

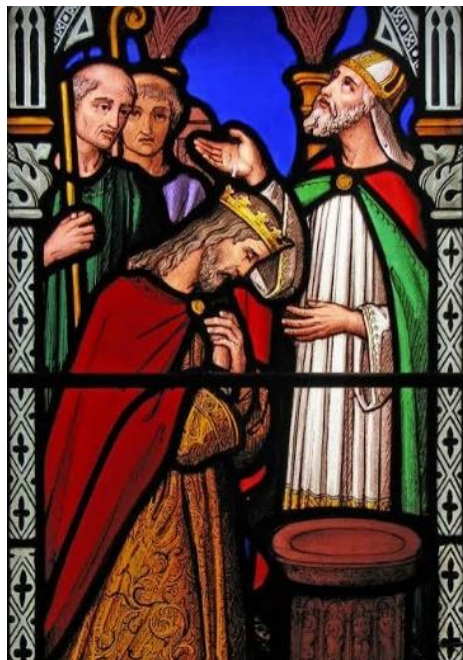
ALL SAINTS NEWS

6th September 2026
14th Sunday of Trinity

St Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester, Apostle of Wessex 650. (4th September) Why Remember Him Today?

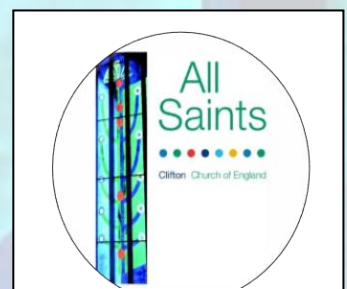
More than thirteen centuries ago, in the year AD 634, a Christian missionary arrived in Wessex. His name was Birinus, a monk and bishop who had been sent from Rome by Pope Honorius I. His original intention was to travel further inland, preaching the Christian faith in places where Christianity was not yet known. But when he encountered the West Saxons, he decided that this was where God was calling him to remain.

Birinus began preaching among a people who were, in the words of the Venerable Bede, still pagan. His mission soon brought him into contact with King Cynegils of Wessex. In AD 635 Cynegils was baptised, probably in the River Thames near Dorchester, with Oswald, King of Northumbria, acting as his sponsor. Cynegils and Oswald subsequently gave Dorchester to Birinus as the centre of his episcopal ministry. Thus, Birinus became the first Bishop of the West Saxons.



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Birinus spent the remainder of his life preaching, baptising and establishing churches. His work was not simply about converting a king. Through the king's conversion, Christianity gained a place within the life of the wider community. Churches were founded, people were baptised, and the Christian faith began to take root in Wessex. Towards the end of his life Birinus also helped establish the Christian presence at Winchester, which would eventually become the great ecclesiastical centre of Wessex.

He died around AD 650 and was buried at Dorchester. His remains were later transferred to Winchester, and his shrine became a place of pilgrimage. Although much about his life is inevitably uncertain, his legacy is not. The Diocese of Oxford still remembers his mission as part of its own history: the modern diocese traces its Christian beginnings to Birinus and the baptism of Cynegils near Dorchester.

Why is the legacy of Birinus important?

First, he reminds us that the Christian faith is always something to be **shared**. Birinus did not keep the Gospel within a Christian community; he went to people who had not heard it.

Secondly, his story reminds us that **mission requires attentiveness**. Birinus had one plan, but when he arrived in Wessex he recognised a different opportunity. He was prepared to change direction in order to serve where the need was greatest.

Finally, Birinus reminds us that Christianity is built through **patient faithfulness**. He could not have foreseen what his mission would eventually become. He simply preached, baptised, prayed and established the Church.

That is perhaps his greatest relevance for us. We do not know what the Church will look like generations from now. But, like Birinus, we are called to be faithful in our own generation: to proclaim Christ, to serve our communities, and to plant seeds of faith whose fruits may only become visible long after we are gone.

Walks For All



Saturday 12th September The Severn Way from Sea Mills to Avonmouth Meet at Clifton Down Station for the 10:27 train

We will follow the Severn Way which follows the river through Shirehampton and on to Avonmouth. The path goes through tidal meadows and woods and includes four sets of steep steps (with handrails) in the woods as we climb up and across the plateau above the cliffs. Once down in Shirehampton, we walk at river level and on through the Lamplighters' Nature Reserve until we are almost under the Avonmouth Bridge before heading into the Park and Ride carpark from whence we can return using either the train from the new station or the Number 9 bus. The walk is c. 4 miles long and takes in urban, industrial, roadside and riparian landscapes."

The October walk will take place on Saturday 10th and will go from the uphill southern margin of Arno's Vale Cemetery and will end at Temple Meads.



All Saints Church Pembroke Road Clifton

Saturday

September 5th

4pm

John Humphreys & Allan Schiller

**piano
masterpieces
for four hands**

**by
Mozart
&
Schubert**

retiring collection

refreshments

A correction from Ruth Baker from her article last week

“No-one has approached me yet to ask if they really are frescoes in Santa Maria in Trastevere, but no doubt someone will! No, they’re not frescoes, they are mosaics”

More details on the website walksinrome.com

So, what is this all about? Officially I have this sabbatical because I have completed, or just about to, 9 years as Sister-in-Charge of our Bristol House. For me, there is more to it than that. In April 2027 I will be celebrating 30 years in Life Vows. I have also completed my curacy. Put those together, and a Sabbatical makes sense, or it does to me. I am entering this time away with as open hands as I can, spending time just listening to God and exploring what ministry I might be being guided towards. I am expecting to remain in Bristol, but with the changes at the Loaves and Fishes Project, I will have more 'space' to explore new horizons - exciting and terrifying all at the same time.



To begin this journey I am having 3 weeks with my dear friend Kathy, who lives in southern Indiana, in a small place called Milltown. She lives some way out of town in the middle of nowhere:

The house was built by her father, Cort, who completed the build about 1984.

As I write this, I have been with Kathy just over a week and two outings have already been completed:

Kathy arranged for me to have an elephant encounter. I can't express how much this meant to me.. I have always loved elephants, and I even have an elephant tattoo! But, I have never encountered one, or not to my recollection, though I probably did as a child. God was kind enough to arrange the encounter with no other participants so we had nearly half an hour to spend with the three elegant ladies on our own, obviously the keepers were present.



In the USA they go in for State Fairs, and yes I got to visit one. Although we are in Indiana, the Kentucky State Fair was less than an hour away and the dates worked in with my visit. We still have a couple of activities planned.

On 9th September I am flying on to Canada and will be staying with our Sisters in Hamilton, Ontario. I will be there for just over four months. The exact 'action plan' is still being worked out, but will, I hope, include some hands-on ministry at Niagara Cathedral as well as visiting some other Anglican and Roman Catholic Communities.

After a couple of weeks back in the UK I will be heading off again, this time to North Wales for a thirty day retreat, the full Ignatian Exercises, at the Loretto Spirituality Centre. I will then return to Bristol mid March and join All Saints for Holy Week and Easter.

The Sunday after Easter, 4th April, I will be celebrating with you all my 30th anniversary, the actual dates being 7th April. I look forward to seeing you all on my return, and hope to write again during my time in Canada.

"Behold, the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to Your word"

Teresa Mary CSC

All wrapped up and ready to go !

After many years of service our lovely old piano is off to pastures new



John Davenport received this email from the Vicar and congregation of St. Aldhelm's

'Thank you for your email and for confirming the gift of the Broadwood Grand Piano to St. Aldhelm's.

On behalf of the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC of St. Aldhelm's, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to All Saints Church Clifton for this generous gift. We are delighted to become the piano's new home and greatly appreciate the inclusion of the cover, castors and duet piano stool.

We are honoured to receive an instrument that has served All Saints so well over many years, and we look forward to it continuing to support worship, music-making and community events at St. Aldhelm's.

Please convey our thanks and best wishes to the Vicar, PCC and congregation of All Saints. We are grateful for your kindness and generosity.

With best wishes,

Jacqui'

Rev Jacqui Kean // Vicar





All Saints and the Friends Together
Supporters are offering

Dementia Awareness Training

led by

Leanne Parkes

Dementia and Older Persons

Mental Health Advisor

Diocese of Bristol

24th September 2026

10 am until 12 noon

refreshments available

in the

Randall Room at All Saints.

Would you like to know more about
dementia and how to support people
living with dementia, please book a free
place by emailing

office@allsaintsclifton.org



An Invitation to visit the Julian Trust on Friday 11th September

Thank you all very much for your generous donations to the Julian Trust

A visit to the Julian Trust premises has been arranged for Friday 11th September. It will, of course, be in the daytime when our guests are not present.

If you would like to take part in the visit, please speak to me at church or call on 01275 814002 and please, please leave a message.

Vera Sanders



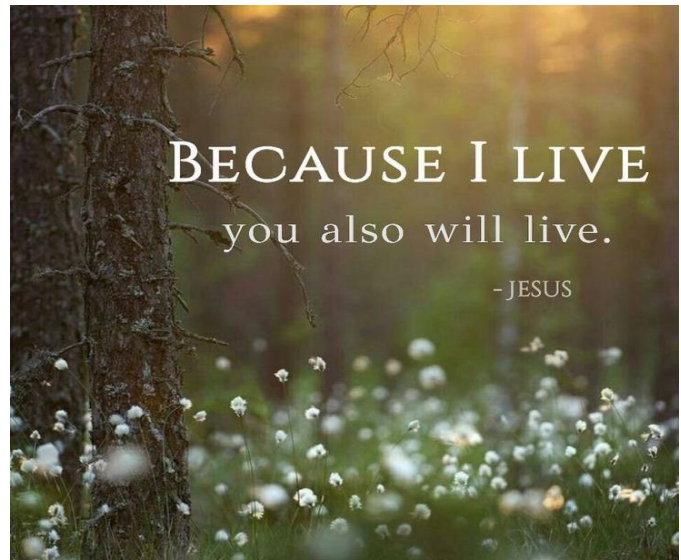
We will meet in the Richard Chapel at 1.45 on Friday 11th September

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 Sue Gaylard-Hughes Georgina Harford Jenny Rogers

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

Andrew Densham Victoria Bary Rogerson (Bp) William Ching

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Denie Howard Mark Rogers John Gibbs Eric Hurst Mildred Ford

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 7	For all associated with the writing, editing, publication, marketing and retailing of books. For readers, especially those who find books (written and recorded) as their only means of escape and entertainment.
Tue 8	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary . Pray for and give thanks for parents; remembering those who desperately want children but are unable to have them, those who have children but are unable to care for them. For foster parents and all who work to ensure children have a parent.
Wed 9	Mass 10.00am Charles Fuge Lowder 1880 Leading member of the catholic revival (phase 2 of the Oxford Movement). Pray for those who add richness to our liturgy through music, ritual, prayer and worship.
Thurs 10	Inventors, creatives and new thinkers. Those who see beyond what already exists and try to shape what might be for the good of creation and humankind.
Fri 11	Mass 10.00am Pray for those with suicidal thoughts and those who live and work with them. An estimated 800,000 people commit suicide each year (and 20 million attempt suicide). The WHO promotes the philosophy of 'Connect, Communicate, Care' which act to reduce the frequency.
Sat 12	Computer programmers and all who work in the ICT industry. May they work to develop hard and soft ware that serves the good of all creation. Especially we Remember those who are 'addicted' to their technological devices to the destruction of their social and 'real' life.
Sunday 13	15th Sunday after Trinity Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service 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