

ALL SAINTS NEWS

3rd April 2026
5th Sunday of Easter

Kingdom Seeds in Local Soil



The Diocesan Pilgrimage

May 2026

This May, all are invited to step into a nine-day journey starting at Wanborough on **Friday 15th May** until we arrive at Bristol City Centre on **Saturday 23rd May**. The journey weaves across the whole Diocese of Bristol—an adventure of prayer, story, and hope.

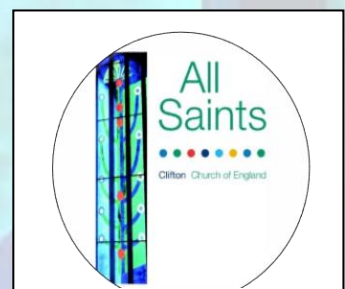
You are invited to walk on our Bristol Diocesan Pilgrimage 2026, together we will walk, pray, and sow seeds of God's kingdom in every corner of our diocese. The Pilgrimage coincides with **Thy Kingdom Come Week** and will tie in with the Diocesan **Rhythm of Life** materials.

Please put the dates in your diary. You can come and walk for all or part of the pilgrimage.



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Each day will follow a gentle rhythm of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. As we walk from parish to parish, we'll pause at local churches and schools to pray for God's work in each community and deanery—lifting up the people, ministries, and possibilities of every place we pass through. On your journey be open to encounter God through his word, creation and the people you meet along the way. Along the way we will carry seeds from place to place & gift them to parishes & schools on our way—a simple, powerful sign of the growth that God brings. These seeds will mark our route and remind us that the kingdom of God is always taking root, often quietly, but always with promise.

The Pilgrimage route is rich with history and alive with present-day faith. We'll hear stories of Christians—past and present—whose lives witness to God's faithful presence. As we walk, we hope you will be encouraged, inspired, and renewed.

In Bristol West – 21 May

On Thursday 21 May the pilgrims will be walking through Bristol West (from Almondsbury to Sea Mills). The hope is that lots of people from this Deanery would join in with some/all of the walk on 21 May, and there could be people in our churches who would like to do several days, or maybe even all, of the whole pilgrimage. The Bristol West day concludes with a service at 7pm at St Edyth's, Sea Mills, which will be the celebration at the end of the Bristol West leg of the journey.

The Day's Walk

Bristol West walk will begin at 9.00 am from St Mary's Church Almondsbury.

Leaving Almondsbury, we will walk through Easter Compton, where we will pause at All Saints Church. Dating back to 1170, this historic place offers a moment for rest, reflection, and refreshments before we continue our journey. We then head onward until we pass beneath the M5, a major artery of travel and commerce, symbolising connection and movement across the region.



Our walk continues on to St Mary's Church, Henbury. Here, we will reflect on Bristol's historical links to the transatlantic slave trade, prompted by the presence of the tomb of Scipio Africanus—a reminder of a painful and complex shared history. From there, we pass through the beautiful grounds of Blaise Park, with a short detour up to Blaise Castle, where we can enjoy stunning views across Bristol and the surrounding countryside.

After leaving the park, we will stop at Stoke Bishop Primary School, pausing to recognise the importance of education, community, and the role of younger generations in shaping the future. Finally, arriving in Sea Mills, where we will gather for a special Deanery celebration.

This is a Journey rooted in Prayer


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God the Sower,
Scattering seeds of life
onto paths of promise
and into hearts grown hard.
Make us way-markers and wayfarers
in the Way of your kingdom,
sharing the seeds of your kingdom
in peace and blessing
and may the wind of your Spirit
scatter them to plant a harvest
beyond our imagining.
In the name of Jesus,
whose crucified, risen and ascended presence
fills all in all,
in his coming Kingdom.
Amen




This weekend -

Bristol University Singers:
**Underneath
the Stars**
*Conducted by Elinor Cooper
and Matthew Harrison*



Britten
Bingham
Harris
Stanford
Rachmaninoff
Weelkes
and more

1st May, 7pm
All Saints, Clifton
£12 General, Free with UCard
Tickets available online



concert matinee All Saints Church Clifton Bristol

**Saturday
May 2nd
4pm**

Niall Hoskin (baritone)
Stephen Browne (piano)

Beethoven
'An die ferne Geliebte'
(To the distant beloved)
Schumann
'Dichterliebe'
(A poet's love)

retiring collection tea and cake



Taizé at All Saints

Sunday, 3rd May, 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).

Bristol Early Music Festival
8-10 May 2026

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www.bristolearlymusicfestival.uk




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Good News from the Bar

Did you know that inflation does not exist at the All Saints Bar?



With prices going up everywhere else, at our recent All Saints Society AGM we agreed to keep them the same - yet again. Where else can you get a glass of wine, beer, 0.0% or soft drink for £2 or a G&T for £3 and still make a profit?

We also agreed a £1000 donation to All Saints, making a total of £6,600 donated since 2020.

It's been another good year for the Bar, with 15-20 people regularly enjoying congenial company after Mass in the Randall Room - an important part of the social life of our church community. There's always a warm welcome. If you haven't been before, why not give it a try? Its a great way to meet new friends.

Janice Hopkins, Bar Steward



All Saints
Gilton Church of England



Walks For Everyone!

Guided walks on The Downs and other interesting areas of Bristol.
Usually 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 16th May 2026
(NB. the *THIRD* Sat of the month this time!)



Leigh Woods

A pleasant woodland walk through beautiful spring scenery, taking a loop through Leigh Woods

Meet at **10:15** at All Saints, Pembroke Road
OR

At the access gate on North Road (///glad.arrow.much; ST 5550 7301)
at **10:45**.

Any questions, contact
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All Saints Book Group

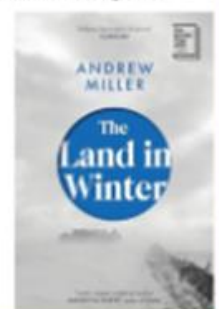
Wed 20th May 2026, 7-9 pm
in the Sacristy

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!

The book for our **May 2026** meeting will be:

The Land in Winter
By Andrew Miller

Future Dates (all Wednesdays)
22 Jul; 23 Sept; 25 Nov 2026






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KINGDOM SEEDS IN LOCAL SOIL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Register here 



Bristol West Deanery route

- Walk and pray for God's work in our deanery
- Encounter aspects of heritage and history
- A varied walk through town and country
- Almondsbury to Sea Mills

**21st
May
2026**



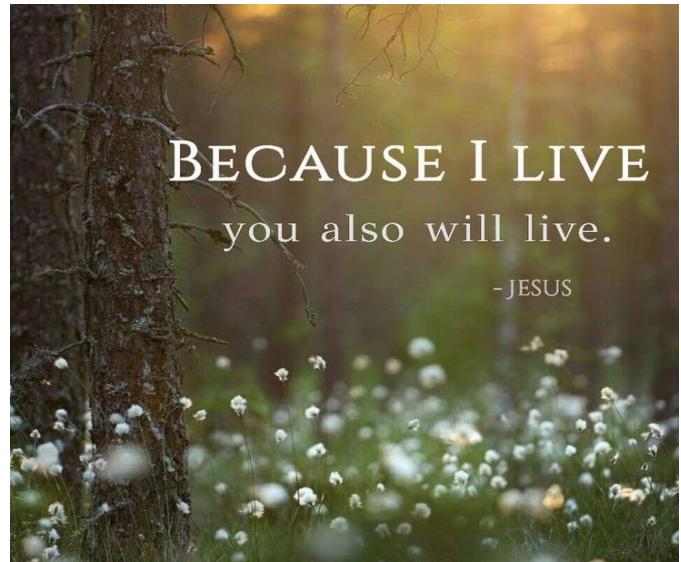
Deanery contact : ashleechambers@icloud.com

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 Ossama & Clare Sader Debbie Gibbs Sara Maitland

Monday

Tuesday.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Friday

Charlotte Hopkins, Caroline Semon, Nadine Benn The O'Sullivan family

Saturday

The Departed

Lucille Osafo Gwladys Hughes Antony Keyworth-Berridge Chris Griffin Jenny Oates Brian Davage

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Miles Portman Mary Harris Dennis Neill Madeleine Prewett Joan Souter Vera Price

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 4	English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Remembering those who were persecuted and died for their faith – protestant and Roman Catholic. Acknowledging the terrible things the Church has done in the past – in the belief that it was ‘right’ and the terrible things that people of faith continue to do in our world.
Tue 5	Give thanks for all who work to maintain our water supplies, to keep our oceans clean and free of pollutants and who bring water to those who thirst. Pray for those who are short of water (especially in the Southern Sahara), pray for those who are afflicted by floods
Wed 6	Mass 10.00am Pray for: those obsessed with diet, for those who have problems with their body image, for those who suffer from eating disorders, for those who are obese or emaciated.
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Fri 8	Mass 10.00am Julian of Norwich 1417 We ask you Father, to send your Holy Spirit to be with us so that we too may learn to draw good from evil (as described by St Julian; and in the works of TS Eliot " ...All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well".
Sat 9	Pray for those who have been made scapegoats, those who suffer unjust blame (individuals and groups); and also whistle-blowers.
Sunday 10	6th Sunday of Easter God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 safeguarding@allsaintsclifton.org