

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

13<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Baptism of Christ

From Fr Charles.

## It's not all about numbers!

Over the Advent and Christmas period we can all feel pleased with the numbers of people who attended the various acts of worship and praise. Thank you to all who participated in so many different ways to make the seasons of Advent, Christmas and the Epiphany such a success.

Over Christmas there were lots of faces that were 'new' to us and numbers were very good. This is in keeping with the predictions of the Church Attendance ('*Statistics for Mission*') published last month. This data showed:

- Overall Sunday Worship attendance is reducing - but 'flexi-attendance' is increasing
- 'Worshipping Community' figures have remained static across the C of E (this is the number of all who attend over a four week period)
- Worship figures at Cathedrals, the 'greater churches' and churches with stronger liturgy is increasing
- Baptisms and Weddings (all Occasional Offices) numbers are reducing
- Christmas attendance is growing strongly

These are national guidelines which provide us with an opportunity to think about how we do things at a local level. Here at ASC there are a number of things that take place which are really positive. There are plenty, but two may be:

- The church is open, all day, for anyone! This is a fundamental feature which has been a constant for the last 150 years. Very many people make use of the sacred space – we never count them, but they are undoubtedly part of this church.
- Our liturgy and strength of music is an important element. The data suggests that people are not looking for a 'cultural fix' but for structure, meaning and a feeling of closeness to God or the beyond.

The question is, of course, what else is there that we can do that enables people to find a place within the worshipping community?

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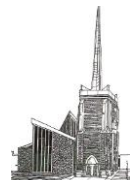
## Friends on Friday and the Afternoon Service.

Friends on Friday is a dementia accessible café for all which offers support, guidance, information and friendship. The café, which is open to everyone, meets on the second Friday of each month between 2.00pm and 4.00pm for activities, friendship, fun and cake!

The next meetings are Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

The Afternoon service is a short, accessible service at 3.00pm on the second Sunday of the month.

The Afternoon Service is open to everyone who would enjoy participating in a short Mass with support.



## Derek Jay

Derek Jay's funeral is to be held on Friday, 1st of February 2019.

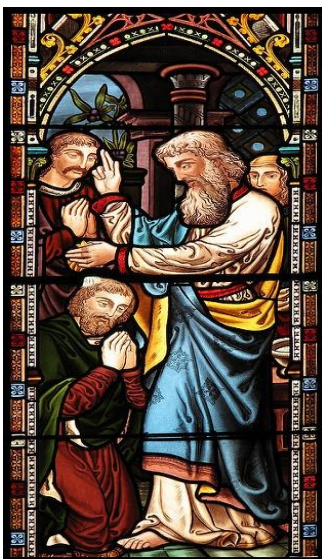
It will begin at 1.45pm with a Requiem Mass at St. Paul's Church, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 1LP and continue at 3.45pm with the committal at Canford Crematorium, Canford Lane, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, BS9 3PQ, concluding around 4.15pm.

All are welcome.



It's time to take down the Christmas tree and put the decorations away until next December.

If you would like to help please come to Church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am, drinks and cake to help the work along !



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The Conversion of Paul  
Festival Mass  
7.30pm

Bar and Refreshments after Mass



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# EVENTS

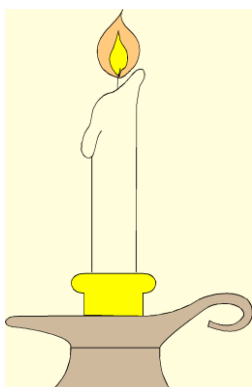
### Parish Retreat to Llangasty Retreat House 8<sup>th</sup> February to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

There are only three places left for the Parish Retreat, if you would like to participate please sign the list in the porch or speak to Liz Badman for further details

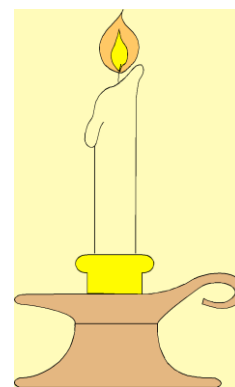


The next All Saints Arts Matinee is on  
2nd February at 4.00pm

An Organ Recital by John Davenport  
(All Saints Clifton)  
playing  
Bach, Franck, Langlais.



**Evensong  
for  
Candlemas**



**Sunday  
February 3rd  
6pm**

## PRAYER

14 M	<b>Mass 9.30am</b> Pray for cavers, potholers and speleologists. Caving as a sport and for research reasons is increasingly popular; many locations are now tourist sites. Remember also those engaged in mine exploration and archaeological research.
15 T	<b>Mass 7.00pm</b> <i>Pray for all those who work in the broadcasting industry. Television and radio (and on-line streaming) are hugely important in bringing news and entertainment to all. Pray for those whose main connection with others is through TV and radio.</i>
16 W	<b>Mass 9.30am</b> Religious Freedom Day <i>Pray for the work of the world's religions and religious organisations that bring good to the world. Thank God that Religious Freedom exists in many parts of our world. Pray for those who suffer persecution - and for those who deliver such persecution.</i>
17 Th	<b>Mass 7.00pm</b> Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356 Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932 <i>Pray for the life and work of the Community of the Resurrection, and for the College of the Resurrection. Give thanks for the life and work of Brother Andrew (John Norton) – at ASC and in South Africa with the Community.</i>
18 F	<b>Mass 10.30am</b> Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual writer, 1951 <i>First Day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i> This year's material is developed in the German Churches: <i>God has, in Christ, reconciled the world to himself. The love of Christ compels us to be ambassadors of this reconciliation, which is enacted by dismantling the walls. With the fall of the Berlin Wall, Germany experienced how a seemingly insurmountable wall could be brought down. The fall of this wall is a symbol of hope that, with the love of God, nothing is impossible.</i>
19 Sa	<b>Mass 10.30am</b> Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095 Pray for the Diocese of Worcester and the parish of Westbury on Trym (founded in the year 717). Pray for Fr Andre and his ministry team, the work of the parish at Westbury and the work of the Elsie Briggs House of Prayer.
20 Su	Epiphany 3  Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power  <b>Mass</b> 8.00am <b>Family Eucharist</b> 9.30am <b>Parish Mass</b> 11.00am <b>Evening Prayer</b> 6.00pm

