

ALL SAINTS NEWS

13th September 2026
Holy Cross Day
15th Sunday of Trinity

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14th September



The **Festival of the Holy Cross**, celebrated on **14th September**, commemorates the Cross of Christ and the central place it holds in the Christian faith. The day has its roots in the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem in the fourth century and the tradition of the discovery of the Cross by St Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine.

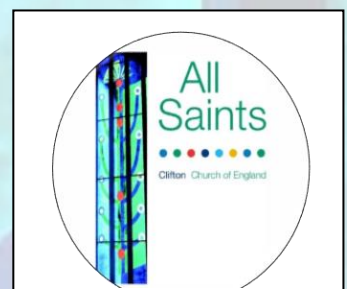
For Christians, the Cross is far more than a symbol of torture, suffering and death. It is the place where we see most clearly the depth of God's love: Christ gives himself for the salvation of the world. The Cross therefore stands at the heart of the Christian mystery of death and resurrection.

The Festival is particularly important today because it challenges a culture that can easily equate success with power, comfort and self-interest. The Cross reminds us that true greatness is found in **self-giving love, sacrifice and service**. It also speaks powerfully to those who suffer, assuring us that God is not distant from human pain but has entered into it himself.

To honour the Holy Cross is therefore to renew our confidence in Christ's love and to ask for grace to carry our own crosses faithfully, following the One who said, **"Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me."**

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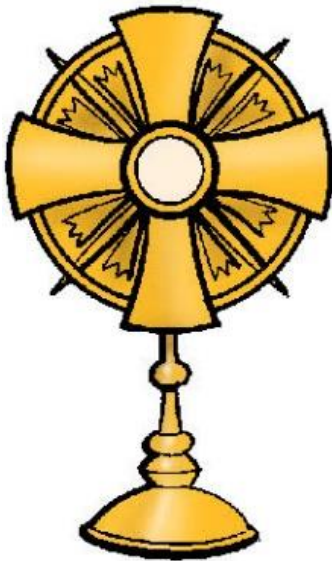
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sometimes this is called 'Adoration' is more accurately known as the "Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament". It is the act of reverently removing the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle and placing it in a monstrance on an altar where the worshipping community are able to be present and pray or reflect. Exposition has a long history and is a solemn liturgical ritual of the Church.



Whilst the Exposition takes place over an hour, worshippers may come and go, remaining in the Presence for as long as they wish – or the full hour.

Saturday 12th September at 5.00pm
Saturday 10th October at 5.00pm
Saturday 7th November at 5.00pm
Saturday 12th December at 5.00pm

Healing Mass

At the moment we have one Healing Mass each month. Everything is just the same as the Sunday parish Mass, but whilst people are receiving Communion there is an opportunity to receive Anointing and Laying on of Hands in the Richard Chapel. This provides an opportunity to remind ourselves of the presence of God in our lives, to reflect that we all have challenges in life and to ask God for our physical, emotional, mental and spiritual restoration.

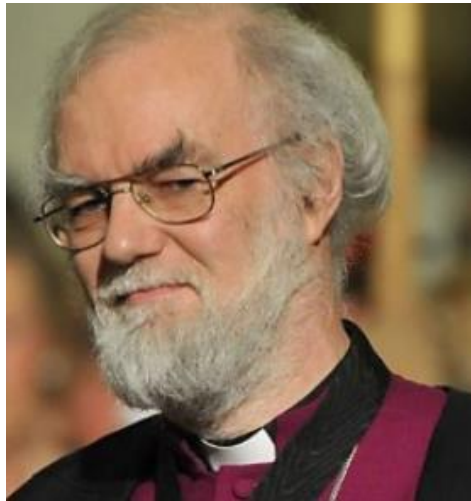


Healing Mass will take place on:

Sunday 20th September at Parish Mass
Sunday 18th October at Parish Mass
Sunday 15th November at Parish Mass
Sunday 20th December at Parish Mass

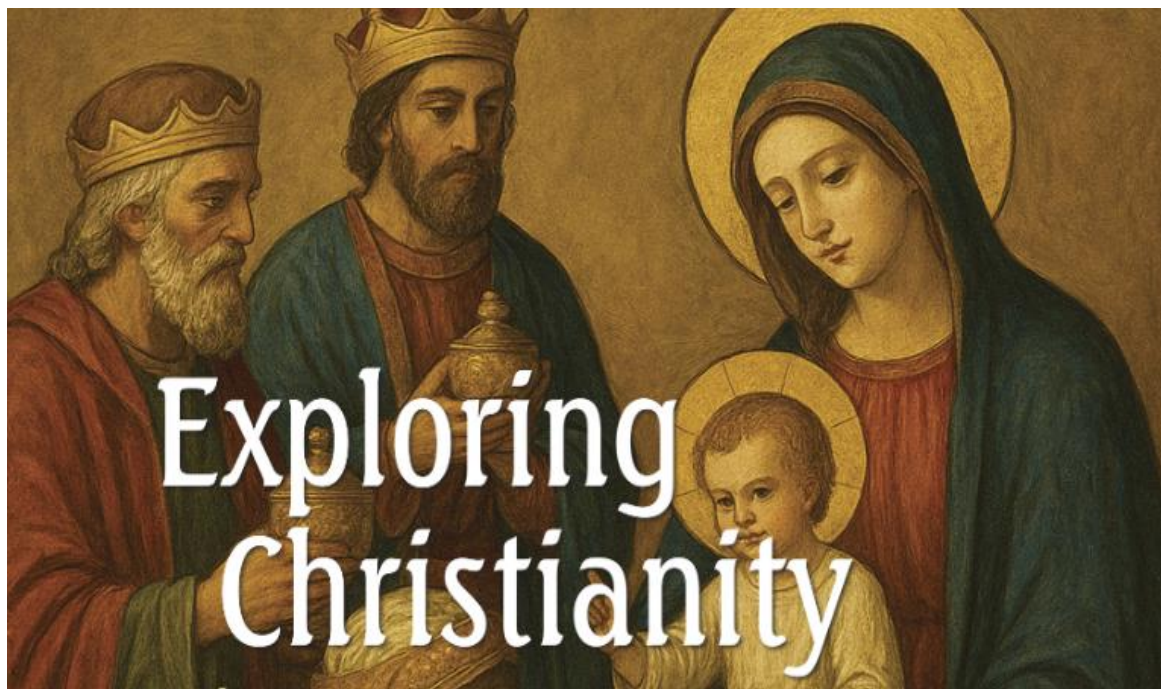
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Sunday 1st November



9.00am Early Worship Eucharist

10.30am Festival Parish Mass with **Rowan Williams, Baron Williams of Oystermouth** bishop, theologian and poet, who served as the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002 to 2012.



The next three sessions of the popular group start on

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| Followed by - | 11 th October | Fr Paul Hawkins explores the topic of Prayer |
| | 25 th October | Fr Paul Roberts explores Anglicanism |
| | 15 th November | Mthr Nicola Stanley explores the Sacraments |

All Saints Book Group - Raising Hare, by Chloe Dalton

September's meeting -Wednesday 23rd 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Join our bi-monthly book group in the Sacristy of All Saints.

A new book brings readers together for lively discussions and great company every other month.

This month... *Raising Hare* by Chloe Dalton



Next book group will be **25th November 2026**



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.

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It's Harvest Time!

Dear Friends,

It is the time of the year for our annual Harvest Appeal! We are having another busy year and seeing so many individuals and families in great need in our area. With a wonderful group of volunteers and the generous support of those like you, we are able to keep offering the help that is so desperately needed, truly a cause of thanksgiving.

We are always in need of the items below, and would be so grateful for any donations:

FOOD:

Anything in tins or ambient packaging, for example coffee, cooking sauce, rice, pasta. We are happy to take Harvest donations of fresh fruit and vegetables, but only on Mondays and Tuesdays please.

TOILETRIES:

Nappies (all sizes), all toiletry items, for example shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary pads, hand wash, bubble bath.

FUNDS:

Should you wish to make a financial donation we can accept cash, cheques payable to 'The Sisters of the Church' or via bank transfer. Sort code 08-92-99, account number 65075960.

Every gift, no matter the size, is deeply valued and makes an immediate, tangible difference in the lives of those who come to us in genuine need. On their behalf, we offer our sincere and heartfelt gratitude.

Rev'd Sr Teresa Mary CSC
Sister-in-Charge

Elana Howard
Project Manager

Lukasz Warec
Project Administrator

*The Community of the Sisters of the Church
Loaves & Fishes Project*

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." — Matthew 5:7



● ● ● **Friends Together**
at All Saints, Clifton



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

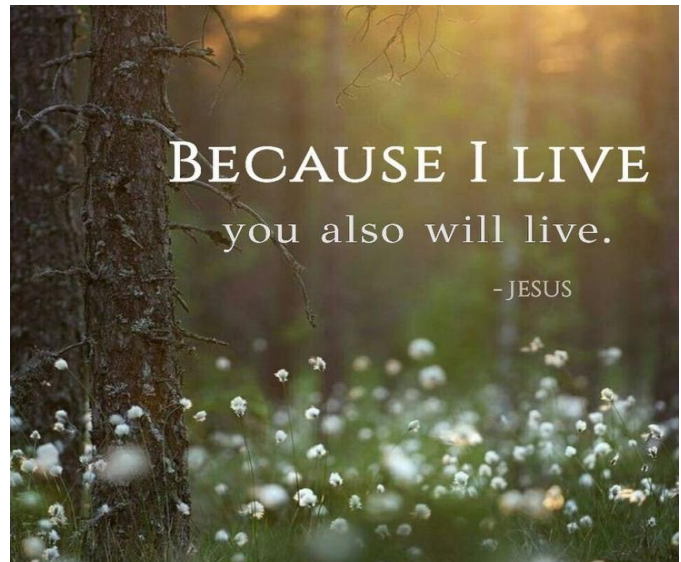


Prayers Requests

'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:

Brian Haigh Alice Hawkins Sylvia (Joyce) Briarley

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 14	Holy Cross Day Pray for prisoners and all who are in any way confined. Pray for those who suffer torture both physical and psychological. Remember it was through an instrument of torture that our Salvation was won.
Tue 15	Cyprian 258 Pray for those whose faith has been damaged because of experience or tragedy. Pray for those whose faith has declined over the years. Pray for those who are constantly challenging and changing. Pray for ourselves.
Wed 16	Mass 10.00am Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle to the Picts 432 Pray for the people of Scotland, the Episcopal Church in Scotland and the Church of Scotland (as well as the many and various forms that comprise the 'wee frees').
Thurs 17	Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen 1179 Pray for all those who are in positions of power and authority. Especially that they use their power and influence to the good of humankind and all of creation. Power has always been subject to abuse and the attraction of corruption – this seems especially so in current times (we need look no further than our 'Western neighbours in Europe and the USA). Hildegard worked against corruption in the church.
Fri 18	Mass 10.00am Pray for all who work to manage and protect the flora and fauna of the British meadows. Pray for those who holiday in this country and enjoy the beauty and variety of our landscapes. Remember all who work amongst and with butterflies – an important group within earth's biodiversity and a 'flagship group' indicating the health of the environment.
Sat 19	Theodore of Tarsus 690 Anglo Saxon scholarship flourished as a result of Theodore (Archbishop of Canterbury). Pray for academics who work to lift our understanding of the literature, culture and history of this period that shaped the British people. Pray for our nation and the wealth of our modern culture due to centuries of continuing immigration. Pray for the work of Theological Colleges – especially Trinity College, its Ordinands and all staff.
Sunday 20	16th Sunday after Trinity O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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