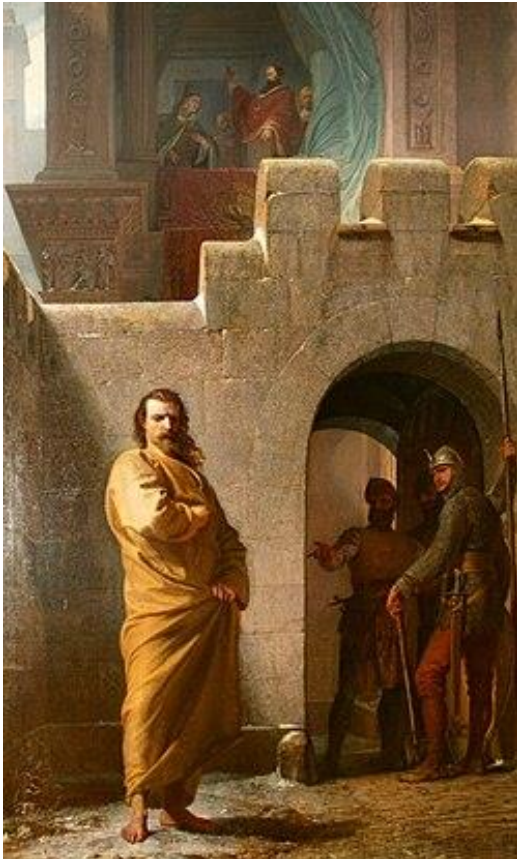


ALL SAINTS NEWS

7th June 2026
1st Sunday of Trinity

Walk to Canossa: - For the Common Good.

The Emperor Henry IV at Canossa



The Church recently celebrated the feast (26th May) of HILDEBRAND, probably better known as Pope Gregory VII. He became pope by popular acclamation of all the citizens of Rome in 1073 – though he was only ordained priest two months later.

Nevertheless, he was one of the great reformers of the Church in Europe, and together with rulers within the empire, often in opposition he shaped relations between church and state across Europe, working together for human flourishing and determining what constitutes the Common Good, even down to our present day, and also laying the foundations for a European community. (That's why I want to refer implicitly to my previous article on relations between Trump and Pope Leo.)

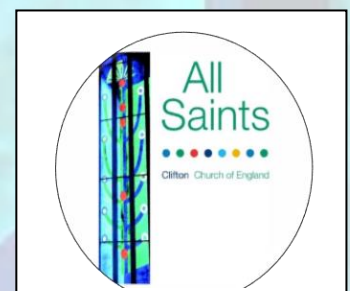
The ongoing dialogue between Hildebrand and the Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV had profound effects on the lives of ordinary working people across central Europe and the Spanish and Italian peninsulas. Hildebrand excommunicated the emperor three times (taking a leaf from the play-book of St. Ambrose who famously excommunicated the Western Emperor – at the time the most powerful man in the world - and locked him out from Christmas midnight mass.)

Famously, in 1077, Hildebrand made Henry walk through the snow to his citadel at Canossa near Bologna in Northern Italy, and then kneel barefoot in the snow outside, in a blizzard, for three days and nights, until he relented. Hildebrand then let him in, and forgave him.

The illustration above is a Victorian painting of the event that grips the imagination, and the phrase to “Go to Canossa,” has entered our language as a colloquialism for facing up to uncomfortable consequences: - a kind of “Karma.”

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The other phrase in the title, The Common Good, has entered the intercessions framework of our Anglican liturgy of the eucharist from “Series 3,” through ASB, to Common Worship: praying that “we may (honour one another,) and Seek the Common Good.” A few years ago, Churches Together in England, promoted for their ecumenical Lent study groups a course, The Common Good taken from one facet of what is known as “Catholic Social teaching.”

The first Anglican thinker (some scholars would urge: the first person) to use the phrase “Common Good,” was Charles Gore C.R. in *Lux Mundi* (the foundation document of liberal Anglo-Catholicism.) In it, Gore expounded the teaching that faith must be correlated with scientific discovery and with historical understanding: and bear fruit in social action – for The Common Good. There is an early 20th Century trajectory, employing the concept of the Common Good, stretching from Gore to William Temple who in his teaching on social justice, elaborated and stressed this concept as something to be aspired to as a Christian goal. +Justin Welby in his writings deploys the phrase: as does Dame +Sarah Cantuar in her teaching, even while Bishop of London.

There is crossover, even perhaps unanimity between the Anglican tradition of ethical thought just described and “Catholic Social Teaching” which can serve to indicate examples of what the phrase may mean practically. This really begins, towards the 20th century, with Pope Leo XIII’s encyclical *Rerum Novarum*: “The situation with which we are faced...” (1891) which makes extensive use of the term The Common Good. It is no coincidence that as pope Robert Prevost has also taken the name Leo, and his predecessor, in his document, is concerned to expound workers’ rights in the face of industrialisation. The present pope sees this as a putting into practice Our Lord’s concern for the poor and the marginalised, and a true requisite for peace.

The Fourth Constitution of the Second Vatican Council: *Gaudium et Spes* (1965:) “On the Church in the modern world.” This was the first piece of church teaching to address itself, not just to Catholics, or to other Christians, but to the whole world outside Christianity. It concerns itself, firstly with a critique of the inner workings of the church as an institution within modern secular society, but then with its interaction with the world as a whole, promoting the greater good of all peoples by working to promote world peace.

Finally, we come this year to the present Pope Leo’s first and only encyclical so far: *Majesta Humanitas*, “On human dignity and Flourishing,” in which he calls for the “De-weaponisation” of Artificial Intelligence for the good of the whole human family, and of world peace. In fact, the Catholic Church has been consulting widely over this issue, in recent years: so that Pope Francis identified and questioned what he termed a “Technological paradigm” in our world view; by this he meant the assumption that by means of scientific, technological and economic prowess, humanity can obtain mastery and possession of our global environment for the common good of all. Pope Leo has now also questioned and finally rejected this assumption and it is interesting that, sitting beside him, on the podium, as he promulgated the encyclical, was the CEO of a leading world AI company. Both popes have presented an alternative vision of the “interconnectedness” of all creation. - We ourselves are part of the natural world, included in it and so in constant interaction with it for the Common Good of the whole planet. In this, Catholic teaching is building on, and taking forward the analysis and teaching of Temple, of Gore and other second-generation leaders of the Oxford Movement on The Common Good.

In summary, we could say, that Leo XIII, at the beginning of the twentieth century In *Rerum Novarum*, gave teaching about the Common Good of ordinary secular people in the face of the Industrial Revolution:- And there is an arc of a line to Leo XIV, at the beginning of the twenty first century, who gives teaching about the Common Good of ordinary people in the face of the Technological Revolution.

Furthermore, the term The Common Good, is a convenient drop-box, about the content of which there is constant debate and disagreement.

Fr. Paul Tiernan.



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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!

The next walk will be on Saturday 13th June and will go through
the Trym Gorge and on to Blaise.

We will maintain the tradition of using public transport and will
take the 10:27 from Clifton Down to Sea Mills and will return by
whichever bus materializes first from Blaise Castle.

The walk is approximately 6.5 km and is on pavements and paths.

The Atrium Development

The work on the atrium began 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 one side of the Atrium, an accessible toilet will be available, this is situated outside the Randall Room steps on Alma Vale Rd. There will be no access to the kitchen, office or Choir vestry.
Only the Richard Chapel will be open for private prayer during the day for the week of 8th to 12th of June



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 (ESNCM) 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



TIMES & SEASONS

20TH JUNE 2026
7.30PM
ALL SAINTS OLIFTON
BS8 3ED

TICKETS
£25, £15, £1
MORE INFO:

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see the **Bristol Bach Choir** website

Sisters of the Church
Celebrating our 35th year back in Bristol
82 Ashley Road



My house shall be a house of prayer (Mark 11)

July 2026

2nd @ 7pm-8pm

Holy Hour - silent reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament
followed by Compline

RSVP by 29th June



9th @ 6pm-8pm

Eucharist followed by Supper

RSVP by 6th July



15th @ 7pm-8pm

Intercessions for Bristol and the Diocese

RSVP by 13th July

22nd @ 11:30am-2pm

Eucharist in the yard

followed by picnic lunch in our garden

(please bring your own lunch)

RSVP by 20th July



with limited space we need an **RSVP** for all these events

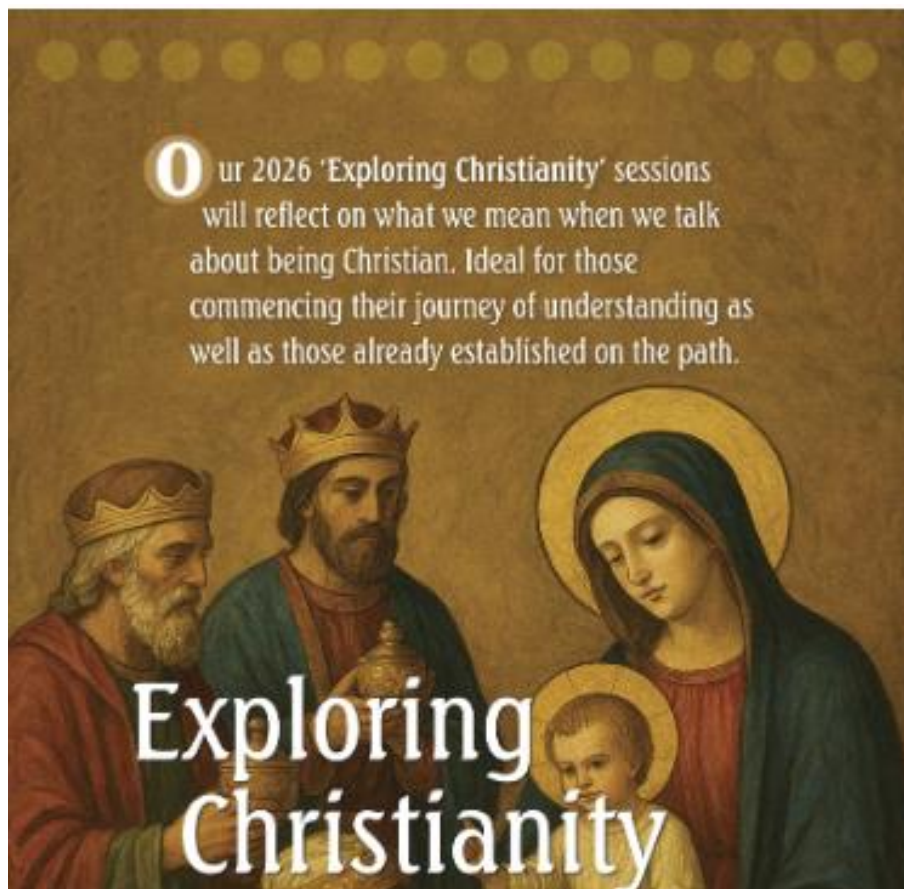
bristoladmin@sistersofthechurch.org



The Parish Office will be closed for a week from Monday 8th to Monday 15th .

As the office is now located in the main church there is no telephone contact. A new mobile phone number will be published as soon as possible.

In the meantime please e mail office@allsaintsclifton.org



A further series of Exploring Christianity is approaching:

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

June 7th Anglo-Catholicism

June 21st God in the Old Testament

July 12th The Sacraments

July 26th Heresies

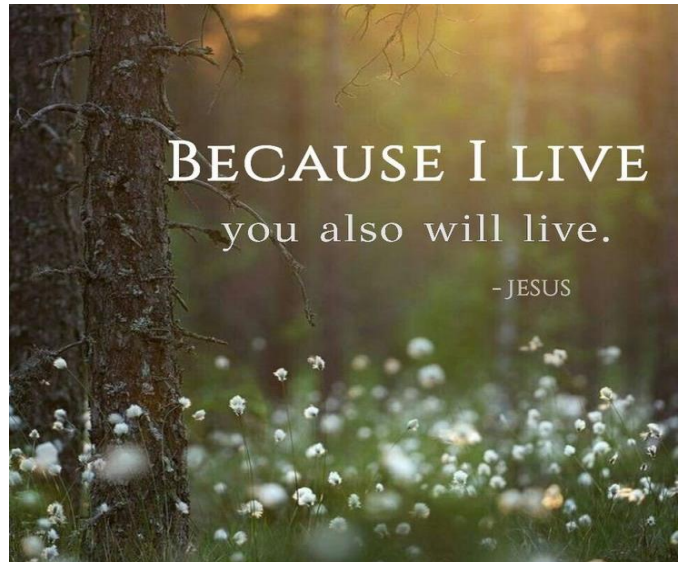
All welcome, at whatever stage of the journey of faith.

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 Epinay 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:

Rosemary Robinson Lisa Mills John Jefferies Lloyd Gordon Pavey (Pr) Diane Wilkins John Dixon Monty Beacham Dee Cridland Alan Rundle Patricia Handford Brian Callow

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 8	Thomas Ken Bishop of Bath and Wells 1711 Pray for Religious Tolerance. Give thanks for the 'Declaration of Indulgence' (1687) that allowed all denominations to worship in homes and chapels as they saw fit. It was first attempt of granting religious freedom. (It was opposed by Bishop Ken.!)
Tue 9	Columba, Abbot of Iona 597 Pray for the many thousands of young people who will be attending music festivals this summer. Pray for Christians who offer a place to be, friendship and support in " Spirit/Faith Zones" during these events.
Wed 10	Mass 10.00am Pray for those who today will visit a church, perhaps for the first time, with a sense of curiosity, a heavy heart or a sincere desire to find God. Pray that they will find welcome and encouragement in their first steps of faith.
Thurs 11	Barnabas the Apostle Pray that the example of Barnabas "the encourager" will inspire us to encourage those around us, that they may have a sense of value and worth, both in their unique gifts and in themselves
Fri 12	Mass 10.00am Pray for children and young people who will go into Care today: for courts, social workers, parents and foster parents as they strive to put vulnerable children first.
Sat 13	Today is the anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire in North Kensington, London. Pray for those who live in and with the aftermath of the fire, in grief, loss and anger, and those who support them.
Sunday 14	Trinity 2 Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord 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