

ALL SAINTS NEWS

25th October 2026
Last after Trinity
Bible Sunday

Bishop Lusa response to Green Party Zionism motion



The Rt Revd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, the Church of England's Lead Bishop for Interfaith Engagement and Bishop of Willesden, responded to the Green Party's motion declaring Zionism to be racism by stating he does not believe Zionism can simply be equated with racism. The Motion was passed at the Green Party's Brighton conference (1,022 to 813), the motion characterized Zionism as maintaining an apartheid regime while targeting the ideology rather than Jewish people. The vote drew support for Bishop Lusa from figures like Bishop Jonathan Anderson, alongside deep concern from British Jewish leaders and politicians.

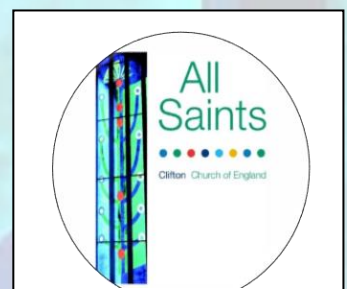
In essence, Bishop Lusa rejected equating Zionism with racism, while acknowledging the severe impact of Israeli policies on Palestinians and emphasizing both Jewish and Palestinian rights to safety and self-determination. He cautioned against broad generalizations.

Here is the Press Release (issued 6 October 2026):

He said: "The Green Party's motion declaring Zionism to be racism touches on questions of profound moral and political complexity. For my own part, I do not believe that Zionism can simply be equated with racism. I recognise the ways in which the policies and actions of successive Israeli governments have contributed to dispossession, inequality and the denial of Palestinian rights, and I believe these must be confronted honestly.

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"I am also concerned that this motion may leave many Jewish people feeling misunderstood, marginalised or unwelcome within a political movement that should be committed to the full participation and equal dignity of all communities.

"At the same time, we should recognise what Zionism means for many Jews: a profound longing for safety, belonging and self-determination, shaped by centuries of persecution and the Holocaust. That history cannot simply be dismissed. Nor can acknowledging it be allowed to obscure the equal dignity and rights of Palestinians. Both peoples have legitimate claims to safety, freedom and a future in which they can flourish.

"This matters particularly in Britain. A blanket definition of Zionism as racism risks collapsing diverse Jewish identities and political convictions into a single category. It may also make it harder to distinguish legitimate criticism of the State of Israel and its policies from hostility towards Jews or towards Jewish attachment to Israel. In a society in which Jewish and Palestinian communities live alongside one another, the consequences of such language are not merely theoretical.

"We should be able to name occupation, dispossession, antisemitism and Palestinian suffering without resorting to collective blame. And we should be able to disagree profoundly while remaining committed to one another's humanity.

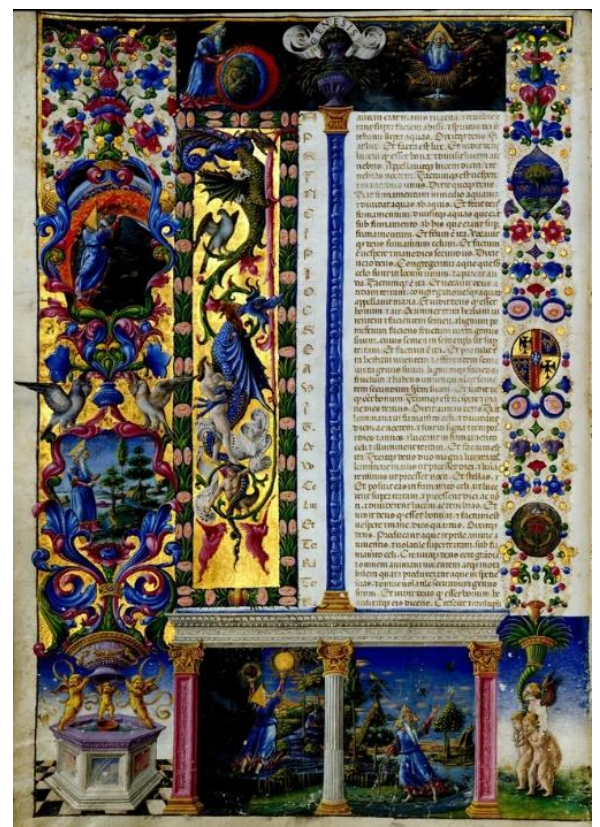
"Our responsibility in Britain is therefore not to make these questions less difficult, but to create the conditions in which they can be addressed with honesty, courage and care. That means defending Palestinian freedom and justice, opposing antisemitism, and recognising the security and self-determination of Jews and Palestinians alike.

"It is through such engagement, rather than through language that closes down the conversation, that we might contribute to a more just and peaceful future."

Why do we have 'Bible Sunday'?

Bible Sunday is a dedicated Christian observance where churches celebrate the central role of the Bible in faith, worship, and daily life. Congregations use the day to give thanks for the scriptures, pray for global translation and distribution work, and support organizations that enable access and understanding of Scripture.

In an Anglo Catholic context this has place. It is a celebration of the Word of God intimately linked to the sacramental life of the Church. Rooted in the (BCP) historic Anglican collect for the Second Sunday in Advent (and observed on the fourth Sunday of October via the Revised Common Lectionary), Anglo-Catholics view Scripture not in isolation, but as co-equal in revealing Christ's real presence—encountered both in the **Word broken open** and in the **breaking of the bread**.



The core Anglo-Catholic Understanding of Scripture can be summarised as:

- **The Twofold Presence:** Anglo-Catholics emphasize that Jesus is truly present to the faithful through the *Eucharist* (the Altar) and the *Scriptures* (the Ambo/Lectern). Neither replaces the other; they nourish the believer together.
- **Liturgical Integration:** The Bible is a liturgical book. Through the Sunday Lectionary and the Daily Office, the Church moves systematically through scripture within a rhythm of daily prayer and high-ceremony worship.
- **Apostolic Tradition:** Scripture is read through the lens of the early Church Fathers, the historic creeds, and sacred tradition, rejecting a purely flat or isolated literalism while holding the written word in deep reverence.

Here, at ASC, we see this celebrated within the liturgy as:

- **Enthronement of the Gospel:** The Book of Gospels is carried in solemn procession with candles and incense, emphasizing the high honour due to the words and life of Christ. The Gospel Book is repositioned adjacent to the pulpit from which the Incarnation is preached.
- **Preaching the Incarnation:** Sermons focus on Christ as the *Logos*—the Word made flesh—connecting the prophetic and historic witness of the Old and New Testaments directly to the sacrificial offering of the Mass.
- **Choral and Sensory Worship:** Parish Mass features elevated music, vestments, and ceremonial acts that mirror the heavenly liturgy described in scripture.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent:

*Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word,
we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Clocks go back at 2 am on Sunday, October 25th, 2026

The change ends British Summer Time and brings a return to Greenwich Mean Time.

Most smartphones and smartwatches will update automatically, moving from 2 am back to 1 am.

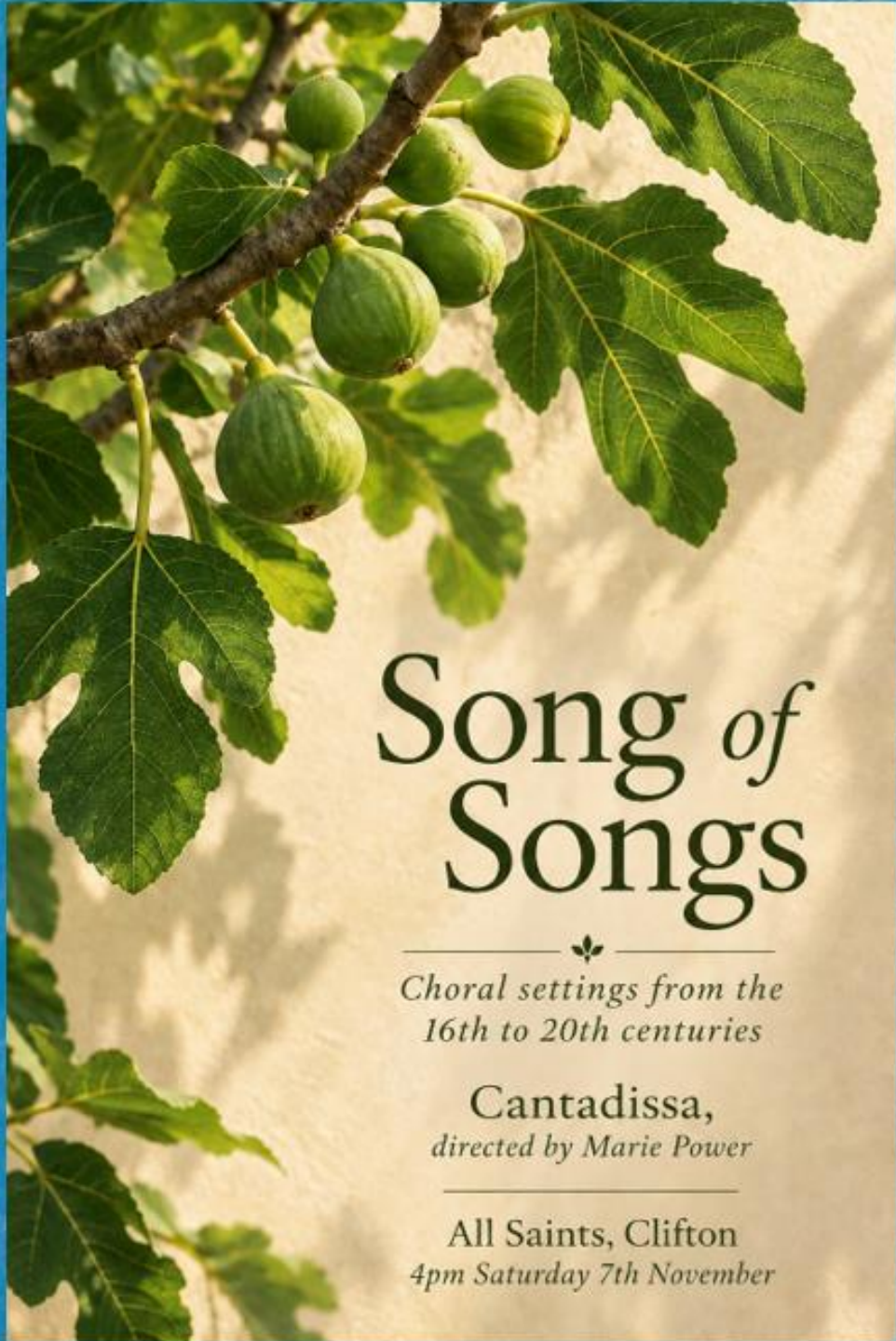
Conventional clocks will need manual adjustment, but the switch means an additional hour in bed.

Mornings will be brighter with an extra hour of daylight, while evenings turn darker sooner.



NEXT CONCERT MATINEE

4PM NOVEMBER 7TH



Song *of* Songs

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*Choral settings from the
16th to 20th centuries*

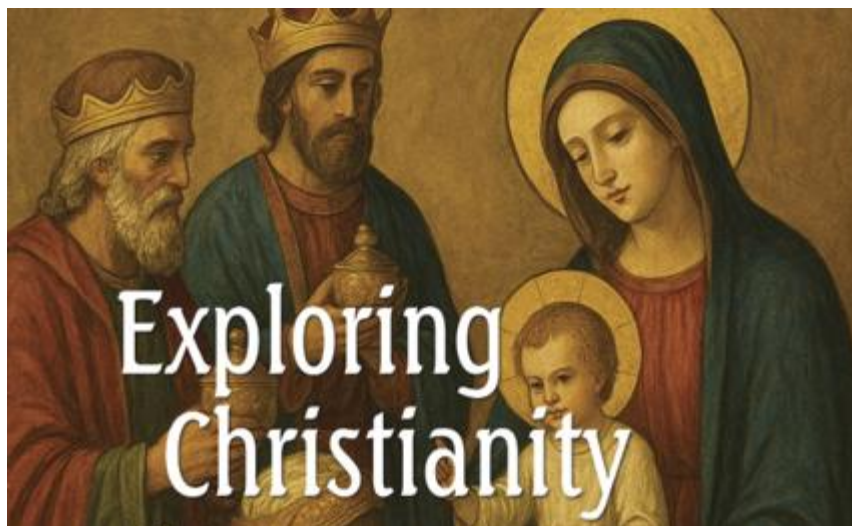
Cantadissa,
directed by Marie Power

—
All Saints, Clifton
4pm Saturday 7th November

More Welcomers/Sidespeople Needed

We need a few more sides people to welcome people to the Parish Mass and to carry out organisational and tidying duties during and after.

Please see Mary Benton if you can help.



The next sessions of this popular group
are

25th October Fr Paul Roberts explores Anglicanism

15th November Mthr Nicola Stanley explores the Sacraments

A sandwich lunch is provided

Did you know ?

Each week the service sheets and a copy of the news letter are e mailed to everyone on the church database.

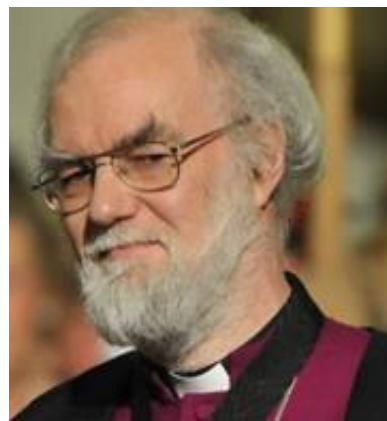
This is an opt in system. If you would like to receive regular updates on services, events and news, please e mail office@allsaintsclifton.org giving your permission for your email to be added to the data base.

Information is also available on the church website - www.allsaintsclifton.org



Liz Badman invites you all to join her in the Randall Room after mass for a glass – or two – of Prosecco to celebrate her 20th anniversary of Licensed Lay Ministry.

All Saints Day - Sunday 1st November



Our festival day will be even more special this year, with Bishop Rowen as our guest preacher, and also it will be Fr Charles' last All Saints Day before retirement next year.

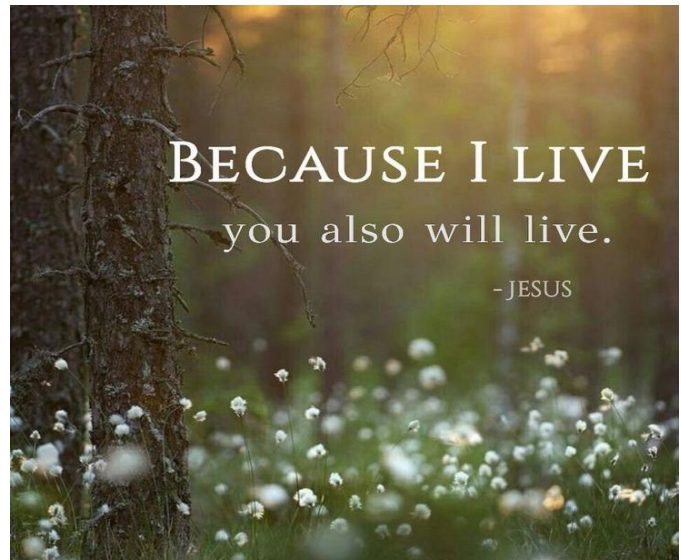
We will be providing refreshments after Mass for everyone, in church, because of the building works. We need offers of help to provide finger food. Please speak to Janice Hopkins or Mary Benton if you can help.

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 Alex Ross

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 Barry Rogerson (Bp) William Ching Georgina Harford Jenny Rogers Fiona Bristow

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Sylvia Racy Oliver Tomkins (Bp) Winifred Axtell Betty Florey Peggy Portman

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 26	Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899 Pray for the provision of education in the UK. Our schools, teachers, preparation of teachers, school governors, all who make decisions that shape the future of education. Alfred believed that all (boys) should receive an education. Pray for the Governing Body of St John's School.
Tue 27	Pray for all who serve in the world's navies. Especially our Royal Navy, theirs is a role beyond defence and security, very often acting to bring support and safety, and immediate relief, rescue and aid.
Wed 28	Mass 10.00 am Simon and Jude Apostles Neither Simon nor Jude stand out like their namesakes, but both stuck faithfully to Jesus in his ministry. Pray for all who quietly live their faith.
Thurs 29	Pray for families on Half Term Break this week or next week. Especially those families for whom children at home for the week presents childcare or economic difficulties. Pray for local and charity initiatives which aim to "bridge the gap" to support parents by providing child-care or meals
Fri 30	Mass 10.00 am Pray for those who will be moving house today-through choice or necessity-and for those who are homeless or face losing their home. Give thanks for your own home and the security and comfort it gives. Pray for charities like Shelter and Centrepont who offer support and advice to those who are homeless.
Sat 31	Martin Luther 1546 "Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbour. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give." Martin Luther
Sunday Nov 1	All Saints Day Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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