ALL SAINTS NEWS

8th November 2026
Remembrance Day

Remembrance Sunday: Remembering Forward

This Sunday, 8 November, we gather as worshipping communities, to fall silent at eleven o'clock and to remember. We will hear the Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph, lay wreaths, and read the names of those from our community who did not come home. We will say again the familiar words: "We will remember them."

Remembrance is a deeply spiritual act. As Christians, in the Eucharist, we do not simply recall the past; we make it present. *Anamnesis*, the Greek word behind "do this in remembrance of me", it means more than memory. This means allowing what was costly and sacred to shape us now. Remembrance Sunday asks something similar of us. We do not look back in order to stay there, but to be changed.

So, we remember the fallen of two world wars and of every conflict since: the young and elderly, the conscripted, the frightened, the brave. Those in uniform and those not. We remember the grief of those left behind, which often lasted a lifetime. We remember, too, those who were civilians and had no choice, the wounded in body and mind, and those still living with what they saw and did. And we remember on all sides, because every person lost was someone's child, and each was made in the image of God.


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Honest remembrance cannot stop at the war memorial. Today, wars continue in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, Iran and elsewhere. Refugees seek safety in our own country, and veterans sleep rough in our own streets. Families grieve as ours once did. If we mean what we say on Sunday, it must touch how we speak about our neighbours, how we welcome the stranger, and how we treat those whose lives have been broken by violence.

At its best, our liturgy holds sorrow and hope together. We lament, and we pray for peace. We honour sacrifice, and we refuse to glorify war. We give thanks for courage, and we commit ourselves to the harder work of reconciliation. Christ, who knows the cost of violence from the inside, calls us to be peacemakers, a vocation that is demanding, unfashionable and necessary.

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All are welcome on Sunday, whatever we believe, whatever we carry, and whoever we are remembering. Some will come with pride, some with sorrow, some with unanswered questions. God's love extends to us all.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

WHY DO I WEAR A POPPY?

Why do I wear a poppy?
I'll tell you if I may,
Because I believe remembrance
Is not only for one day.

I wear it for the fallen,
And for those falling still.
For those who come back broken
In body or in will.

For the parents, spouses, siblings
Where bereavement takes its toll.
Whose pain will never leave them,
It eats into their soul.

For the wino on the corner,
Of his old life nothing's left.
Now he wishes when in battle
He had died a hero's death.

For the lad who loved a kick-about
In the park with all his mates,
But now his legs are held together
With pins and metal plates.

For the selfless men and women
Whose final journey home
Is in a Union flag-draped coffin
On comrades' shoulders borne.

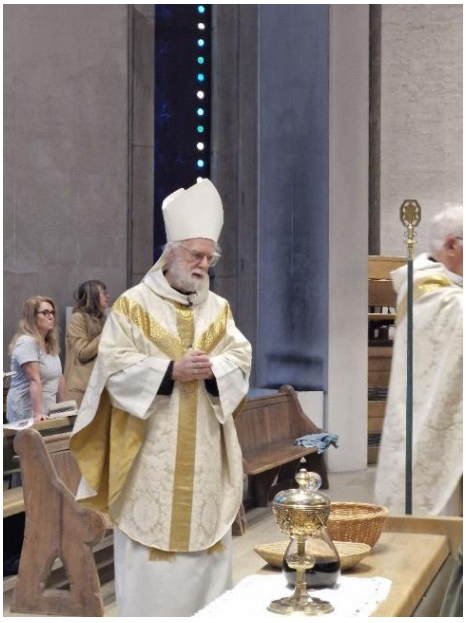
For all those marching proudly
In Remembrance Day parades.
My poppy's worn in gratitude
For the sacrifice they made.

Anne Starr

Lord Rowan Williams at All Saints Day Festival Mass

On the Feast of All Saints, we are delighted to welcome Lord Rowan Williams (Fr Rowan) to All Saints Clifton, where he preached and presided at our Parish Festival Mass.









Fr Rowan's visit for All Saints Day was a privilege for us all. His sermon was a 'masterclass' of thoughtful reflection and real connection, delivered without notes in his wonderfully clear and lyric manner. It was a special occasion for all of us who were able to attend.

Thank you to all who contributed in so many different ways; Huw Morgan with the composition for the Introit (using the words of Fr Rowan), the liturgical and musical 'teams', those preparing, catering, clearing and managing the excellent buffet and bar, and those who, from the background, ensure the machinery of ASC operates so very well.

Thank you!

Fr Rowan requested that in lieu of expenses and a gift we make a donation to one of his charities: '**Justice Defenders**' https://www.justice-defenders.org/ . This we will do.



The service for Remembrance Sunday begins at 10.45 am with the two minute silence at 11.00 am. Please meet outside the Richard Chapel if dry and by the banner cupboard, in church, if it is wet

Remembrance in Music and Words will be at 5 pm on Sunday 8th of November.

An Armistice Day service will be held at the Whiteladies War Memorial beginning at 10.50 on the 11th of November

Requiem Mass will be held on the 13th 18th and 27th of November

HEINRICH SCHÜTZ AND HIS CONTEMPORARIES



Sunday 15 November 2026

6pm

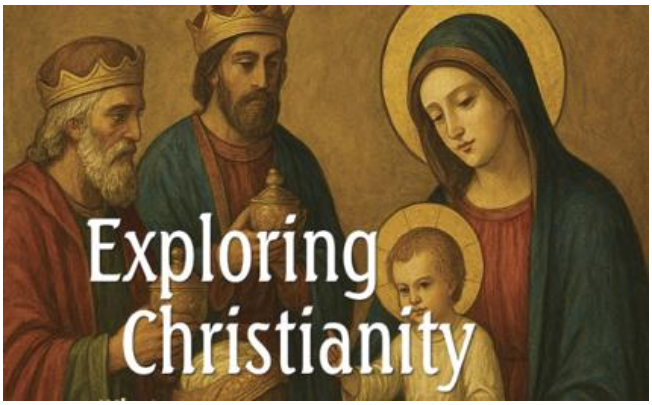
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PEMBROKE ROAD
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Programmes at the door £10; students £5; accompanied under-16s free

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DIRECTED BY HUW MORGAN

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ANDREAS HAMMERSCHMIDT
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SAMUEL SCHEIDT



The next session of this popular group
is on 15th November;
Mthr Nicola Stanley explores the Sacraments

A sandwich lunch is provided

Those to Remember:

The lists for those to be remembered at the Requiem Masses will be available in the Richard Chapel during November.

'Remember' that weekday mass takes place in the Sacristy whilst the construction work is underway.

Day	Date	Event
Ivor Gurney Reflection	Saturday 7	10.00 am to 1.00 pm (followed with lunch)
Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 8	9.00am Early Worship 10.45am Parish Mass and Two-minute Silence 5.00pm Remembrance in Music and Words
Armistice Day	Wednesday 11	10.50am Whiteladies Road War Memorial
Requiem Mass	Friday 13	10.00am Mass
Second Sunday before Advent	Sunday 15	9.00am Early Worship 10.30 Parish Mass (with healing)
Requiem Mass	Wednesday 18	10.00am Mass
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	Saturday 21	5.00pm Exposition (one hour)
Christ the King	Sunday 22	9.00am Early Worship 10.30 Parish Mass
Requiem Mass	Friday 27	10.00am Mass
Advent Sunday	Sunday 29	9.00am Early Worship 10.45am Parish Mass 5.00pm Advent Carol Service



All Saints' Walks For Everyone

November Walk: Leigh Woods
Saturday 14th November

The November walk will be through Leigh Woods where the seasonal leaf fall promises to be in full swing. Be prepared for a bit of mud, to be welcomed after the long period of desiccation we endured in the summer.

Meet either at All Saints at 10:15 or at the entrance to Leigh Woods on North Road (what 3words ///glad.arrow.much; ST 5536 7302) at 10:45. Parking charges apply on North Road. "

All Saints Book Group - The Noise of Time, by Julian Barnes

Wednesday 25th November 7:00pm – 9:00pm

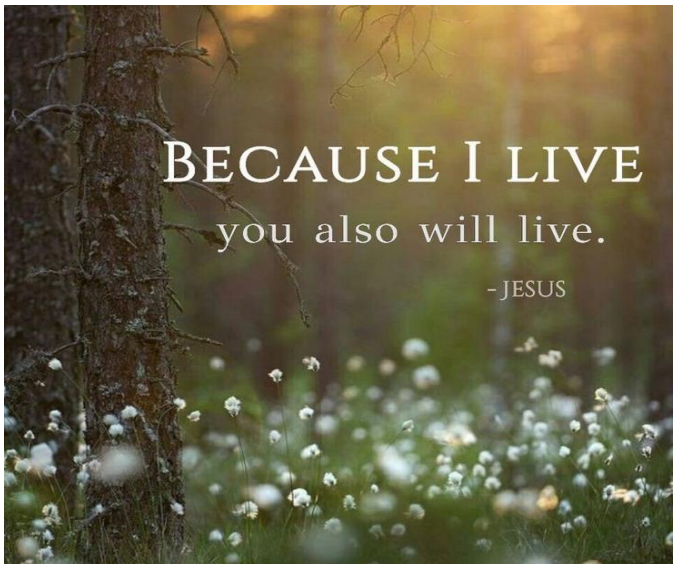


Prayers Requests

‘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:

Cyril Hope (Pr) John Richards (Bp) Michael Lucas Winifred Bell Rob Graham Maureen Gill Louise Strachan

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 9	**Margery Kempe, mystic 1440** Pray for spiritual writers that their work may enlighten and lead. Pray for those on pilgrimage who know they are not where they want to be. Pray for ourselves that we may understand better and be drawn toward the path that grows our faith
Tue 10	Ours often feels a world of conflict. Pray for those who work to bring agreement and understanding. Those who work for peace and concord – be it in places of turmoil and physical danger, in societies without tolerance, or in homes broken apart by difference.
Wed 11	**Mass 10.00 am Armistice Day Martin, Bishop of Tours 397** Pray for those who find their faith or values incompatible with the expectations of others. Especially we pray for conscientious objectors and pacifists. Remember those who gave their lives in the Great Wars, and those who continue to put their lives on the line from duty and in our defense.
Thurs 12	Pray for orphans. Each year millions of children become orphans because of war, famine, displacement, disease, poverty and accident. Whist care of orphans was enshrined in Roman, Greek and Jewish law from very early in history the responsibility for care transferred to the Church in the early mediaeval period (in Europe). Pray for all those who have responsibility to care for orphans.
Fri 13	**Requiem Mass 10.00 am Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836** Pray for orphans. Each year millions of children become orphans because of war, famine, displacement, disease, poverty and accident. Whist care of orphans was enshrined in Roman, Greek and Jewish law from very early in history the responsibility for care transferred to the Church in the early mediaeval period (in Europe). Pray for all those who have responsibility to care for orphans.
Sat 14	**Samuel Seabury, first Bishop of N America 1796** Pray for the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community may they find a place in society free of suffering due to intolerance and misunderstanding. Pray for our Church that we may find ways to live the Gospel and not be divided by fundamentalist attitudes.
Sunday 15	**2 before Advent** Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom. **Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass <u>10.30 am</u>**

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