

All Saints Church Clifton
Cycle of Prayer – June 2018

Date	Festival	Prayers
1	Justin, Martyr 165	Pray for theologians and thinkers in recent times, those teaching in our universities and theological colleges, and those in religious orders. Give thanks for those like CS Lewis and Vishal Mangalwadi. Justin was a Christian apologist – defending Christianity against objections and presenting a reasoned base for Christianity.
2		Pray for geographers, teachers, students, researchers and related professionals – all who work to further our understanding of our place on this earth. Geography bridges the social sciences and the natural sciences.
3	Trinity 1	God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son
4	Petroc, Abbot of Padstow 6 th C	Pray for the people of Wales and the South West. Petroc was a Welsh monk (Pedrog) who established himself in Padstow (Petroc – stowe or Petroc place) and Bodmin. Pray also for the homeless – especially in summer when many make their way from all over Britain toward the SW. St Petroc Society works amongst the homeless.
5	Boniface of Crediton 754	Pray for tailors, clothes designers and all engaged in the clothing industry. There's good and bad. Pray especially for those entrapped as child & slave labourers and those working in 'sweatshops'
6	Iin Kopuria 1925	Kopuria was a policeman who formed the Melanesian Brotherhood. There are now 400 Brothers and Novices. Pray for their work in Solomon Islands, Vanatu, Papua NG, the Philippines and the UK. Kopuria said: 'because men, seeing in Christ the heart and purpose of God, have been so filled with gratitude that they have been impelled to do what they could, and it seemed so very little, to say "thank You."'
7		Pray for gardeners, and give thanks for the joy of gardens private and public. The pleasure that gardening brings to people, how it acts as a therapy or distraction. How we can engage in creation and in the home production of food and flowers. Remember our church gardeners – Purple Elephant.
8	Thomas Ken Bishop of Bath and Wells 1711	Pray for Religious Tolerance. Give thanks for the 'Declaration of Indulgence' (1687) that allowed all denominations to worship in homes and chapels as they saw fit. It was first attempt of granting religious freedom. (It was opposed by Bishop Ken.!)
9	Columba, Abbot of Iona 597	Pray for Episcopal Church of Scotland and the Church of Scotland. Pray for the Bishop of Edinburgh, John Armes, and all who attended the Parish Retreat this year (2016). Pray for Navigators of Faith on their Celtic Pilgrimage
10	Trinity 2	Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord
11		Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world. India, Burma, China, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Maldives - are the worst places in which to be a Christian
12	Barnabas the Apostle	Not one of the original Apostles – Barnabas was a companion of Paul on some missionary journeys, known as 'a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and Faith'. May we the church be full of the Holy Spirit and

		faith.
13		Pray for all blood donors, and those in the medical profession who work in haematology – concerned with research and diseases of the blood and blood-forming tissue. Pray for those who suffer from conditions and diseases of the blood
14	Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine 1691	Pray for those who struggle to help us understand our faith. Baxter argued against the Calvinists (who believed in limited atonement for the 'elected' only) in favour of universal redemption.
15	Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual writer 1941	<i>It seems so much easier in these days to live morally than to live beautifully. Lots of us manage to exist for years without ever sinning against society, but we sin against loveliness every hour of the day</i> E Underhill <i>The Grey World</i> 1904
16	Richard Bp of Chichester 1253	<i>Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, For all the benefits Thou hast given me, For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.</i> <i>O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, May I know Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly</i>
17	Trinity 3	Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God.
18	Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShana, Martyr 1896	Biro brothers bought and established the 'bic' pen. 774 Million adults are unable to write (2/3 are women) – literacy sits at the heart of learning, personal empowerment and social progress – it is a fundamental human right. Pray for those working for international literacy.
19	Sundar Singh of India Holy Man 1929	Pray for the people of Tibet. Sundar Singh (Anglican Priest) made his final trip to work in Tibet in 1929 - he was a widely known and respected Christian accepted across all denominations – globally and in India.
20	Fillan, Abbot 8 th C	Pray for the Church in Ireland – Anglican Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian and Free Churches. Also for those who suffer from psychiatric disorders (St Fillan is the patron saint).
21		Pray for performers, especially those engaged in circus. A circus is a company of performers – clowns, acrobats, trapeze, tightrope walkers, jugglers, hoopers, unicyclists, object manipulators. Pray for performers and the work of the Bristol circus schools
22	Alban, First Martyr of Britain 250	Pray for refugees and victims of torture. Much myth and speculation surrounds the Anglo Roman Alban. Pray for Navigators of Faith on their Celtic Pilgrimage
23	Ethelreda, Abbess of Ely 678	Anglo Saxon aristocratic daughter of Onna (King of East Anglia). Retired from secular life and founded monasteries – pray for the religious and for the life and work of Ely Cathedral.
24	Birth of John the Baptist [Trinity 4]	Pray that the Church may have the courage of John the Baptist, so as to constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice and patiently suffer for the truth's sake
25		Pray for our universities in Bristol, students and staff and for all whose work or life is aligned to the universities. Give thanks for the equal opportunities increasingly available to all to receive an education. Remember all who have worked to ensure all have equal opportunity

		to education.
26		Pray for all those engaged in creating and promoting popular music. Song writers, composers, musicians, 'disc-jockeys', marketers, critics and TV contestants. All who have a power to influence the attitudes and behaviours of young people – that they may do this to their benefit.
27	Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria 444	Pray for all those who work in industry – in different sectors and in different roles. Pray for their safety and the conditions in which they work – especially in parts of the world where they are abused.
28	Irenaeus Bp of Lyons 200	Pray that the ideas of 'unbroken chain of authority' to maintain 'orthodoxy' are not misused. Established the principle of Apostolic succession to refute opponents.
29	Peter and Paul, Apostles	Pray for the ordination of priests at this time and the making of deacons. Remember our own team of priests here at ASC – Charles, Paul, Paul, Peter, Peter, John and Ginny. Pray for Trinity College and the Ordinands we work with each year.
30	Ember Day	Pray for those who find this media allows them to lift spirit, communicate positively, find help and support. Pray also for those who are bullied or become overly focused on themselves. Social media has the power to do good and harm.