

All Saints Church Clifton
Cycle of Prayer – May 2018

Date	Festival	Prayers
1	Philip and James	James and Philip were simple people, yet they became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded again that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human achieving. All power is God's power, even the power of human freedom to accept his gifts. "You will be clothed with power from on high," Jesus told Philip and the others.
2	Athanasius 373	We pray for the Coptic (Egyptian) Church. Originate from Alexandria in Apostolic period. The Coptic Church is persecuted by ISIS – we join their prayer 'when will this stop?'
3		World Asthma Day. Remember in our prayers all who suffer from Asthma and other conditions of the lungs. Also for those who work in the medical profession and as researchers in respiratory disease.
4	English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation	Remembering those who were persecuted and died for their faith – protestant and Roman Catholic. Acknowledging the terrible things the Church has done in the past – in the belief that it was 'right' and the terrible things that people of faith continue to do in our world.
5		Pray for men who suffer in silence. Many men believe that to be 'manly' is to suffer and not ask for help. Many take the full consequence of this decision. Suicide is the biggest killer of men under 45 in the UK.
6	Easter 6	God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
7	Bank Holiday	Pray for: those obsessed with diet, for those who have problems with their body image, for those who suffer from eating disorders, for those who are obese or emaciated. No Diet Day Pray also for the runners and the charities they represent tomorrow in the Bristol 10K
8	Julian of Norwich 1417	We ask you Father, to send your Holy Spirit to be with us so that we too may learn to draw good from evil (as described by St Julian; and in the works of TS Eliot "...All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well".
9		Pray for all who work at the 'door' of their business as receptionists and those who 'meet and greet'. Remembering the importance of welcome and greeting, and making visitors feel welcome we pray for our sidespersons.
10	Ascension Day	Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell. Pray also for the 'Navigators of Faith' project – and all who will sail on Rival Star.
11		Pray for shift workers and all who work at inhospitable times – from medical staff to heavy industry, from mining to transportation.

12	Gregory Dix 1952	Pray for Benedictine communities throughout the world. Pray for the life and work of Mucknell Abbey, Abbot Stuart and all members of the community. Pray also for liturgists and those who interpret and explain liturgy. For our team of servers.
13	Ascension 1 Easter 7	O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
14		Pray for those who have been made scapegoats, those who suffer unjust blame (individuals and groups); and also whistle-blowers.
15	St Matthias	Pray for the University of the West of England (the St Matts Campus) UWE; the work of the Chaplain, Ian Yemm; and the students and all staff. Especially remembering the students we see working in our Church: from the Architecture and Education Departments.
16	Caroline Chisholm 1877	Pray for those who dedicate themselves to Humanitarian issues (especially today those working with female immigrants in Australia and on Aboriginal issues). Pray for immigrant populations throughout our world and for those who are further disadvantaged by race.
17		Pray for all Pilgrims. Especially those who find meaning, clarity and peace at Walsingham, pray for the Walsingham Cells. Remember all those who worship through journeying and finding Holy places
18		Museum Day – museums are important in the development of society. They enable cultural landscapes to be understood. We pray for museum workers, those who shape history to help our understanding of ‘now’, holiday makers and tourists and all museum visitors.
19	Dunstan 988	Abbot of Glastonbury. Pray for those called to monastic life, in particular the Community of the Sisters of the Church (Sisters Teresa, Rosie, Annaliese and Hilda Mary). Pray for those, like Dunstan, who influence great decision makers and those who use money for charitable purposes.
20	Pentecost	God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort Pray for the crew of Rival Star – especially this week.....
21		Pray for those who, often reluctantly, engage with others for the common good. As Alcuin joined the court of Charlemagne for the greater benefit of others
22		Pray for all who live in this parish. <i>We praise thee for the day of light and life, for the night which brings rest and sleep, and for the ordered course of nature, seedtime and harvest, which thou hast given us. We bless thee that thou has given us the joy of children, the wisdom of old men. We thank thee for all holy and humble men of heart, for the love of God and man which shines forth in commonplace lives, and above all for the vision of thyself, in loneliness and in fellowship, in Sacrament and in prayer; for these and all other benefits we praise and glorify the name, now and for evermore.</i>

23		Pray for those who work on the sea – royal Navy, fleet auxiliary, merchant navy, commercial and liners, fishermen, coast guard and all who find a living connected to the sea. Maritime Day. Give thanks for the teeming life of the Oceans, their role in the cycles of our planet that enables all life. For those whose lives are connected to the sea – in shipping, fishing, ports and scientists.
24	John and Charles Wesley (1791 & 1788)	Pray for our brother and sister Methodists who live and worship in this community. Pray for David Alderman the Superintendent and the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit.
25	Venerable Bede 735	O Christ, our Morning Star, Splendour of Light Eternal, shining with the glory of the rainbow, come and waken us from the greyness of our apathy, and renew in us your gift of hope. Amen (The Venerable Bede)
26	Augustine of Canterbury 605	We thank you God that you are here – with us now. In the sacrament, in my brothers and sisters and in this house of God.
27	Trinity Sunday	Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
28	Bank Holiday	Pray for the work of Amnesty International - which campaigns to bring an end to human abuse. Look at the Amnesty International Website today and simply remember them and all these issues in your prayers
29		Pray for those who suffer from hearing loss and deafness. This can be for many an isolating condition and is often the cause of significant frustration and upset. Pray for those who work to provide help, support and care and those who research the conditions.
30	Josephine Butler 1906 Joan of Arc 1431	Feminist and social reformer. Pray for the prostitutes of Bristol, and those who work in the fields of venereal diseases and aids.
31	Corpus Christi	Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption Pray for and give thanks for the ASC servers – remembering Head Servers Simon Davison and Chris Verity