

All Saints Church Clifton
Cycle of Prayer – August 2019

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1		Give thanks for the transformational gift of the World Wide Web. Recognise those whose lives have been transformed by the ability to have access to information, knowledge and learning; those who manage to maintain and grow connections between friends, families, learning networks; those who provide reasoned and real-time insights into world events. Pray for all who work in the digital world. Pray for those who become victims of this gift through its 'wrong use' – abuse, bullying and fraud.
2		Pray for those who suffer from lung cancer (this is world lung cancer day) and for their friends and families. Pray for those who research this disease, for medical practitioners who work with sufferers and their families and for all who suffer from respiratory conditions.
3		Pray for brewers and all those engaged in the brewing industry. Pray for the publicans and landlords in this parish, for the work of pubs in providing centres for community and meeting. In particular remember the work of and those who will work in the Alma Tavern – and the Street Fayre b=next weeked.
4	Trinity Seven	Pray for all who are involved in the training and provision of Assistance Dogs. For those charities engaged in the fundraising and for those for whom these dogs change the quality of life.
5	Jean-Baptiste Vianney 1859	Jean-Baptiste Vianney was the 'Cure d'Ars' and is the patron saint for all parish priests. Pray for all priests who have all or part of their ministry in parish life; in particular remember Frs Charles, Paul, Paul, Peter, John and Wendy; those who have been curates at ASC and our past incumbents.
6	The Transfiguration of our Lord	The Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. Please take time to reflect on the meaning of this in the way we live our Christian lives.

7	John Mason Neale, Priest 1866	Fr Neale was part of the catholic renewal at a time when many in the Anglican Church were suspicious of anything suggestive of Roman Catholicism. He was attacked and stoned by protestant crowds. Pray that we can overcome the ignorance and suspicion that continues to linger in the hearts and minds of different divisions within the church.
8	Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221	Pray for all Brother and Sister members of the Dominican Order (Order of Preachers) and for the Dominican houses throughout the world. Pray for all who work to preach and teach the 'Word' – "Only say the Word and my servant will be healed" Mt 8:8
9	Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921	Pray for the Mothers' Union, an international Christian membership charity that aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action through the transformation of communities of all faiths and none throughout the world. Pray for its work and the 4 million members who try to bring Christian care to families of all kinds.
10	Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258	Laurence served God with 'Deeds of Love'. Pray for all who "serve the sick, aged, poor, widows and orphans of the congregation". Acts for which he was martyred.
11	Trinity Eight	Pray for all who are involved in bringing us clean water. Water sustains all life and entire ecosystems depend on it for their survival. Ask that we may find ways so that we do not pollute water – as businesses and society and as individuals.
12		Pray for young people – here in our parish and school. Also that all countries take an opportunity to assess their investment in and commitment to youth.
13	Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor 1667	Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace
14	Maximillian Kolbe, Friar 1941	Pray for those who sacrifice their life for another or for others. Sometimes the literal giving of life, but very often the sacrifice of health, wealth, pleasure or opportunity to allow others to benefit and grow. Pray for those who donate organs and blood so that others may live. Pray for the NHS Blood and Transplant Service (NHSBT)
15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his

		blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom
16		Flying Ambulance Services. Pray for all those who work to deliver this life-saving service, pilots, medical specialists, volunteers, fundraisers. And those who have been (and will be) served by their dedication
17		Pray for the work of thrift shops – organizations and people who sell used goods to positively recycle goods, especially when donations are made to charities. Pray for the charity shops in our parish – Oxfam, St Peter’s Hospice, British Heart Foundation, Sue Ryder, Cancer Research, Heart Foundation, Save the Children, DEBRA and MIND.
18	Trinity Nine	Pray for poets – those who find ways to express meaning in words. Pray for those unable to express themselves for many and varied reasons.
19		Young people and teachers on school and university holiday. Pray for our school, St Johns, children, teachers, staff and volunteers. Also all those families in the parish and our university staff and students.
20	Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux 1153	World Humanitarian Day is an opportunity to celebrate the spirit that inspires humanitarian work around the globe. Pray for the work undertaken by humanitarian organisations; that they are able to address the huge challenges they face.
21		Pray for the work of the Salvation Army, it is an integral part of the Christian Church, although distinctive in government and practice. The Army’s doctrine follows the mainstream of Christian belief and its articles of faith emphasise God’s saving purposes. Its objects are ‘the advancement of the Christian religion... of education, the relief of poverty, and other charitable objects beneficial to society or the community of mankind as a whole.
22		All of us have the power to make the world a better place. Today is an internationally recognised day to carry out acts of kindness, care and support. Pray that these behaviours do not need a ‘special day’ to be recognised, but are regular features of the way we live.
23		Pray for all those engaged in the entertainment industries – from actors to musicians, technicians to artists, and writers to film makers.
24	Bartholomew the Apostle	Pray for all those who work with land to feed mankind. Our farmers, researchers, and agricultural specialists. (Bartholomew may be translated as ‘son of a ploughman’).
25	Trinity Ten	Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their

		petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you
26		Pray for those who continue to work for the equal treatment of women and for women's rights. Remembering in particular those parts of the world where women are subject to suppression, violence and discrimination. Recognising that no part of the world is completely free from discrimination and stereotyping.
27		Some talk of the North-South divide in the UK, King Oswald of Northumbria reigned over a huge kingdom that encompassed much of Southern Scotland and all of the North of England. Pray for economic and political equity and for the avoidance of arguments of difference to score political points.
28	Augustine of Hippo, 387	"How can the past and future be, when the past no longer is, and the future is not yet? As for the present, if it were always present and never moved on to become the past, it would not be time, but eternity." Augustine 'Confessions'
29	Beheading of John the Baptist	John the Baptist said: "One comes after me who is greater than I; and I must decrease, and He will increase." Help us to understand how we decrease so that the Kingdom might increase.
30	John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688	John Bunyan served two terms of imprisonment (both for refusing to attend his parish church for divine service). Pray for all prisoners and prison warders and staff, and for the good running of a just, humane and effective penal system
31	Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651	Lindisfarne has become a significant place of Christian retreat. Pray for all retreat centres and for those who provide conducted retreats. Also pray for those who attend conducted or private retreats.