

ALL SAINTS NEWS

19th October 2025
18th Sunday of Trinity

All Saints' and All Souls'

From the early centuries of Christianity, November 1 and 2 have been observed as days to remember the dead. This remembrance most likely originated in Celtic lands where this time of year marks the beginning of death in nature. By the 5th century (in the Common Era) in Rome, a festival was created for all the saints. This originated with Pope Boniface IV and took place on May 13 and was moved to November 1 by Pope Gregory III (in the 8th century). The festival was celebrated in the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the pagan gods. However, this festival transformed the Pantheon from a pagan temple to a Christian church.

These two days, All Saints' and All Souls', are inexorably linked.



More recently, November 1 has been identified as a day to remind the Christian faithful that they are in communion with all who have gone before them in particular those who have *lived holy lives* yet may or may have been canonized as saints. This is All Saints' Day.

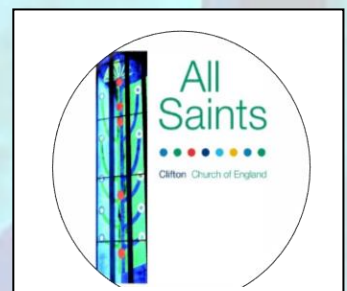
But, of course, this leaves out a great number of 'others', who might not be categorised as Holy People. Consequently, November 2 became a day more focused on *all the dead*, ordinary people, hence called All Souls' Day.

All over Europe and in South America these two days are celebrated with visits to the cemeteries and by special commemorations in church to remember the dead. All Saints Day is marked by the Catholic Church as a special feast day.

In many churches, it is customary to have a "book of remembrance" in which people write the names of their loved ones to be prayed for especially all during November.

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This we do at All Saints, over the month of November there is a weekly Requiem Mass at which the names of the departed are read out, we remember their lives with thanksgiving and call to mind the impact they have had on our lives, the communities in which they lived and, very often, this church.

This year, because these two days cover a weekend, we will celebrate our 'Feast of Title' at Parish Mass on Sunday. This will be followed with refreshments in the Atrium. We will also mark All Souls' Day with an evening performance of Fauré's Requiem interspersed with readings from scripture. A list of the departed for remembrance at All Souls' Day will be available to all who attend the Sung Requiem performance.

Do light candles in remembrance prior or post Fauré's Requiem and also do ensure that those you wish remembered are on the November Requiem listings.

Revd Adam Beaumont

Associate Archdeacon in the Diocese of Bristol

This Sunday (19 October) we will welcome Fr Adam to preach at the Parish Mass.

For information, he will also lead the ASC Triennial Inspection on the following day.

Revd Adam Beaumont's ministry has seen him leading suburban, small town, and rural churches, particularly in contexts which are active in mission across parish boundaries. Prior to ordination, he had careers in biochemical research and secondary school teaching and has served young people and education through his previous role as Deanery Missioner for Schools Children and Families, and more recently as Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education. He is particularly passionate about supporting and developing members of the clergy in a number of diverse ways, such as leading the team of deliverance ministers and as Bishop's Advisor for Selection.



Adam says:

"I am both thrilled and deep with gratitude to be joining the archidiaconal team. Having already lived in six of the seven deaneries, I can't wait to get out and about meeting more people and seeing yet another view of our life together as a diocese. This is all the more exciting as we implement 'Transforming Church. Together', as I know I will get to see God working through our local churches in new and surprising ways."

Bristol Dementia Action Alliance Awards 2025

All Saints – Category Winners!



We're absolutely delighted **All Saints Clifton** has once again been recognised at the Bristol Dementia Action Alliance (BDAA) Awards 2025.

At the ceremony held on **Friday 10th October** at the **Aztec West Hotel**, we were honoured to win the '**Church/Place of Worship**' category. This award means so much to us — and makes it **four years in a row** that All Saints has been celebrated by the BDAA for our dementia-friendly work.

A huge thank you goes to **Remie from our Friends Together Dementia Friendly Café**, who accepted the award on behalf of All Saints. The Café continues to be such an important part of our mission, offering friendship, support, and a safe space for those living with dementia, as well as their families, friends, and carers.

We're deeply grateful to **Bristol Dementia Action Alliance** for hosting such a wonderful afternoon, and for their ongoing support and encouragement over the years. Their work continues to inspire us to grow and strengthen our dementia-friendly community here at All Saints.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who has contributed so much over the years – our volunteers, Café guests, and all who help make All Saints a place of warmth, understanding, and care.

Helen & the Friends Together Café team
October 2025

🏆 Here are the winners of this year's Bristol Dementia Awards:

MEDICAL PRACTICE - Armada Practice
BARBARA AWARD - Westbury on Trym Primary School
ACCESSIBLE SPACE - Charlotte Keel Medical Practice
CHURCH/PLACE OF WORSHIP - All Saints Clifton
RESEARCH - BRACE Alzheimers Research
INNOVATION - Avon & Somerset Police
CORPORATE - Wessex Water
SMALL BUSINESS - Harold Stephens
DEMENTIA HERO - Carol Ellis & Doris Fu
FAMILY CARER - Wendy Hellings
CARE PROVIDER - Home Instead Bristol North
VCSE/ORGANISATION - Bristol Brunel Lions
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - Lyn Griffin
SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD - Jenny Walmsley

Well done to all of the nominations that are making a difference. Congratulations!





Did you know...

We have a reproduction of a Renaissance masterpiece here in All Saints?

This painting hangs above the Altar in our Lady Chapel. It shows Our Lady on a pedestal, holding the infant Jesus. She is supported by two putti and flanked by Saint Francis (or possibly St Bonaventure) and Saint John the Evangelist.

It is a reproduction of a painting by the High Renaissance artist Andrea del Sarto (1486 - 1530) and is probably his best known work.

Painted in 1517 as an altarpiece for the church of the convent and hospital of San Francesco dei Macci in Florence, the original is now in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence.

The painting is known as the Madonna of the Harpies, a title which refers to the two carved creatures on either side of the pedestal upon which Our Lady stands. However, some modern art historians now believe that these creatures represent the locusts described in the Book of Revelation. Whichever is the case, according to the Uffizi, they represent the forces of evil being trampled upon by the Virgin.

Our reproduction, in a gilt plaster frame, is fixed firmly to the wall, so it is unfortunately not possible to discover any clues as to its provenance. If anyone does have any information, I would be delighted if they could let me know.

Paul Gale



All Saints
Clifton Church of England

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!



COPLAND 125



The Copland 125 Anniversary Concert will be a celebration of the music of Aaron Copland through works for organ, piano and chorus and covers his earliest works to his final composition. Every decade of his composing career will be represented in a whirlwind review of his remarkable life in music.

The concert will be hosted by blogger and superfan Kevin Lindegaard of aaron-copland.com.

Friday, November 14 · 7:30 – 9:45pm

Church of All Saints, Pembroke Road, Bristol, Clifton BS8 3ED

Ticket prices:

£15 for adults

£7.50 for under 18s and students

Scan the QR Code or visit Copland125.eventbrite.co.uk



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

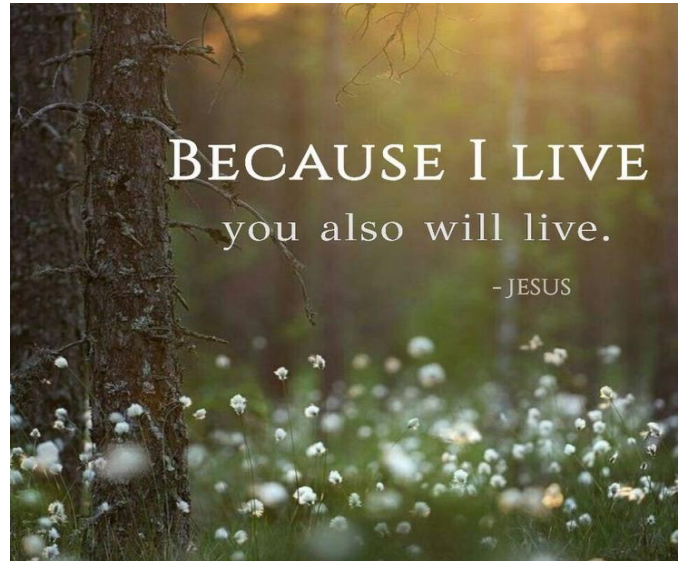
Thank you

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 Epinay Sarah Jean Bradford Adam Chivers Andrew French Swarna Simpson Jenny Oates Sister Rosie

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:

Lily Howell Doreen Davies Gordon Richmond Elsie Gay Bernard Macey Violet Bentley George Hall Eugene Sheridan Harry Sharpe Ian Michael Eileen Joan Haynes William Montgomery Watt

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 20	Pray for those in medical profession working to halt, cure and care for breast cancer sufferers. Pray for those who suffer from the condition and who fear the condition. Pray for those who survive (more than 80%)
Tue 21	Pray for our farming community, especially those focused on fruit farming and the care of orchards
Wed 22	Mass 10.00 am Pray for the work of the Magistrates, County and Crown Courts in Bristol. Pray that, where possible, mercy, as well as justice, may be evident and that human flourishing may be a paramount concern.
Thurs 23	Pray for all those who are travelling long distances today: those going to new places or returning home. Pray that they will find value and inspiration in their waiting and journeying as well as in their arrival.
Fri 24	Mass 10.00 am God of compassion, walk alongside all of your global stewards who work to create a more just and peaceful world. Equip the United Nations community with a sense of urgency and humility that lets your will be done. (United Nations Day)
Sat 26	Crispin and Crispian Martyrs 287 Pray for cobblers, curriers, tanners and leather workers. Essentially a craft or fashion topic in the West but a fundamental aspect of society in developing nations.
Sunday 27	Last after Trinity Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life. 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.