taizé's core values

Taizé's core values include:

-  **Prayer and meditation**
-  **Peace and justice**
-  **Communion with God and others**
-  **Solidarity with the marginalized**
-  **Simplicity**
-  **Respect for the dignity of all people**

It is an ecumenical monastic community where brothers live a life of prayer and service, and visitors are welcomed into an environment of love, solidarity, and shared prayer through meditative chants and a spirit of hope.

Taizé Style of Worship

Taizé-style services are based on the Christian worship practised by the ecumenical Taizé community in France. This is characterised by the repetitive singing of simple harmonised tunes (or chants), often in various languages, interspersed with readings, prayers and periods of silence. The words of the chants are written in a variety of languages and often sung chants in other languages, such as French, German or Latin. The chants are repeated numerous times to help quieten the mind and enable reflection.



Tea and Taizé at All Saints

Sunday 19 October

Tea at 4.30pm

Taizé Worship at 5.00pm

This prayer will be used in the 10.30 service at the end of Fr Paul Hawkins' sermon

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen*

The All Saints Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The pilgrims to Walsingham return home today.

They have sent some beautiful pictures of their time at the shrine, including this stunning evening view
All the photographs can be seen on the boards in the Church.



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



A huge Thank you to Mary Benton for the beautiful Harvest loaf which featured in the harvest celebrations last weekend.



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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

Exploring Christianity; a space for the curious.

Have you ever wondered what it actually means to be a Christian? If so, this series of discussions is for you.

- Each session will explore a topic which is central to the Christian faith: Jesus Christ, the use and misuse of the Bible, Christian worship, Christian living.
- The sessions will be led by Father Paul Hawkins and Mother Nicola Stanley.
- We will meet on the first Sunday of the month, after the 10.30 Mass, from 12.30-1.30 in the sacristy, (inside the church, room next to the garden door)
- A sandwich lunch will be provided.
- You can come to one or more of the sessions, each one is a stand-alone event.
- Exploring Christianity is suitable for those just starting on their Christian journey, as well as for the more experienced.
- There is no need to book, but you can let us know you will be coming if you like-just email office@allsaintsclifton.org

We look forward to seeing you!



Walks For Everyone - Barrow Court (revisiting our Spring walk - in the Autumn!)

Saturday 11th October 10:15am – 1:00pm



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Walks For Everyone!

Guided walks on The Downs and other interesting areas of Bristol.
On the **SECOND Saturday morning of every month** – plus some Bank
Holiday Monday walks.

Suitable for everyone, and well behaved dogs are welcome!

Our next walk will be.....

SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER 2025
BARROW COURT - led by GEORGINA HARFORD

Following our Spring walk, we'll explore what this circular walk is like
in the Autumn.

Meet at 10:30 outside All Saints Church

**There is very limited parking at Barrow Court, so we need to
car share - please contact Georgina accordingly**

Any questions, contact: georginaharford@hotmail.com
07767 746168 (text only)



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

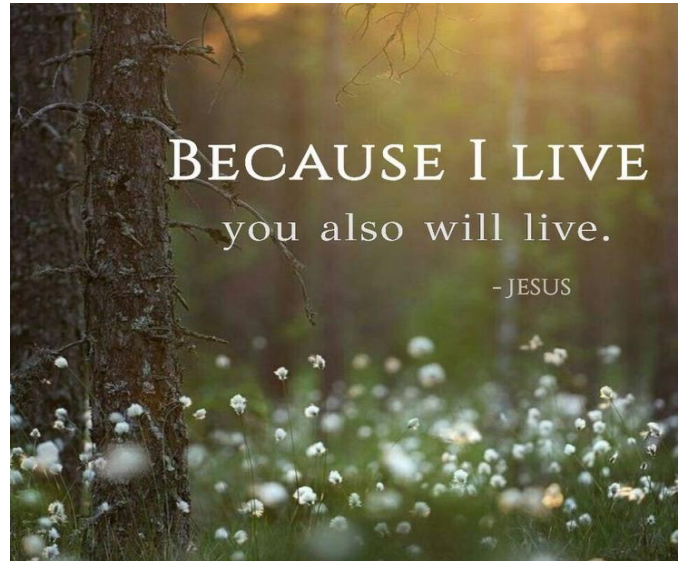
Thank you

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:

Mildred Shute Josephine Whittaker Neville Sharpley Ruby Badman Mary Densham Adrian Wright Marguerite Nshamaje Marian Groves Joanne Fisher

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 13	Edward the Confessor Edward appointed 'worldly' men to senior church positions. He favoured those who were not 'products' of the church in senior roles. Pray for clergy who are in senior roles – Bishops Mike and Lee, and all members of the House of Bishops
Tue 14	Remember in our prayers veterinary practices – surgeons and nurses. Both small and large animal. Remember their importance to maintaining the health of our pets (for some the only companions) to the health of farm animals our source of food
Wed 15	Mass 10.00 am Teresa of Avila, Teacher 1582. Born in Spain, Teresa entered a Carmelite convent when she was eighteen, and later earned a reputation as a mystic, reformer, and writer. <i>Pray for those who share the work and writing of Teresa of Avila in order to help others in their search for God.</i>
Thurs 16	Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs, 1555. The children's TV programme Blue Peter was first broadcast on this day in 1958! Pray for all those who work to educate, entertain and influence children in varied media, that they might seek to contribute to their joy and flourishing.
Fri 17	Mass 10.00 am Ignatius Bp of Antioch 107 "I am God's wheat, and I shall be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may become the pure bread of Christ." Ignatius of Antioch
Sat 18	Luke the Evangelist St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician to set forth in the gospel the love and the healing power of your Son. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, he also showed the divinity of Jesus and His genuine compassion for all human beings.
Sunday 19	18th Trinity Pr 24 Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people, pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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.