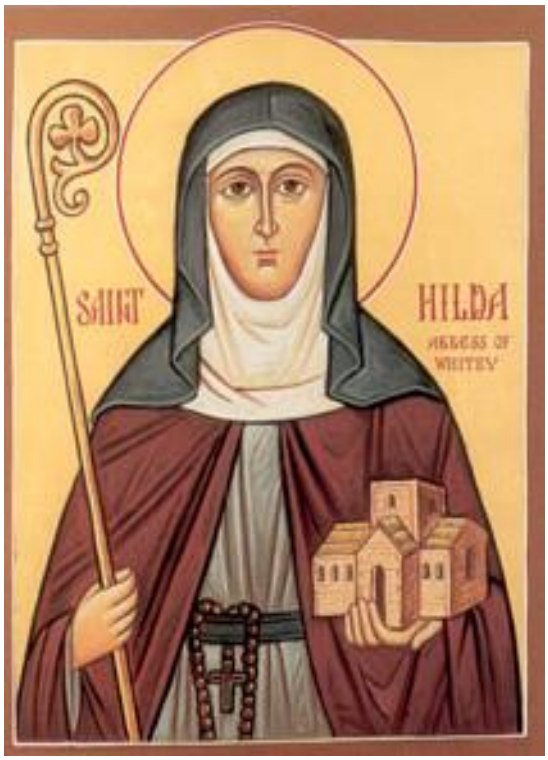
ALL SAINTS NEWS

15th November 2026
2nd Sunday before Advent

Hilda of Whitby:
A Saint at the Foundations of the English Church



At the end of October, Fr Paul (Roberts) took us through an excellent introduction to Anglicanism during the Exploring Christianity session. Recognising that this coming week holds the Festival of Hilda of Whitby (680) I thought I might take a step back further into the past and remind ourselves of one of the foundations of the English Church'.

On 19th November, the Church commemorates Hilda of Whitby (c. 614–680), one of the most remarkable women in the early history of English Christianity. Abbess, teacher, spiritual guide and leader, Hilda played a significant role in shaping the Church in Anglo-Saxon England. Her legacy is particularly important when reflecting upon the origins and identity of the Church of England.

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Born into the royal family of Northumbria, Hilda was baptised into the Christian faith by St Paulinus. She eventually became Abbess of the monastery at Whitby, known in her day as *Streonæshalch*. Under her leadership, Whitby became a distinguished centre of prayer, learning and Christian formation. Hilda was renowned for her wisdom and pastoral care, and her monastery nurtured both men and women in the religious life. Among those formed under her guidance was the poet Caedmon, whose sacred verse helped bring the Christian faith into the language and culture of the English people.



Hilda is perhaps most closely associated with the **Synod of Whitby,** held in **663** or **664**. This gathering sought to resolve differences between the Celtic Christian traditions, particularly those associated with Iona and Northumbria, and the Roman customs brought to England by missionaries such as St Augustine of Canterbury. The principal disagreement concerned the calculation of Easter, alongside questions of ecclesiastical practice and authority.

Although Hilda herself favoured the traditions of the Celtic Church, the Synod ultimately accepted the Roman practice, under the leadership of King Oswiu. This decision helped establish a greater unity of ecclesiastical practice across England and strengthened the Church's relationship with the wider Western Christian world.

It would be historically inaccurate to describe the Synod of Whitby as the actual beginning of the Church of England. The Church of England, as a distinct institution, emerged much later, particularly during the Reformation of the sixteenth century. Nevertheless, Whitby represents an important early moment in the development of a unified English Church.

Hilda's significance extends beyond questions of ecclesiastical authority. She reminds us that the Church is built through prayer, learning, pastoral care and the formation of Christian lives. Her leadership demonstrates that holiness and wisdom are not confined by gender or worldly status.

As we commemorate Hilda, we remember a saint whose faith helped shape the spiritual foundations of England. Her example continues to challenge the Church today: to be a community rooted in tradition, open to learning, and united in its mission to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

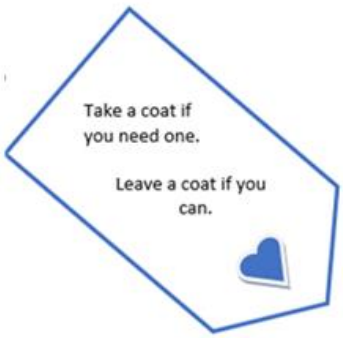
Note of Interest:

The historical fiction novel '***Credo'***, by **Melvyn Bragg**, features the Synod of Whitby and the Abbess Hilda. The novel incorporates and touches upon this pivotal historical council, which addressed the alignment between Celtic and Roman Christian practices, alongside the journey of its protagonist, St. Bega. If you have not yet read this novel it is entertaining!

This year we will be running our very successful Warm Coat for Winter initiative again. We are looking for a coat rail to display them on. If you have a coat rail that we might borrow or that you can donate please email the office office@allsaintsclifton.org

Once we have a coat rail we will be able to accept donations of coats and jackets to redistribute to those in need. Due to lack of storage space we are not able to accept any other donations this year.

Warm coats for Winter





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Loaves & Fishes

PROJECT

Community of the Sisters of the Church

Food, friendship and support

We are an indiscriminate charity.

Anyone and everyone is welcome – no referral needed.

OUR STORY

Mother Emily founded the Community of the Sisters of the Church in 1870. In the early 1990s, four Sisters moved to Ashley Road and began giving out small food parcels to about 12 people a week. Today we welcome **250–300 people every week** for food, friendship and a listening ear. Named after the boy's five small loaves and two small fish, we pass on the kind gifts of individuals, churches and schools, with our wonderful volunteers. We help people of any faith or none. We judge no one.

SUPPORT US

Scan to donate
via Givealittle

WHAT WE OFFER

Food bag
ONCE A WEEK
Each bag contains six tins including a tin of meat or fish, a litre of long life milk, tea bags, a bag of pasta or rice and cereal. (Varieties may differ from bag to bag.)

Non-food market
MONDAYS
Donated non-food items, such as bedding.

Fresh food market
TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
Fruit, vegetables and other fresh products.

Café
MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
Hot drinks, sandwiches and biscuits.

Holy Communion
MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, 1:30PM
In our chapel.

Form filling & basic legal advice
TWICE A MONTH
Please check the noticeboard for dates.

Fuel top-up
ONCE A MONTH
Top-ups for pre-paid meters.

OPENING TIMES

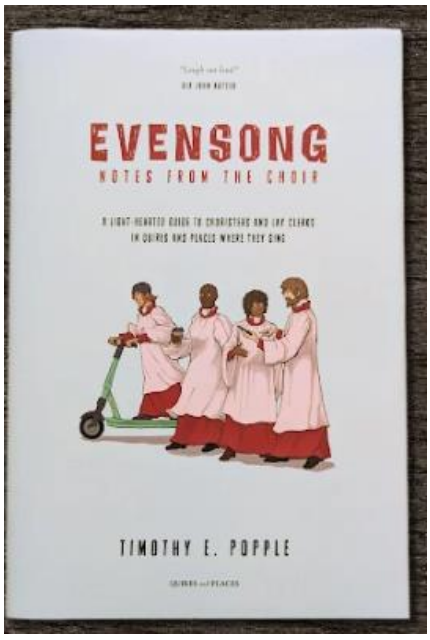
Monday – Wednesday 10:00am – 12:30pm

We close for holidays at Christmas, Easter and in the summer. Please see the notice on the gate for dates.

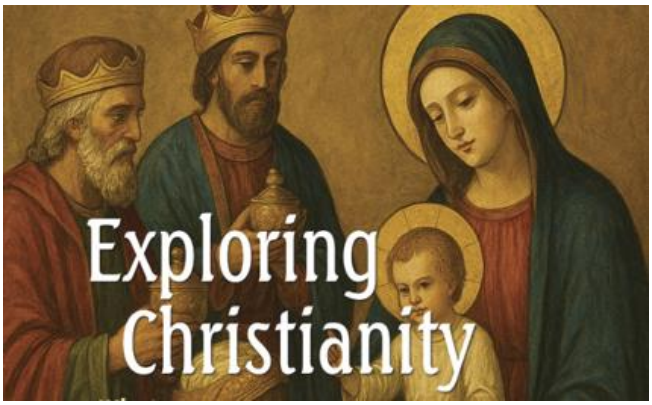


Coffee Morning & Talk

On Thursday 19th November at 10.30am in Bristol Cathedral Chapter House, local author Tim Popple – who is also a lay clerk in the Cathedral Choir – will give a talk celebrating and explaining Evensong, an insight into his book 'Evensong- Notes from the choir' published last year. Sir John Rutter has called the book "laugh out loud". Come expecting a light hearted guide to a serious subject; something to lighten our darkness. Copies of the book will be available to purchase after the talk: the perfect Christmas present.



This event is free for Friends of Bristol Cathedral and guests are welcome to join us, tickets £5. Just turn up on the day or email: raebarrett@aol.com If you are not already a Friend of Bristol Cathedral you can join for £25 a year. Membership includes offers and invitation to exclusive events at the Cathedral, and helps to support the work of Bristol Cathedral.



The next session of this popular group
is this Sunday .
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
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

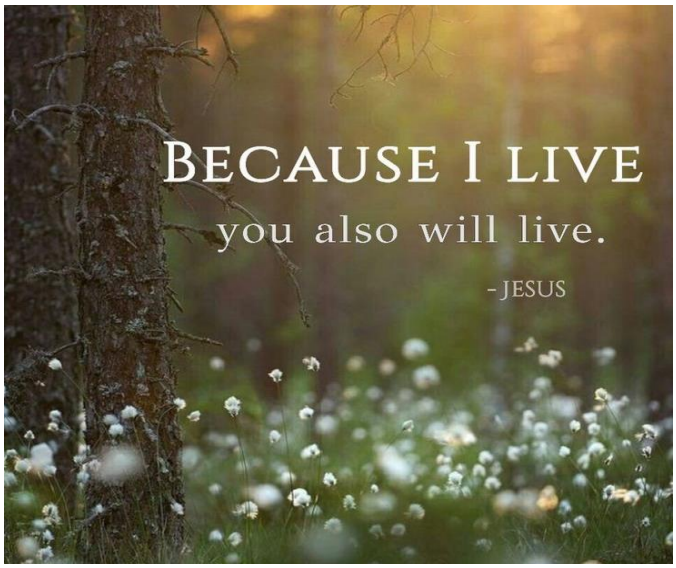


Prayers Requests

‘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 Nigel Legg

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 Alison Sowton
Saturday

The Departed

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

Years’ Minds - this week we remember:

Jo McKie Arthur Miles Mary Rowe Winifred (Molly) Sharpley Dorothy Ching Roy Morris Jeremy Winston (Pr) Mike Lindsey

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 16	**Margaret, Queen of Scotland, reformer 1093** Pray for those who work amongst people in need and in desperate circumstances, for the homeless and people who live on the periphery. In particular the work of the Sisters of the Church and the Julian Trust here in Bristol.
Tue 17	Pray for the work of Bristol Zoo project – education, research and conservation. Pray for those who work with animals in our community, vets and their staff
Wed 18	**Requiem Mass 10.00 am Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia 1231** Pray for those children who are adopted or are in the process of being adopted. Give thanks and pray for the families who are willing and able to adopt children. This is a life-changing event for the children and the families. (International Adoption Day)
Thurs 19	**Hilda Abbess of Whitby 680** Pray for the organisation of this Diocese, and in particular the work and ministry of our Archdeacons. The work of Diocesan House in support of the work and ministry of those who are ordained, licensed and disciples.
Fri 20	**Mass 10.00 am** Pray for the organization of this Diocese, and in particular the work and ministry of our Archdeacons; The work of Diocesan House in support of the work and ministry of those who are ordained, licensed and disciples.
Sat 21	Pray for members of the Daily Office Team. Each day at 8am and 6pm the Daily Office is said at ASC, sometimes by one person, sometimes with others from our community, often joined by 'unknown people' who simple walk in and join in. We pray for them all and those who visit this church.
Sunday 22	**Christ The King** **The Sunday Next before Advent Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr 870** Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; **Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30 am**

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