

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

25<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
3rd Sunday of Epiphany  
The Conversion of Paul

**Community of the Sisters of the Church**  
**And now, in our 35th year of being back in Bristol...**



Sisters: Angela, Lilian, Valerie, Dorothea, Esther, Caroline Anne (Lilian and Esther were visiting from the Solomon Islands.)

Sisters Angela, Valerie, Dorothea & Caroline Anne were the first Sisters to live at 82 Ashley Road. Arriving 8th December 1991 and being blessed into the area 25th January 1992.

Once upon a time, many years ago, a local Priest approached the Community of the Sisters of the Church to see if they would be interested in setting up a house in his parish, with the approval of the Diocese I might add. Before this encounter, there had been some civil unrest in the area, the St Paul's Riots.

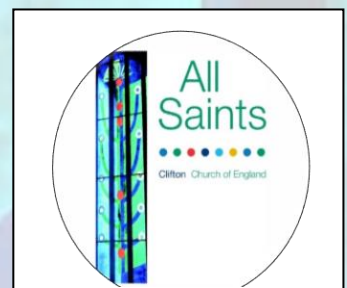
*"The St Pauls riot occurred in St Pauls, Bristol, England on 2 April 1980 when police raided the Black and White Café on Grosvenor Road in the heart of the area. After several hours of disturbance in which fire engines and police cars were damaged, 130 people were arrested, 25 were taken to hospital, including 19 police and members of the press...*

*Relations between police and the local community remained tense and reached a low point in 1986 when 600 police raided the Black and White Café again in an action named Operation Delivery. It took intervention by local Member of Parliament William Waldegrave to persuade the police to scale down their policy of containment."*

*(quote from Wikipedia)*

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We, the Sisters, were invited to be a praying presence in the area, a role we willingly took up. The ministry in the early days began organically, and out of this 'being' approach we have since established the Loaves and Fishes Project. The Sisters have also been involved with working children and were involved with the setting up of the 125 Project (an organisation which supports women who are working on the streets). We have always been available to preach into local parishes and also speak at a variety of group settings.



The Garden, then and now

Behind all the ministries that have been part of our life at "82", prayer has been the constant. Having a Sister who is a Priest has meant that we are now able to offer the Eucharist more often. Our regular service is at 1:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, each week our Foodbank is open - all are welcome. We have mirrored the early days of our presence by having a Eucharist in our yard - you'll see from the photo of our garden that we would have them in the garden on occasions.



Eucharist in the yard, while serving those in need

And now... we are entering a new phase in our life at "82". A few years ago, we employed someone to help with the running of the Loaves and Fishes, and now we are in the position to employ another person. The number of Sisters present at the house has decreased, with age and availability being a key factor. This has resulted in needing to 'outsource' the day to day running of the project, with the Sisters then able to focus on pastoral support, fundraising and most importantly, Prayer.

The Sisters were in Bristol at the beginning of the 20th Century, moving to Alma Vale Road in 1921, having moved from a house in Colston Street. In those days, the Sisters helped in the Sacristy of All Saints.



After the Church was bombed, the Parish held Eucharists in the Sisters chapel, until other arrangements were made.

We left Bristol in 1945 and on our return, now living in the St Paul's area, we were part of another parish. In 2016, we reconnected with All Saints, and have felt part of this wonderful community ever since.



Rev'd Sr Teresa Mary CSC, current Sister-in-Charge

Sr Anna Samuel N/CSC

Sandra Mitchell (Alongsider)

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**Taizé for Lent at All Saints**

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 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](http://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 starts at **5.00 pm** and will last around 45 minutes.

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## Lent Charity

Ash Wednesday this year is on 18<sup>th</sup> February. It is our custom during Lent to identify two charities to support. Traditionally these two charities are one that is reasonably locally based and the other of a more international nature or theme.

If you have any suggestions as to which (two) charities the PCC should choose to adopt this year please email the ideas to Fr Charles, Wendy in the office or one of the Wardens.

## Stewardship Campaign

During this year we will engage in a Stewardship Campaign. We recognise that giving is part of our Christian faith, as:

- giving is a response to the giving of a generous God
- giving enables mission and ministry
- giving helps people to feel that they, and their gifts, are valued by the church

Giving is therefore first and foremost not a matter of practicality, but part of our everyday faith and discipleship – our journey of following Christ. We will form a Stewardship Team who will work with us to consider our giving of:

- Time
- Treasure
- Talents to the benefit of the life and mission of All Saints



## Walsingham 2026 31<sup>st</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September

Join a pilgrimage, lead by Mthr. Nicola to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

There is a sign up sheet in the porch.

If you would like to know more, please be in touch with Mthr Nicola or Caroline Melvin

[nvs@mosaicpublishing.co.uk](mailto:nvs@mosaicpublishing.co.uk)

[caroline.melvin@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline.melvin@btinternet.com)

Cost: £350 for 4 nights, half board (not including transport costs)

Deposits of £40 per person due on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## The All Saints Christmas Tree - what happened next ?

The beautiful 14 ft tree that adorned the altar steps during the Christmas period was freshly cut on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

It looked amazing, as it glowed with lights and decorations of red and gold, for the Carol service and all the Christmas services but what next ....

Our tree is now part of the dead hedge which provides shelter for small mammals, birds and insects at an eco friendly alloment. A fitting end which reflects the circle of a tree's natural life.

Thank you to the All Saints Flower Team and friends for facilitating this – using old wellie boots for covering the stakes is a particularly innovative idea.



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

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.'*

Sessions are held on Sundays, starting at 12.30 and finishing at 1.30pm. Meeting in the Sacristy with lunch provided.

The next meeting is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of February .



The 57<sup>th</sup> Brownies based at All Saints are urgently looking for new members to join their pack as girls move on to Guides or other activities.

If you have a girl in your family aged between 7 and 10 who is interested in non stop fun, learning and adventure please contact the Brownies Leader at [57thbristolbrownies@live.co.uk](mailto:57thbristolbrownies@live.co.uk)

The Brownies meet in the Randall Room at 5.30 pm each Friday in term time .

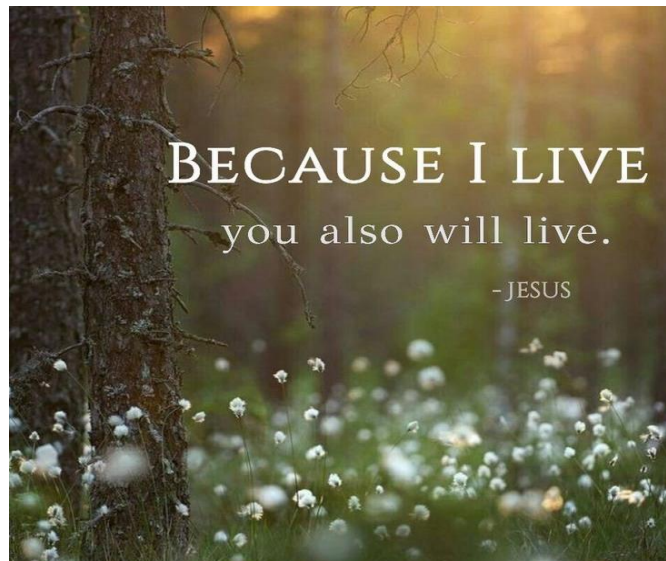


## Prayers Requests

'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 Andrew French Swarna Simpson Jenny Oates Sister Rosie Martin Rogers Gillian Clark Pepe Messel William and Lincoln Sue GayLard – Hughes Aiden Downton Lucy Briggs- Owen

### Monday

Sathia Aruliah Susie King

### Tuesday.

Pam Parker Oussama and Claire Sader

### Wednesday

Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, Samantha Tucker, Maureen Mumford Vy and Angel Wray Jennie Williams

### 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 Rhona Bennett Tim Draycott Arthur Cleaver Jonathan Welland Gwladys Hughes Antony Keyworth-Berridge Alice Teitz

## Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Marilyn Spilsbury Rodney West Violet France Robin Thomas (Pr) Kingsley Wood Alan Seager Jack Vile Tony Goodfield Olivia Wilson Barbara Sharpe Kenneth Clarke (Pr) Helen Weeks Dennis Squires

# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 26	<b>Timothy and Titus</b> Friends and companions (which these two weren't, of each other); being part of a community, working together.
Tue 27	Pray for us to address the challenge of communicating the Gospel more effectively in our own places – where we live and work
Wed 28	<b>Mass 10.00am Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274</b> Remember those who are freethinkers; who challenge arbitrary authority, question the status quo, and construct alternatives to engrained behaviours. May they be enabled to do this to the benefit of humankind and creation.
Thurs 29	Remember those who are freethinkers; who challenge arbitrary authority, question the status quo, and construct alternatives to engrained behaviours. May they be enabled to do this to the benefit of humankind and creation.
Fri 30	<b>Mass 10.00am Charles, King and Martyr, 1649</b> Pray for those whose interests lie predominately in the world of electronics and digital communication. For developers and users of the social media, 'games' and other on-line activities that have transformed the world. May they be enabled to do this to the benefit of humankind and creation.
Sat 31	<b>John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888</b> The Anglo Catholic movement in the world, 'High Anglicism', the fundamental belief in God Incarnate and the move to act on behalf of 'the God in everyone'.
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</b>  Over the Epiphany Season we have reflected on the 'revelation' of the Word made flesh. We have recognised the visit of the high born and gentile magi, the recognition of Jesus as Messiah at his Baptism, the first miracle at Cana and the start of Jesus' ministry in the Nazareth synagogue. We pray that we see him now, at work in our world.  <b>Early Worship 9.00am      Parish Mass 10.30      Choral Evensong 5pm</b>

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](mailto: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 [safeguarding@allsaintsclifton.org](mailto:safeguarding@allsaintsclifton.org)