

ALL SAINTS NEWS

31st May 2026
Trinity Sunday

Reimagining The Offertory

At the Offertory, the collection is sometimes described as the 'Plate Collection' or 'Passing a Bag'. The Church of England National Stewardship Committee is encouraging parishes to recommence or continue to pass an offertory bag during the service. The offering of money within the context of worship provides an opportunity for a symbolic offering of ourselves and our resources.

Benefits of 'Passing the Bag':

- Everyone is physically involved in liturgical action
- Visible symbol of gratitude to God
- Offers the opportunity to explain what is going on and why
- Better described as "receiving an offering" rather than "taking a collection"
- Can use (recyclable) "Tokens" for those with Direct Debit or Standing Order who engage in planned giving.

Here, at ASC, this was a practice that we halted during the Covid season. Our intention is to recommence this aspect of gifting or making an offering.

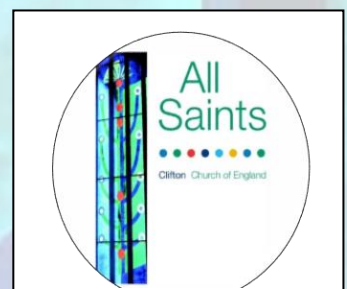
Consequently, during the Offertory Hymn, and after the gifts of bread and wine (the primary elements for consecration) have been received, the Sidespeople will receive a monetary offering and then bring this to the Sanctuary. We will recommence this on Trinity Sunday (this Sunday).

If you are a regular giver by Direct Debit or Standing Order, please pick up a token and use tis as your gift.

It is worth reminding ourselves of the symbolic meaning behind this custom, which is the offering of oneself. Bringing ordinary, everyday elements like bread, wine, and the fruit of human labour to the Sanctuary represents offering one's own life, struggles, and work to be transformed by God.

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Appointment of the next Bishop of Bristol

The Diocese of Bristol has today (27 May 2026) released a statement, providing an update regarding the appointment of the next Bishop of Bristol. The full statement is as follows:

Today, we share an important update regarding the appointment of the next Bishop of Bristol.

We had hoped to announce our new bishop at this time. However, due to family reasons, the person offered the role is no longer able to take it up. Let us hold them in our prayers at this time.

People across our diocese may experience a range of thoughts and emotions in response to this news. As a diocese, may we remain steadfast in our faith, rooted in Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit. Our Transforming Church. Together mission and priorities continue unchanged as we serve our communities, churches and one another with hope and commitment.

We are deeply grateful for the extraordinary dedication shown every day by clergy, colleagues, chaplains, church officers, volunteers, and congregations across the diocese. Your faithful witness and service continue to shape and strengthen our lives together.

Bishop Neil will continue to serve as Bishop of Swindon and Acting Bishop of Bristol throughout the Vacancy in See alongside gifted and faithful colleagues. This will enable stability, clarity, and continued momentum in our work and ministry, as we have experienced in the episcopal vacancy to date.

In moments like this we are reminded that God's mission is shared by all of us. Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support.

An excerpt from our Vacancy in See prayer is apt for this moment:

"May this time of waiting be filled with grace, anticipation, and a renewed sense of God's mission in the world."

Ordinand on Summer Placement

This summer, starting on Sunday 30 May, we will be joined by Michelle Jordan who is an Ordinand at Trinity College. She will be with us for the duration of June.

We very much look forward to welcoming Michelle over this time.

If you are wondering where David is (during June) he will be on his Summer Placement at Christ Church Clifton (which, coincidentally, is where Michelle is doing her Annual Placement).



Michelle Jordan

"I'm Michelle, a first-year ordinand at Trinity College. I moved to Bristol in September with my husband, Tom, and our two children, Jack and Arabella."

Before beginning my studies, I worked as a social worker and lived in Surrey. I grew up in Zimbabwe and moved to the UK at 17.

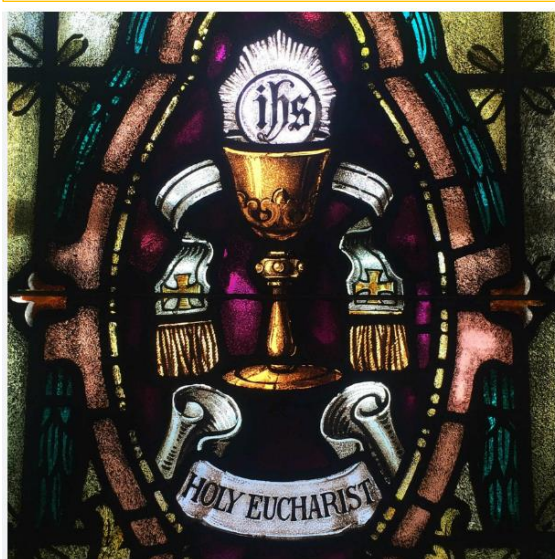
In my spare time, I enjoy walking my dog, Jessie, spending time with friends and family, and finding good coffee."



50 years and counting.....

Janice and Roger invite everyone to enjoy a glass (or two) of bubbles in the atrium after Mass to celebrate their golden wedding.

Married here at All Saints on 5th June 1976.



Corpus Christi Festival Mass

7.00 pm

Thursday 4th June

The Atrium Development

The work on the atrium will begin on the 1st of June . The first piece of work will be removing the remaining asbestos from the pipework under the paving slabs between the kitchen and the main door entrance to the church.


As each piece of work progresses, it will be necessary to use different entrances to access the Church and the Randall Room. This regular section in the news will ensure that everyone will know what is happening and how to access services and events.






From June 1st, for at least 21 days, the main church doors will be closed and entry to the Church will be via the Richard Chapel doors. Toilets will be accessible via the Alma Vale Rd entrance, an accessible toilet will be available on request from next Sunday.

For a short period, during the times when the church is unsupervised, only the Richard Chapel will be open for private prayer.

Musical Memories
Thursday 28th May at
2.30 pm
 A selection of musical memories
 from 1955 & 1965+

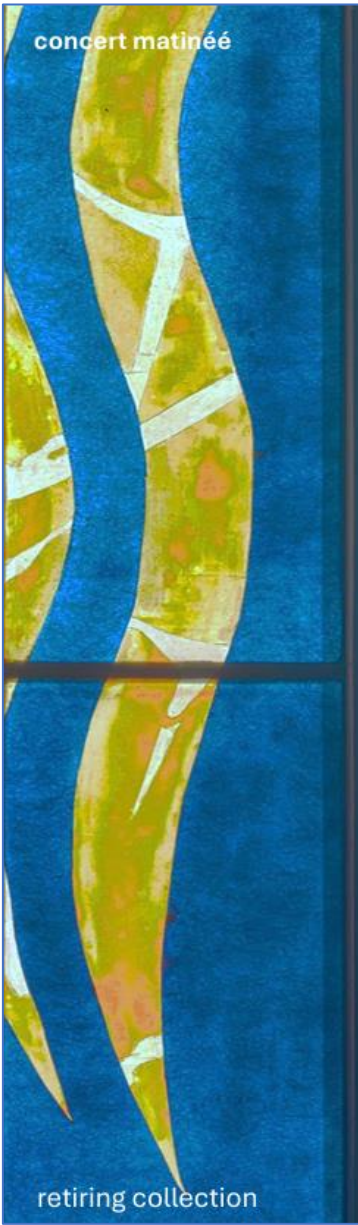
Mocktails and nibbles 

Discover how to build your own playlist for life.

All Saints Church, Pembroke Rd, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3ED
 0117 5741255

The very first Musical Memories group was exciting. Thank you to the supporters and guests who enjoyed tunes from the 50's and 60's provided by DJ Richard with some interesting mocktails on a very warm day.
 Look out for our next date !



All Saints Church Clifton, Bristol

Saturday
June 6th
4pm
Bach:
Gamba
Sonatas

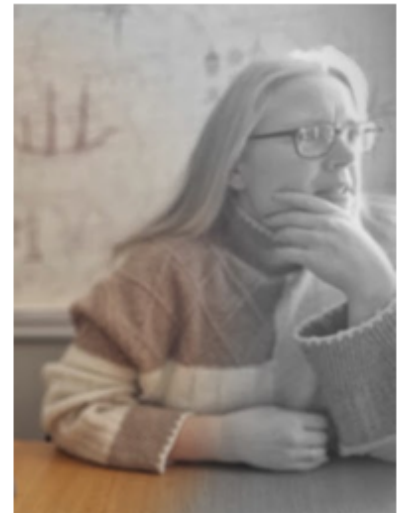
Ulrich Heinen :
 cello
John Humphreys :
 piano

The distinguished cellist,
 Ulrich Heinen,
 performs Bach
 Viola da Gamba Sonatas,
 accompanied by John
 Humphreys

tea and cakes

From Teresa Mary CSC

I have been back in Bristol for 10 years and most of that time has been as Sister-in-Charge. During this time, I have completed my training to be a priest, been ordained and have almost finished my curacy. Over the past few years, as I have shared with many of you, we have been trying to futureproof the *Loaves and Fishes Project*, and with the new team in post, in a way, my work is done. I have managed to make myself redundant! So, I am going to go away.... not for ever, just for several months sabbatical. I am heading for the USA to spend a little time with a friend. Then I am heading for Canada to stay with our Sisters for about four months. After this time away I will be going on a 30 day IGR (Individually Guided Retreat) in north Wales. My role on my return is yet to be finalised, but I will probably still be Sister-in-Charge and take on a more Chaplain-type role for the project. The good news is that our Sr Aileen will be staying here in Bristol while I'm away.





PalMusic UK
Celebrating and supporting Palestinian
musical talent and transforming lives

7pm, Saturday 13 June 2026
All Saints Church
Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3ED



Rising from the Ashes

*Join us for an evening that transcends time and space featuring evocative music by
Younis, Boustany, Shostakovich and Franck*

WISSAM BOUSTANY - FLUTE
International Flautist | President of the British Flute Society | Chairman of PalMusic UK

MARC KAWWAS - PIANO
Born in Bethlehem, Marc trained at the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music (ENSCM)
from age six. Recognized as an exceptional talent, he moved to the UK as a PalMusic UK
Scholar to attend Chetham's School of Music and is currently pursuing his
studies at the Royal Academy of Music in London

Concert in support of PalMusic UK
Charity No. 1152645
Patron: Lord Cope of Berkeley

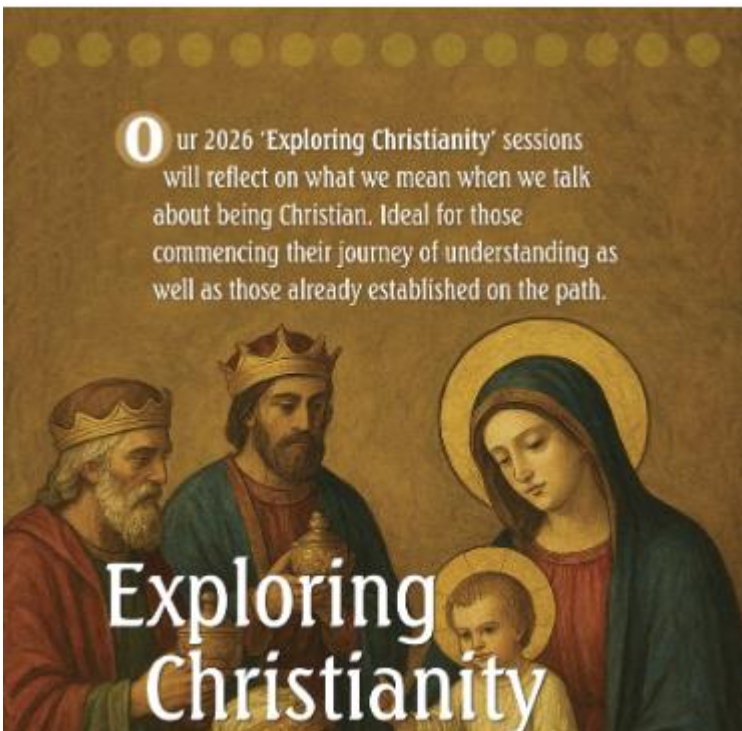
PMUK supports the vital music and educational programmes of the ENSCM in Palestine, where their
outreach programmes teaching the foundations of music-making for children in
refugee camps, creating a space for healing and the nurturing young talent and aspiration

We look forward to welcoming you to this beautiful concert.
Your kind donations may also be given by the QR Code

Tickets: £25 / concessions £15



TICKETS



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

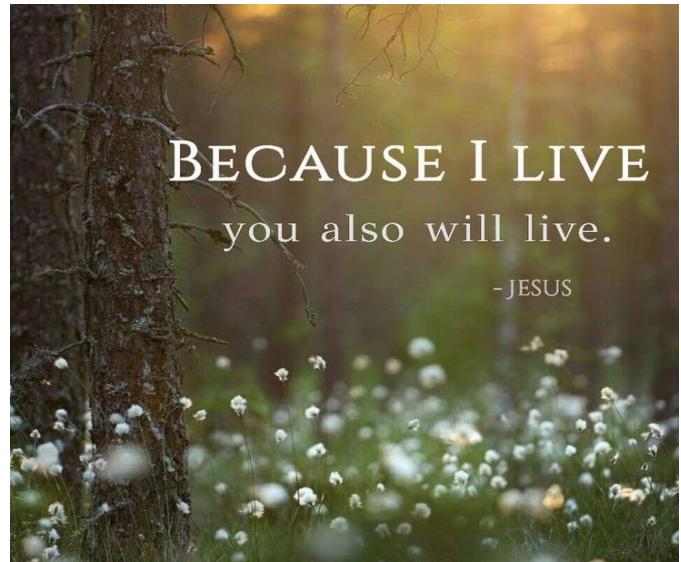
All welcome, at whatever stage of the journey
of faith.

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 Jessica Smith

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:

Noelle Butler-Wright Elizabeth Birch Gwen Hutton John Male Gordon Williams Richard Ndikumana

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon June 1	Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth (Transferred from 31 st of May) The Visitation Mary visits Elizabeth. Pray for expectant mothers, those who adopt children, those who would love to be mothers more than anything else!. Children who are lost and without family, children unloved.
Tue 2	Pray for geographers, teachers, students, researchers and related professionals – all who work to further our understanding of our place on this earth. Geography bridges the social sciences and the natural sciences
Wed 3	Mass 10.00am Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-1977 Pray for the nation of Uganda and for its Anglican Archbishop, Most Revd. Stanley Ntagali. Pray for the links that Bristol diocese has with the church in Uganda.
Thurs 4	Corpus Christi Mass 7.00pm We thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption
Fri 5	Mass 10.00am Boniface/Wynfrith, bishop, martyr, 754. Pray for those working and campaigning to raise awareness of action which needs to be taken to protect our environment for future generations
Sat 6	Ini Kpuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945. The Melanesian brotherhood remains an Anglican order based in The Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Fiji and Papua New Guinea. Pray for the community who strive to live simply in their communities
Sunday 7	1st Sunday of Trinity God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son 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