

ALL SAINTS NEWS

10th May 2026
6th Sunday of Easter

The Minor Rogations

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding Ascension Day

The Minor Rogations (or Lesser Litanies) are three days of prayer, fasting, and procession held on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday immediately preceding Ascension Thursday (the 40th day after Easter). Rooted in 5th-century France, they are designed as a "time of asking" to beseech God for mercy, protection from disasters, and blessings upon the agricultural harvest.

These three days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

The days were established by St. Mamertus, Bishop of Vienne in Gaul (modern-day France). During this time, the region was plagued by severe earthquakes, fires, and ravaging wild beasts. Believing these disasters to be punishments for sin, Bishop Mamertus ordained three days of prayer and fasting—known as "litanies"—to ask for God's mercy.

The term "rogation" comes from the Latin *rogare*, meaning "to ask" or "to beseech". The core purpose is a public appeal to God for mercy, mercy in the face of sin, and to appease divine justice, as described by Bishop Mamertus.

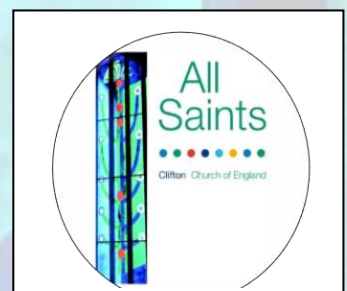
Whilst it has largely fallen out of practice, these days are specifically designed for blessing fields, crops, and gardens. Rural communities in the past prayed for good weather and protection from blight to ensure a successful harvest. And, traditionally, these days included processions (often called "gang days" or "cross days") where the clergy and worshipping communities would walk around the parish boundary, chanting the Litany of the Saints.

Instructions given in the 'Ceremonial of Bishops'

Instructions for the Minor Rogations were given in the "Ceremoniale Episcoporum", first published in 1600 and updated occasionally with a major revision in 1886. The current version, post Vatican Two, was published in 1985 and still provides the liturgical instructions.

Contact us

Office	01179741355	
Web	www.allsaintsclifton.org	
Email	office@allsaintsclifton.org	
Address	68 Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3ED	
Vicar	Fr. Charles Sutton	Home 0117 9078088
Mobile	07785912663	Email charleses@me.com
Associate Priest	Fr Paul Hawkins	



The views and opinions expressed in this Newsletter are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of the All Saints Church community.



If the procession is held, the Rogation Mass is obligatory, and no notice is taken of whatever feast may occur, unless only one Mass is said, for then a commemoration is made of the feast. An exception is made in favour of the patron or titular of the church, of whom the Mass is said with a commemoration of the Rogation. The colour used in the procession and Mass is violet.

Rogation Prayer

We come before you our God and Sustainer,
remembering that you are our Creator
and the source of all being.

Out of your love the universe was born.

From primordial darkness you put in place
all that is needed for growth
and saw that it was good.

You have put this world into our hands:
may we recognise your Spirit within it,
disturbing and challenging us to care for creation,
for the weak and the deprived.

Lord we remember that we are called by you
to nourish the earth and its diversity of life,
to share the gifts you have given,
with one another and with the poor of the world. Amen



Mass
For
Ascension Day
is on Thursday 14th
May at 7pm .

Bristol Early Music Festival 2026

All Saints Church, Pembroke Road, Clifton

Tickets are available online or at the door

Across the Sea: Iberian and Italian Gems of the Renaissance 8 May at 19:30

An exploratory journey of sacred and secular music by some of the finest composers of Renaissance Europe, with The English Wind Consort, performed on a fascinating and kaleidoscopic range of wind instruments from 16th and 17th century Europe.

Renaissance Winds Workshop 9 May at 10:00

An informal session for players of Renaissance wind instruments

Elementary Recorder Ensemble Workshop with Annabel Knight 9 May at 10:00

For novice and returning recorder players of all ages

Jewels in the Crown 9 May at 12.00

Medieval music from north, south, east and west, performed by Leah Stuttard & Jeremy Avis. Come on a journey through the colourful realms and principalities of medieval Europe as far afield as Southern Spain, Jerusalem and Finland.

Workshop for Viols and Recorders - The Serpent and The Dragon 9 May at 13:30

Led by Alison Kinder from the Chelys Consort, a sneak preview of the reptile house in Chelys and Fair Oriana's menagerie from this evening's concert.

A Musical Menagerie 9 May at 19:30

Chelys and Fair Oriana introduce you to the many animals in their menagerie, from the shepherdess Phyllis with her flock of sheep, a frog and mouse who get married, a flying Pegasus and a lapdog who plays a dangerous game as the favourite of Queen Elizabeth I. Not to mention Three Ravens contemplating a rather grisly breakfast, and a dancing baboon...! Come on a guided tour of the various animal enclosures with music by Byrd, Dowland, Dering, Marenzio and Weelkes.

Baroque Dance Workshop 10 May at 14:00

Join Philippa Waite for an introduction to the dances of Thomas Bray, choreographer and dancer at London theatres.

A Feast of French Baroque 10 May at 17:00

The flickering flames of hell, the soothing balm of cooling streams and a tragic love tale...

For the final concert of the festival, we turn to the rich elegance and dance-like tunefulness of the French Baroque. In this programme we hear pieces by three of the masters of the style: the spiritual drama of Lully's *Dies Irae*, the reassurance of Sweelinck's setting of psalm 42 'Like as the Hart', and the operatic exuberance of the love story of *Sémélé* as told by Marin Marais in his orchestral suite from the opera. With the South West Baroque Orchestra, and Bristol Early Music Festival Chorus. The concert is conducted by the renowned early music specialist Andrea Brown.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT



Tuesday 12th May 2026, 1.00pm
All Saints Church, Pembroke Road

Featuring Soloists from Year 7 to 12
Open to parents, staff and the public



All
Saints
Clifton 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
Mary Benton: mary.benton@bristol.ac.uk or 07929 227170



All Saints
Clifton Church of England



Parish Lunch



Join us in the Randall Room after Mass for
Parish Lunch for Pentecost
Sunday 24th May @ 12.30pm
A delicious home-cooked meal
Vegetarian/vegan/gluten free can be accommodated if requested in advance

Cash Bar
Tickets: £7 each
On sale in church from Sunday 3rd May
Contact Janice: rhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk
OR
For more information contact the [Parish Office](#)
All Saints Parish Office
0117 974 1355; www.allsaintsclifton.org

Tickets for the next
delicious
Parish Lunch are
available now.

Just £7 each

A cash bar will be open

A new group for the young at heart,

Musical Memories,

on Thursday 28th of May.

The Friends Together Team
invite you to relive music
from
the late 50's and early 60's.

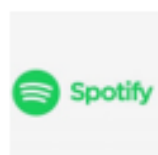
Musical Memories Thursday 28th May at 2.30 pm

A selection of musical memories
from 1955 & 1965+

Mocktails and nibbles



Discover how to build your own playlist for life.



All Saints Church, Pembroke Rd, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3ED

0117 9741355

KINGDOM SEEDS IN LOCAL SOIL
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

DIOCESE OF BRISTOL
TRANSFORMING. TOGETHER.

KINGDOM SEEDS IN LOCAL SOIL
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

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

Our 2026 'Exploring Christianity' sessions will reflect on what we mean when we talk about being Christian. Ideal for those commencing their journey of understanding as well as those already established on the path.

Exploring Christianity

A further series of Exploring Christianity is approaching:

12.30 - 1.30 (with sandwiches) in the Randall Room after Mass on Sundays :

- June 7 Anglo-Catholicism
- June 21 God in the Old Testament
- July 12 The Sacraments
- July 26 Heresies

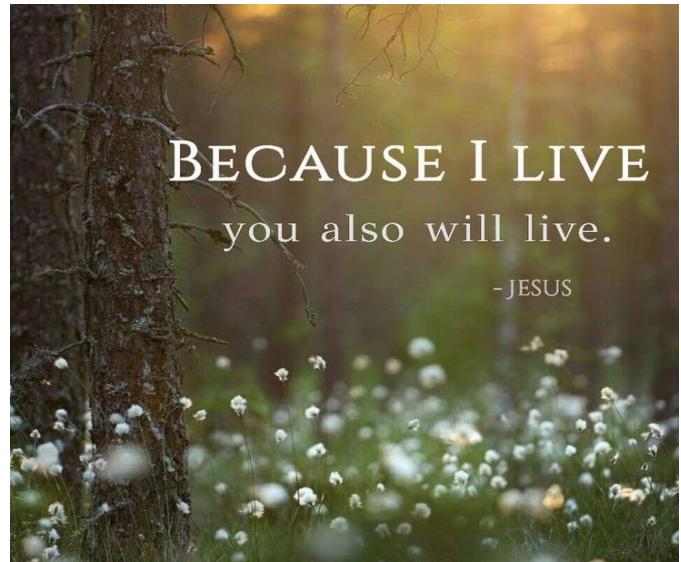
All welcome, at whatever stage of the journey of faith.

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

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Mary Rossetti John Hersee Patrick Lury (Pr) Dorothy Wookey Tony Crabbe Kathleen Verity

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 11	Rogation Day Pray for all Pilgrims. Especially those who find meaning, clarity and peace at Walsingham, pray for the Walsingham Cells. Remember all those who worship through journeying and finding Holy places
Tue 12	Rogation Day Gregory Dix 1952 Pray for Benedictine communities throughout the world. Pray for the life and work of Mucknell Abbey, Pray also for liturgists and those who interpret and explain liturgy. For our team of servers.
Wed 13	Rogation Day Mass 10.00am <i>Pray for all who live in this parish. We praise thee for the day of light and life, for the night which brings rest and sleep, and for the ordered course of nature, seedtime and harvest, which thou hast given us. We bless thee that thou has given us the joy of children, the wisdom of old men. We thank thee for all holy and humble men of heart, for the love of God and man which shines forth in commonplace lives, and above all for the vision of thyself, in loneliness and in fellowship, in Sacrament and in prayer; for these and all other benefits we praise and glorify the name, now and for evermore.</i>
Thurs 14	Ascension Day 7.00pm Mass Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell.
Fri 15	Mass 10.00am St Matthias Pray for the University of the West of England (the St Matts Campus) UWE; the work of the Chaplains, and the students and all staff. Especially remembering the students we see working in our Church: from the Architecture and Education Departments
Sat 16	Caroline Chisholm 1877 Pray for those who dedicate themselves to Humanitarian issues (especially today those working with female immigrants in Australia and on Aboriginal issues). Pray for immigrant populations throughout our world and for those who are further disadvantaged by race
Sunday 17	7th Sunday of Easter O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before 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