

All Saints Church Clifton
Cycle of Prayer - November 2018

Date	Festival	Prayers
1	All Saints Day	The communion of Saints and all those 'living saints' who work for the Kingdom – silently and unknown. Pray for all those who 'use' this church and its rooms for meetings, events, workshops, dancing, music, concerts, health and so many other purposes.
2	All Souls Day	Commemorate the faithful departed – of this parish, among our families and friends. Remember those you have loved but are now numbered amongst the Saints. Remember in your prayers all those who have been bereaved this year and held funerals at ASC.
3	Richard Hooker Priest 1600	Pray for theologians; the Bristol University Theology Dept., staff and students; Trinity College – staff and students In particular 'our' students; Chris, Matt, Laura, Debs, Jack, Jo, Emily and James.
4	4 before Advent	Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
5	Requiem Mass	The ordained and licensed priests and ministers who work in this parish. Those who perform other ministries in this parish – choir, servers, teaching, preaching, administration, sidespeople, cleaners, tea rota, wardens, and the daily office team
6		Members of Parliament - for Bristol, Kerry McCarthy, Charlotte Leslie, Karin Smyth and Thanam Debbonaire. May they benefit from your wisdom and guidance.
7	Willibrord of York, Missionary 739	The people who live and work in the Netherlands (historically Frisia and the home of Willibrord). May we learn from the government and organization of this liberal and socially tolerant nation.
8	Saints and Martyrs of England	British bishops attended the Council of Arles (314) suggesting a church with order and worship – since that time, Christians in Britain have worked for the Kingdom living simple lives of holiness and giving their lives. Pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world.
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
10	Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome 461	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.
11	3 before Advent Remembrance Sunday Armistice Day	Father, your will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule 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 defence
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.
13	Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836	Pray for those who work in Quality Assurance and Testing Functions. May they work to increase security, to enable fairness, to ensure safety and for the good of all.
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.
15		Pray for individuals and organizations who operate philanthropically. Through their love of humanity they seek to care, nourish, develop and enhance the lives of others. May we adopt these attitudes and behaviours ourselves.
16	Margaret, Queen of Scotland, reformer 1093 Requiem Mass	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.
17	Hugh Bishop of Lincoln 1200	Pray for the work of Bristol Zoo – education, research and conservation, as well as a tourist attraction. Pray for its CEO Bryan Carroll and all the staff. Pray for those who work with animals in our community, vets and their staff
18	2 before Advent	Father, your 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
19	Hilda Abbess of Whitby 680	Pray for the organization of this Diocese, and in particular the work and ministry of our Archdeacons; Michael Johnson and Graham Archer. The work of Diocesan House in support of the work and ministry of those who are ordained, licensed and disciples.
20	Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr 870	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
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 simply walk in and join in. We pray for them all and those who visit this church.
22	Cecilia, Martyr of Rome 230 Requiem Mass	Pray that our Church may find ways to effectively respond to the advance of nationalism and secularism.
23	Clement Bishop of Rome	Pray for the worship and work of the Cathedral Church of Peter and

	100	Paul here in Clifton, the Bishop (Bp Declan) Dean (Fr Bosco), clergy and staff and all those who worship there. May we increasingly find ways to work together to the benefit of Christ's Church here on earth.
24		Give thanks for the huge range of gifts and talents that people have. Give thanks for your own gifts and capabilities - do not compare with any other. As Oscar Wilde said "Be yourself, everyone else is already taken".
25	Christ the King (Sunday before Advent)	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. Pray for Bishop Viv and her ministry in this diocese; may it be a blessed time for her and a time of growth and excitement for the diocese.
26		Pray for all police officers – in particular 'our own' : Inspector Lorna, Sergeant Jon and Constable Peter (and Sergeant Adam who has just moved to a new role). <i>Understand, our police officers put their lives on the line for us every single day. They've got a tough job to do to maintain public safety and hold accountable those who break the law."</i> Barak Obama
27	Requiem Mass	Pray for the All Saints PCC and sub-committees and action groups. May we, over this coming year work to live out our Christian life, individually and collectively, as partners in the <i>missio Dei</i>
28		Pray for the work of All Saints Arts. Pray for the many and various performers, the events (concerts and exhibitions), the members of the audience and those who provide the refreshments. Pray for our Director of Music, John Davenport, and all those who work with him.
29		Pray for the work of Alcoholics Anonymous, a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Pray for the people who attend the ASC AA meetings.
30	Andrew the Apostle	Dementia describes a set of symptoms that may include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving or language. Pray for those who suffer from dementia, for carers and the medical and support agencies that research, support and care for sufferers.