

ALL SAINTS NEWS

2nd November 2025
All Saints and All Souls

All Souls Day - Why Pray for the Dead?

“For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray to the Lord.” In Anglican worship, we don’t pray to the dead. But we do pray for the dead, and we pray with the dead.



Often people ask why we do this – occasionally visitors to ASC will ask one of the clergy team why we do this. Most of the time they are asking because they were raised in traditions where people didn’t pray for the dead, let alone mention them in worship, at all, - except perhaps as historical examples. Some have been taught that the only reason to mention the dead in our prayers would be medieval superstition.

Praying for the souls of our loved ones is a beautiful and important way to show our love and support for them, even after they have passed away. The Church believes that death is not the end, but rather a transition to eternal life. Our prayer shows our continuing love, support and care for those who have passed away; our prayers enable our own growth in faith as we are reminded of our mortality and the importance of living as God would wish. Since God exists outside time and space it is in prayer that all people, past and present, engage together in a way we are unable to fathom.

God our Father,
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.
we pray in hope for those who have gone before us,
family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.

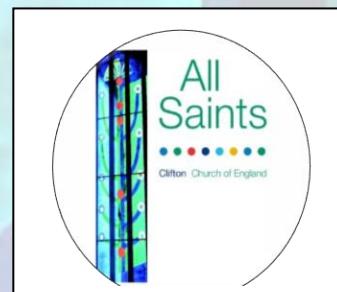
In company with Christ,
Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever.
Amen

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Vicarage 'To Let'?



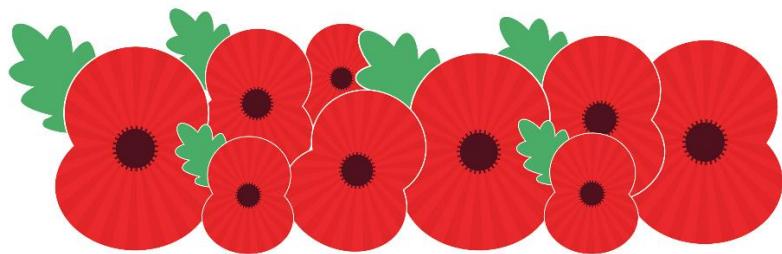
There was consternation at the Vicarage!

Some will have seen the 'To Let' sign on the Vicarage gate during the week. Unbeknown to us all, the Letting Game placed one of their signs on the wrong house!

Be assured, there are no changes at the Vicarage!

Remembrance Sunday 9th November at 10.45am

Parish Mass will start at **10.45am** on Remembrance Sunday. We will, as usual, gather on the Forecourt adjacent to the War Memorial.



Rt Revd Neil Warwick

Bishop Neil will join us to preach and Celebrate on Sunday 16th November.



Previously Archdeacon of Bristol, he was consecrated into bishop's orders on 30 November 2023; by Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, during a service at Canterbury Cathedral. He became the third Bishop of Swindon, suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Bristol and is currently the 'Acting Bishop of Bristol'.

Neil has served as Archdeacon of Bristol, responsible for three populous deaneries across the vibrant and diverse city of Bristol, since 2019 and, as part of the Bishop of Bristol's leadership team, played a key role in the discernment, shaping and now implementation of the Diocese's mission plan - 'Transforming Church. Together'.

Born in 1964, Neil is originally from Surrey, going on to read geography at Nottingham University. He then worked in the transport industry and in overseas development with World Vision. Neil's time with World Vision and visits to the communities they serve, had a profound impact on his life and faith. During this time, Neil completed an MBA at Eastern University, PA, which had a focus on community development and leadership.

It was on a trip to Zambia in 2000 that the Neil first sensed God's call to priesthood. After training at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, he was ordained in 2005 at Peterborough Cathedral. He served his curacy in the market town of Towcester.

In 2009 he became the Vicar of St Nicolas Earley, a busy suburban church. He also served as Assistant Area Dean for Reading for five years.

More recently, Neil was part of the Archbishop's Anti-Racism Taskforce that produced From Lament to Action. Neil is passionate about fighting injustice.

Remembrance Day



A short
Service of Remembrance
on Armistice Day

10.50am on 11 November

At

Whiteladies Road War Memorial
(outside former St John's Church)

TWO-MINUTE SILENCE AT 11.00 AM

'Lest we forget'
All are most welcome

Celebrating All Saints

Everyone is welcome to enjoy a celebratory glass of bubbles (alcoholic and non alcoholic) in the Atrium after Sunday's Festival Mass, courtesy of the Bar (aka the All Saints Society).



Gabriel
Fauré

Requiem

for All Souls

5pm, Sunday 2nd November, 2025
All Saints, Clifton

concert matinée All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton

Saturday
November 1st
4.00 pm

Allan Schiller
Piano
Mozart Sonatas
&
Schubert Impromptus

NB Due to unforeseen circumstances this programme differs
from that previously advertised

retiring collection tea and cake

A background image of a green textured surface, possibly a wall or fabric, with four circular light spots arranged vertically in the center.




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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



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 8th NOVEMBER 2025
ARNOS VALE CEMETERY - led by MARY BENTON

The history of the City of Bristol told in 45 green acres of spectacular Victorian garden cemetery. Rich in architecture, fascinating trails and nature walks, the scale of the cemetery is vast, and the history of its rise, fall and resurrection is remarkable. This month, we'll be walking round a trail of the memorials of notable Bristolians.

Meet at the Clifton Down Station bus stop on the east side of Whiteladies Road at 10:20 to catch the No 1 to Arnos Vale. The bus stops almost outside the gate.

Some of the paths are unpaved and may be muddy so do wear sturdy shoes or boots.

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

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



Friends Together

at All Saints, Clifton

A Dementia accessible café **for all**.
Support, guidance, information and friendship
with tea, coffee and cake included.

Join us for...

- Reminiscence activities
- Support, guidance, and information
- Tea, coffee, cake
- Fun, laughter – and friendship!

WHERE? The Randall Room, All Saints Church

WHEN? 1st Thursday of **every** month

TIME? 10.00am-12.00pm

The next meeting of Friends Together is on Thursday 6th of November at 10 am.

Good conversation and great cake !!

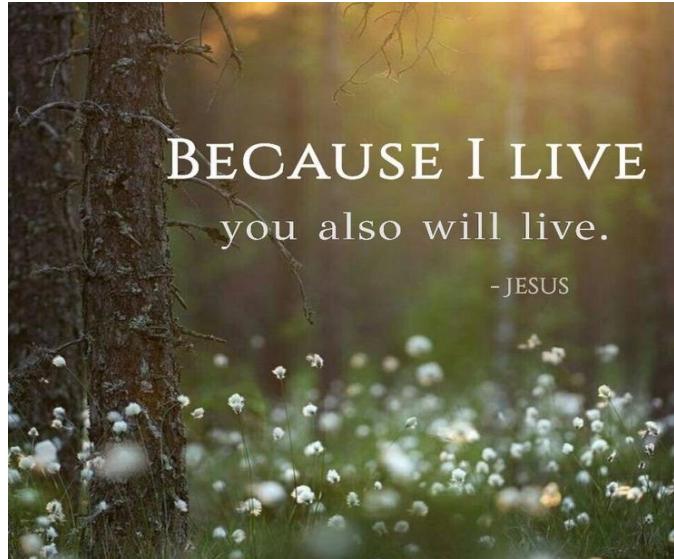


Prayers Requests

'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 Martin Rogers

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:

Nobby Davis Roger Bull (Pr) Jack Ostler John Maggs John Hall Ursula Boulding Myra Lury

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 3	Richard Hooker Priest 1600 Pray for theologians; the Bristol University Theology Dept., staff and students; Trinity College – staff and students.
Tue 4	Pray for those who are unemployed, for those unhappy in their employment and for those looking for fresh employment. Pray for those who are retiring at this time and are working to make sense of this life-changing event.
Wed 5	Requiem Mass 10.00 am Blessed are you, Lord of all creation, it is through your goodness that we have so many gifts which the earth has given, and that human hands have made for our benefit. We pray for our farming communities, all who work on or with the land, and that we may learn the meaning of responsibility in terms of your gift of creation.
Thurs 6	Pray for the ordained and licensed priests and ministers who work in this parish. Those who perform other ministries in this parish – choir, servers, teaching, preaching, administration, Office Manager, handyman, sidespeople, cleaners, tea rota, wardens, and the daily office team. Pray for those who do so much for us but are often in the background
Fri 7	Mass 10.00 am Willibrord of York, Missionary 739 The people who live and work in the Netherlands (historically Frisia and the home of Willibrord). May we learn from the government and organization of this liberal and socially tolerant nation.
Sat 8	Saints and Martyrs of England British bishops attended the Council of Arles (314) suggesting a church with order and worship – since that time, Christians in Britain have worked for the Kingdom living simple lives of holiness and giving their lives. Pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world.
Sunday 9	3 before Advent (Remembrance Day) Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule. Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.45 am

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.