

ALL SAINTS NEWS

15th December 2019
3rd Sunday in Advent
Gaudete Sunday

Inclusive Church: Social Action, Mental Health and Disability:



This week the second Inclusive Church workshop took place where we considered Mental Health and Disability. The group recognised that 'Inclusive Church' was much more than keeping the doors open, though keeping the doors open is hugely important. It is also more than having no discrimination as to who it is that comes through our church doors and in making all feel as welcome as we can.

An 'Inclusive Church' is also an active church! What is it that we do here at All Saints which demonstrates our inclusivity when we consider Mental Health and Disability?

- Recognised as a Dementia Friendly Church
- 'Friends on Friday' – a monthly 'café event' open to any and all without discrimination
- Afternoon Worship – a short monthly act of worship open to anyone who wishes to find a short, familiar, safe and small (few in number) act of worship
- Intention to offer a regular weekly Mass (probably Saturday) for a few to gather, without expectations and no human contact
- Providing a place of safety for those who walk in off the street
- Plans for changes on floor level to provide ease of access and accessible toilet
- Providing a postal address and additional support for those with health issues
- Charitable giving during our planned seasonal giving
- Uplifting those who are in need in our prayers
- Action in the 'Fifties Forum' and for those alone and lonely in our community

These are a few of the activities in which we engage that enable us to be described as an 'Inclusive Church'.

Gaudete Sunday

This is the Third Sunday in the Advent Season. A season where we focus on the three-fold coming of Jesus; his first, his present and his final. The liturgical colour for today is rose (instead of the purple or deep blue of Advent).

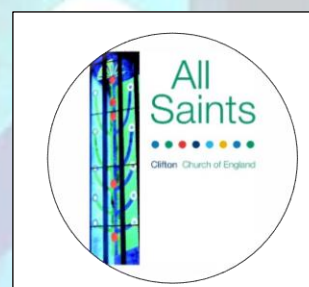
This day also marks a shift in two distinct ways. First, it allows a break in the penitential focus of Advent as part of the season of preparation for the feast of Christmas (the first Advent).

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Providing a day of joy and gladness in the redemptive act of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Second, for the last two weeks our attention has been drawn to the third Advent of Jesus; for the next two weeks our attention is drawn to the First Advent, the Nativity of Christ at Bethlehem.

The name comes from the Latin word for 'Rejoice' (Gaudete) being the first word of the opening antiphon from today's Mass:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob."

Sunday 15th December 11.00 am Parish Mass Advent Three

Rev. Canon Dr Simon Taylor - Director of Ministry Development in the Diocese of Bristol will be preaching at the Parish Mass.

Bishop Viv said "The development of lay and ordained ministry to respond to the needs of a changing church is central to the diocesan vision. Simon brings his experience of being formed for ministry in the Diocese of Bristol, supplemented by several years of working to develop diocesan training and development in the Diocese of Derby. He is committed to enabling all of us to reflect theologically and prayerfully as we work together for the coming of Christ's kingdom."



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EVENTS



CHRISTMAS SERVICES at ALL SAINTS



SUNDAY **ADVENT 4 & CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** *22nd December*
11.00 am PARISH MASS
4.00 pm CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
(Mulled wine and Mince Pies served after the service)



CHRISTMAS EVE *24th December*
4.30 pm Refreshments
5.00 pm THE CHRISTMAS STORY AND CRIB SERVICE
11.30 pm CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY *25th December*
9.00 am SAID MASS
10.30 am FAMILY CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST with CAROLS

SUNDAY **HOLY FAMILY** *29th December*
8.00 am SAID MASS
10.30 am FAMILY EUCHARIST



WEDNESDAY **NEW YEAR'S DAY** *1st January 2020*
12.00 noon MASS

SUNDAY **EPIPHANY** *5th January 2020*
11.00 am PARISH MASS

SATURDAY **LLAMAS EPIPHANY PARTY** *11th January 2020*
3.00 pm with procession of Royalty and Llamas



All Saints Cards

Steve Field, who exhibited at the recent Arts Trail, has kindly given us permission to use his photo prints on behalf of the Church. We have created an All Saints card, showing a detail from the Tree of Life Baptistry window.

It is not specifically for Christmas (though it looks quite Christmassy!) – and it is blank for you to write your own message. Cards (– with envelopes) will be available from December 1st and cost £1 each or £4 for 5. Look out for them in the Atrium after the service this Sunday. Proceeds will go to Unseen, this year's Christmas Charity.

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PRAYER

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| 16 M | <p>Mass 9.30am Remember those who will live through today in fear or anxiety, for whatever reason. Pray that they will find company, support, reassurance and peace.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| 17 T | <p>Mass 9.30am Pray for those working in neo-natal units and children's hospitals. Especially those whose role it is to support concerned parents at a time of year traditionally focused on the delight of little ones. Pray that together they will find something of the peace and joy of Christmas in the midst of anxiety and difficulty.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| 18 W | <p>Mass 9.30am Today is International Migrants Day. Pray for those who are forced to leave their homes and adopt migrant status. Pray for their safety and for charities and agencies working to offer them new beginnings and security.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| 19 Th | <p>No Mass this evening. Pray for those who cannot look forward to Christmas celebrations or who find the season difficult for reasons of grief or loss, poverty or exclusion.</p> <p><u>St John's Carol Service 6.30pm</u></p> | | | | | | | | |
| 20 F | <p>Mass 10.30am Pray for the work of the support charity, The Samaritans, at the busiest time of their year. Pray for those who listen to those who telephone in distress and despair and for those who live with depression or a desire to take their own life.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| 21 Sa | <p>Mass 10.30am Pray for those working in the service, restaurant and hotel industries whose job it is to help other people celebrate the Christmas season.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| 22 Su | <p>Advent 4</p> <p>Pray for our carol service this afternoon at All Saints, that we will offer an inclusive welcome to everyone, especially those for whom such a celebration is new or novel. Pray that the peace, grace and the gift of God in Jesus will be evident in our welcome and our worship.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Mass</td><td>8.00am</td></tr> <tr> <td>All Age Eucharist</td><td>9.30am</td></tr> <tr> <td>Parish Mass</td><td>11.00am</td></tr> <tr> <td>Christmas Carol Service</td><td>4.00pm</td></tr> </table> | Mass | 8.00am | All Age Eucharist | 9.30am | Parish Mass | 11.00am | Christmas Carol Service | 4.00pm |
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