

ALL SAINTS NEWS

9th November 2025
3rd Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday



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A SIGHT IN CAMP IN THE DAYBREAK
GRAY AND DIM

A sight in camp in the daybreak gray and dim,
As from my tent I emerge so early sleepless,
As slow I walk in the cool fresh air the path near by the
hospital tent,
Three forms I see on stretchers lying, brought out there
untended lying,
Over each the blanket spread, ample brownish woolen
blanket,
Gray and heavy blanket, folding, covering all.

Curious I halt and silent stand,
Then with light fingers I from the face of the nearest
the first just lift the blanket;
Who are you elderly man so gaunt and grim, with well-gray'd
hair, and flesh all sunken about the eyes?
Who are you my dear comrade?
Then to the second I step—and who are you my child
and darling?
Who are you sweet boy with cheeks yet blooming?

Then to the third—a face nor child nor old, very calm,
as of beautiful yellow-white ivory;
Young man I think I know you—I think this face is
the face of the Christ himself,
Dead and divine and brother of all, and here again he lies.
[1885]

"November" by Thomas Hood 1843

No sun - no moon!
No morn - no noon -
No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day.
No sky - no earthly view -
No distance looking blue -
No road - no street - no "t'other side this way" -
No end to any Row -
No indications where the Crescents go -
No top to any steeple -
No recognitions of familiar people -
No courtesies for showing 'em -
No knowing 'em!
No traveling at all - no locomotion -
No inkling of the way - no notion -
"No go" by land or ocean -
No mail - no post -
No news from any foreign coast -
No park, no ring - no afternoon gentility -
No company - no nobility -
No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member -
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds, -
No vember!

A poem reflecting on the gloom of a wet November.
Thank you to Robert Sambell for sharing this poem

ASC Vestment Care!



Calling all those who can sew - and anyone who can't currently sew but is interested!

Every at 10.30 am we will be meeting to consider how best to repair some of All Saints' beautiful vestments. The copes (embroidered cloaks) need special padded hangers, so we will be starting with the easy task of cutting calico to pad a coat hanger. Coffee and biscuits will of course be provided!

Please talk with Mthr Nicola or email (nvs@mosaicpublishing.co.uk) if you have any queries or questions.

HOME HELP REQUIRED

In Clifton family home with dogs and cat. 2hrs/day for 4 days a week (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri) for all of December. Light housework – ironing, hanging washing, changing beds, some cooking, shopping required. If you can drive that would be good but not essential. Good hourly rate.
If interested please contact Vicky Gordon on 07884191448 or victoriagordon@btinternet.com



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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 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)

Remembrance Day



A short
Service of Remembrance
on Armistice Day

10.50am on 11 November

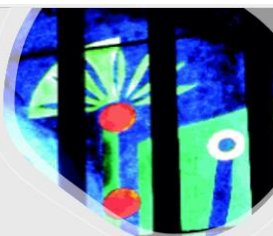
At

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

TWO-MINUTE SILENCE AT 11.00 AM

'Lest we forget'
All are most welcome





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 7th December. In 2026, Sunday 4th January Sunday 1st February

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



GOLDEN SUN

Sacred music from the Portuguese Renaissance

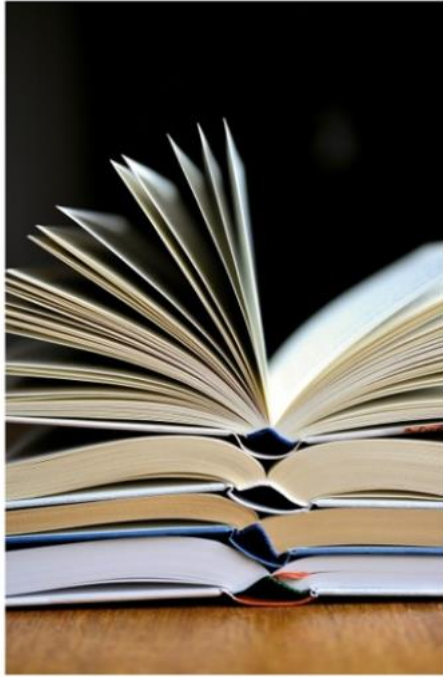
Nova
Directed by Huw Morgan



6PM, SUNDAY 16TH
NOVEMBER 2025

A CELEBRATION OF PORTUGUESE POLYPHONY, WITH MUSIC BY MANUEL CARDOSO, VICENTE LUSITANO, DUARTE LOBO, ESTÊVÃO DE BRITO, ESTÊVÃO LOPES MORAGO, AND DIOGO DIAS MELGÁS.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PEMBROKE ROAD,
BRISTOL BS8 3ED
PROGRAMMES AT THE DOOR £10; STUDENTS £5;
ACCOMPANIED UNDER-16S FREE



All Saints Book Group

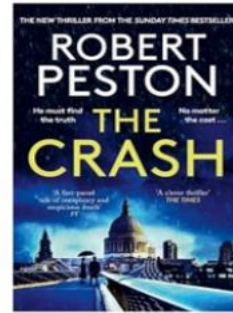
Wed 19th November 2025, 7-9 pm
in the Sacristy

Join us for our bi-monthly book group in the Sacristy of All Saints.
Every other month, a new book – bringing readers together for lively discussions and great company!

Our book for the November meeting will be:

The Crash
By Robert Peston

And do make a note of the next Book Group meeting on Wed 21st Jan 2026



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Parish Lunch



Join us in the Randall Room after Mass for
**A Fundraising Sudanese-themed Parish
Lunch**

All proceeds to go towards supporting the education of
our Sudanese students

Sunday 23rd November @ 12.30pm



Delicious home-cooked North-African food

Vegan/Gluten free can be accommodated if requested by **Sunday 16th November**

Raffle & Cash Bar



Tickets on sale in church from Sunday 2nd Nov

**Tickets: £10
(family ticket £20)**



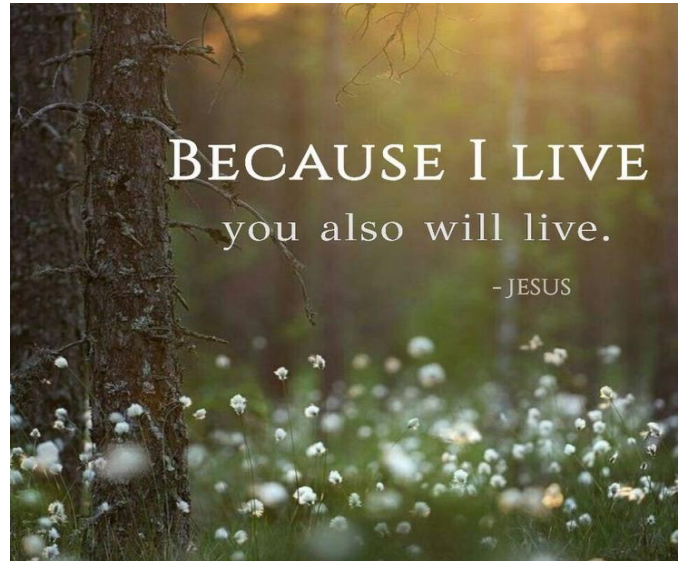
For more information, please call All Saints Parish Office on
0117 974 1355; www.allsaintsclifton.org

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 John Pedlar Gillian Clark

Monday

Sathia Aruliah Susie King Arthur Cleaver

Tuesday.

Pam Parker Oussama and Claire Sader

Wednesday

Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, 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

Hugh Farry Lucille Osafa Mary Whittington Diana Verity

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Cyril Hope (Pr) John Richards (Bp) Michael Lucas Winifred Bell Rob Graham Maureen Gill Louise Strachan Jo McKie Arthur Miles Mary Rowe

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 10	Ours often feels a world of conflict. Pray for those who work to bring agreement and understanding. Those who work for peace and concord – be it in places of turmoil and physical danger, in societies without tolerance, or in homes broken apart by difference.
Tue 11	Armistice Day Martin, Bishop of Tours 397 Pray for those who find their faith or values incompatible with the expectations of others. Especially we pray for conscientious objectors and pacifists. Remember those who gave their lives in the Great Wars, and those who continue to put their lives on the line from duty and in our defence
Wed 12	Mass 10.00 am Pray for those who work in Quality Assurance and Testing Functions. May they work to increase security, to enable fairness, to ensure safety and for the good of all.
Thurs 13	Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836 Pray for orphans. Each year millions of children become orphans because of war, famine, displacement, disease, poverty and accident. Whilst care of orphans was enshrined in Roman, Greek and Jewish law from very early in history the responsibility for care transferred to the Church in the early mediaeval period (in Europe). Pray for all those who have responsibility to care for orphans.
Fri 14	Requiem Mass 10.00 am Samuel Seabury, first Bishop of N America 1796 Pray for the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community may they find a place in society free of suffering due to intolerance and misunderstanding. Pray for our Church that we may find ways to live the Gospel and not be divided by fundamentalist attitudes.
Sat 15	Pray for individuals and organizations who operate philanthropically. Through their love of humanity they seek to care, nourish, develop and enhance the lives of others. May we adopt these attitudes and behaviours ourselves.
Sunday 16	2 before Advent Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom. Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30 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.