

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

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## An Archbishop Steps In.....

During the course of this last week it was revealed that ++Justin would be stepping into the Brexit debate. Not simply as a commentator as to how this subject is dividing the nation (alongside all the other associated beliefs and fears of so many different groupings within the population of the United Kingdom), but in an active role. Currently, he is involved in cross-party plans for a Citizens' Assembly to search for an alternative to a 'no deal' Brexit.

I was not surprised to read that this has led to a wealth of criticism, largely from Brexiters. "He shouldn't allow himself to be tempted into what is essentially a very political issue right now" (Iain Duncan Smith). This comment was amongst many others in a similar vein. Another that stood out for me was "he should be in talks about why fewer people are attending [church] rather than..." [Kate Hoey MP].

It's worth reminding ourselves that two years ago ++Justin called for a cross-party commission to find a way forward on this question. And he was right. Since the referendum it has become increasingly clear that 'normal politics' isn't working – it has become the situation that normal politics is disabled by the divisions caused by Brexit. These same divisions spill over into the way we live and behave as a society – it feels as though some of the values of the UK (respect, inclusion, collaboration and integrity) are being eroded.

It seems to me that this is a good example of the very place that the Church should and must be seen to have voice. It may be that our (the church's) avoidance of these situations is one of the factors that cause numbers 'attending' to have dropped as the church seems increasingly distant from the issues that confront society and our world.

## The Statement from ++Justin

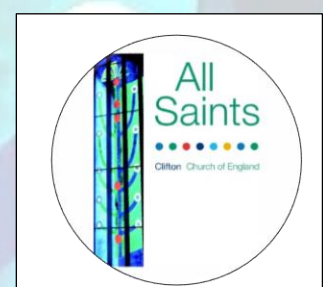
Read the statement from the Most Revd Justin Welby concerning the Citizens' Forum:

*"It is an unexpected privilege to be asked to chair this proposed Citizens' Forum on Brexit. In the past this kind of gathering has, in many places and in difficult situations, opened the way for careful deliberation if at the right time and genuinely representative.*

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*"I am honoured to be approached and would be willing to accept in principle, subject to some conditions which have not yet been met. The main three are first, and indispensably, that the forum should not be a Trojan horse intended to delay or prevent Brexit in any particular form. That power can only be exercised by the government and MPs in parliament. A forum must be open to all possibilities. Second, that it has cross party support (although its members will not be politicians). Third, the process must have time to be properly organised.*

*"Jesus Christ is the source of reconciliation and healing for individuals and society. It is obviously right that among many others the churches should contribute to the emergence of a dynamic and united country post-Brexit, however it may be achieved. Every one of us must play the part they can in this task.*

*"The need for national healing and eventually for a move towards reconciliation is essential, and will take much time, a deep commitment to the common good, and contributions from every source. This Forum is only one of many different efforts being made inside the political world and across the country before and after Brexit. Every effort counts.*

*"Let us pray for all those in government, parliament and political leadership. Let us pray for the people of this country whose lives will be affected in many ways by the momentous decisions that are made."*

## **This Sunday we are delighted to welcome:**

**Revd Dr Donald MacEwan, Chaplain of the University of St Andrews**

Revd Dr Donald MacEwan is the Chaplain at the University of St Andrews in Fife, Scotland. A native of Glasgow, he was ordained in the Church of Scotland in 2001, and served as parish minister for ten years in the villages of St Monans and Largoward, in the Presbytery of St Andrews. He moved to his current post in 2011, and has oversight of chapel worship, pastoral care, and the fostering of interfaith relationships. It is his first visit to Bristol, and he is accompanied by his wife Maia Sheridan, who grew up in Exeter.

## **PUB THEOLOGY**



Father Paul and Mother Wendy are considering starting a group of twenty-thirty somethings ( we are younger than we look ?!) for some lively discussion -and hopefully laughter- around our lives of faith.

We propose meeting once a month in The Alma Tavern but will see how the group shapes up. If this is something you think you might like to risk, please let one of us know and we'll set a date for an inaugural gathering!





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## The Venerable Neil Warwick, Archdeacon of Bristol

will preach at Parish Mass for Trinity 13  
at 11.00am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2019

At his appointment Neil said: "I'm energised by the vision of Bristol Diocese, its churches and its people to make life-changing connections at the personal, local and city level. Many of these connections exist and there will be new people and communities to build relationships with.

"I'm passionate about local churches' God-given mission to build community, forming local partnerships and be a positive presence on the public square."

**'Summer's End' / Back to school**

**all welcome**

**SPREAD & SHARE  
PICNIC BRUNCH**

**Sunday SEPTEMBER 8th**  
10 am  
(immediately after the 9.30 am service )

**Please bring:**

- picnic brunch
- a rug to sit on
- a garden game if you have one  
(*twister, quoits, boules, soft ball...*)

**Coffee/tea/soft drinks available as usual**

Plan A – in the garden, if wet Plan B

**Save the date !  
Have a lovely  
summer !**

## BRISTOL OPEN DOORS DAY – SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

### Can you help ?

This year we are again taking part in the Bristol Open Doors Day Festival. This is when lots of buildings of interest throughout the city are open for visitors. We, of course, are open every day, but this is a particular opportunity to be part of a city-wide initiative that welcomes thousands of people to places they might otherwise not think of visiting.

We need lots of help on the day, in one-hour periods – to provide and serve refreshments and to act as stewards/welcomers.

This is always great fun as well as being a great privilege for us to welcome people to All Saints. If you can help for an hour (or even more) on the day or provide cakes, or both, please sign the list in the porch.



Janice Hopkins

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## PRAYER

2 M	<p><b>Mass 9.30am</b> Martyrs of Papua New Guinea 1901 and 1942 Pray for those struck by sudden and unexpected misery. For those who face trauma and grief that makes them want to hide from this world.</p>								
3 T	<p><b>Mass 7.00pm</b> Gregory the Great, Bp of Rome 604 Pray for all who maintain the tradition of liturgy and yet keep it relevant for the time. Gregory was known as the 'father of Christian worship' because of his revision of worship in his day. Pray for all those worshippers across the world and of different denominations that use the same readings and forms of worship each and every day.</p>								
4 W	<p><b>Mass 9.30am</b> Birinus 650 Pray for those who live in 'new' towns and communities. Places without history that have become established villages or towns. Berinsfield (after today's commemorated Saint) was the first English village built on virgin land for 200 years (in 1960). Berinsfield became the 'dumping ground' for those considered difficult by Oxford City Council. Pray also for challenged and challenging families.</p>								
5 Th	<p><b>Mass 7.00pm</b> International Day of Charity. Pray for the work of charities, their foundation, employees, volunteers and donors. Remember their causes. In particular pray for a charity of your own choice. First day of term. Pray for students, staff and teachers at all our schools – especially St John's Primary School.</p>								
6 F	<p><b>Mass 10.30am</b> Allen Gardiner 1851 Sailor, Missionary and Martyr. Before his death he wrote in prayer "Lord, at your feet I humbly fall, And I give you all I have, All that your love requires. To lack is best, For all is yours, Take care of me in this hour of test. Do not let me have the thoughts of a Complainer. Make me feel your power which gives life And I will learn to praise you while carrying your cross.."</p>								
7 Sa	<p><b>Mass 10.30am</b> For all associated with the writing, editing, publication, marketing and retailing of books. For readers, especially those who find books (written and recorded) as their only means of escape and entertainment.</p>								
8 Su	<p><b>Trinity 12</b> Archbishop Justin: <i>"Jesus Christ is the source of reconciliation and healing for individuals and society. It is obviously right that among many others the churches should contribute to the emergence of a dynamic and united country post-Brexit, however it may be achieved. Every one of us must play the part they can in this task."</i> <i>"Let us pray for all those in government, parliament and political leadership. Let us pray for the people of this country whose lives will be affected in many ways by the momentous decisions that are made."</i></p> <table> <tr> <td><b>Mass</b></td> <td><b>8.00am</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>All Age Worship</b></td> <td><b>9.30am</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Parish Mass</b></td> <td><b>11.00am</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Evening Prayer</b></td> <td><b>6.00pm</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
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