

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

26<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Trinity 2

## Transforming Church Together

### An up-date on the Developing Diocesan Strategy

At Diocesan Synod last week, we invested some time in working with the new Diocesan Strategy as it takes shape. A summary of the focus would be that the strategy will be concerned with:

- Serving the local Community
- Enabling Mission
- Engaging with more people

These overarching activities will be adapted according to the needs and opportunities of each context. A slide which goes some way to pulling this together is the 'Mutually Reinforcing Strategy' shown below.

At the heart it's about building the Kingdom and the Five Marks of Mission.

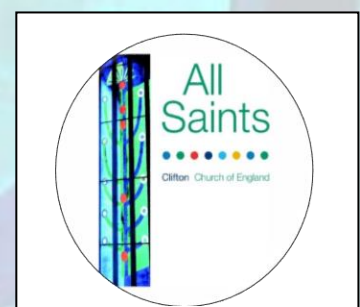
- ★ Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- ★ Teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- ★ Respond to human need by loving service
- ★ Transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- ★ Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

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## A mutually reinforcing strategy



This is very much in keeping with the catholic perspective of the purpose of the church and mission and plays to the strength of churches such as All Saints. You'll see, on the slide, that this is about **people**; the worshipping community, all who live within the parish and local community and all with whom we have some engagement (such as those who use our building). And, following on, it's about the **buildings**, do we enable it's use for the community, keep our doors open, welcome all who pass through the doors, and ensure that this building resource is shaped to meet the needs of those in our context. It is also about **partnerships**, how do we work across the boundaries that so often limit our activities. These are parish and Deanery boundaries, engaging with ideas and projects and worship with other parishes and denominations. And it's about our **communications**, what we say about the life of the church and how we 'live' the church, how we give local and collective voice to matters of social concern – in society and on our doorstep.

As resources reduce, both human and financial, it will be the churches that engage with this process that will benefit from on-going support. It is very much worth our while to reflect upon how we, at All Saints, measure ourselves against this developing strategy. Many churches will be discovering that what worked for them previously will not carry the same weight going forward.

Looking to the future we will be addressing these questions, yet if we take a moment for reflection we already have a number of missional activities and projects that will strengthen our position and provide opportunities for drawing continuing or - perhaps – additional resource.

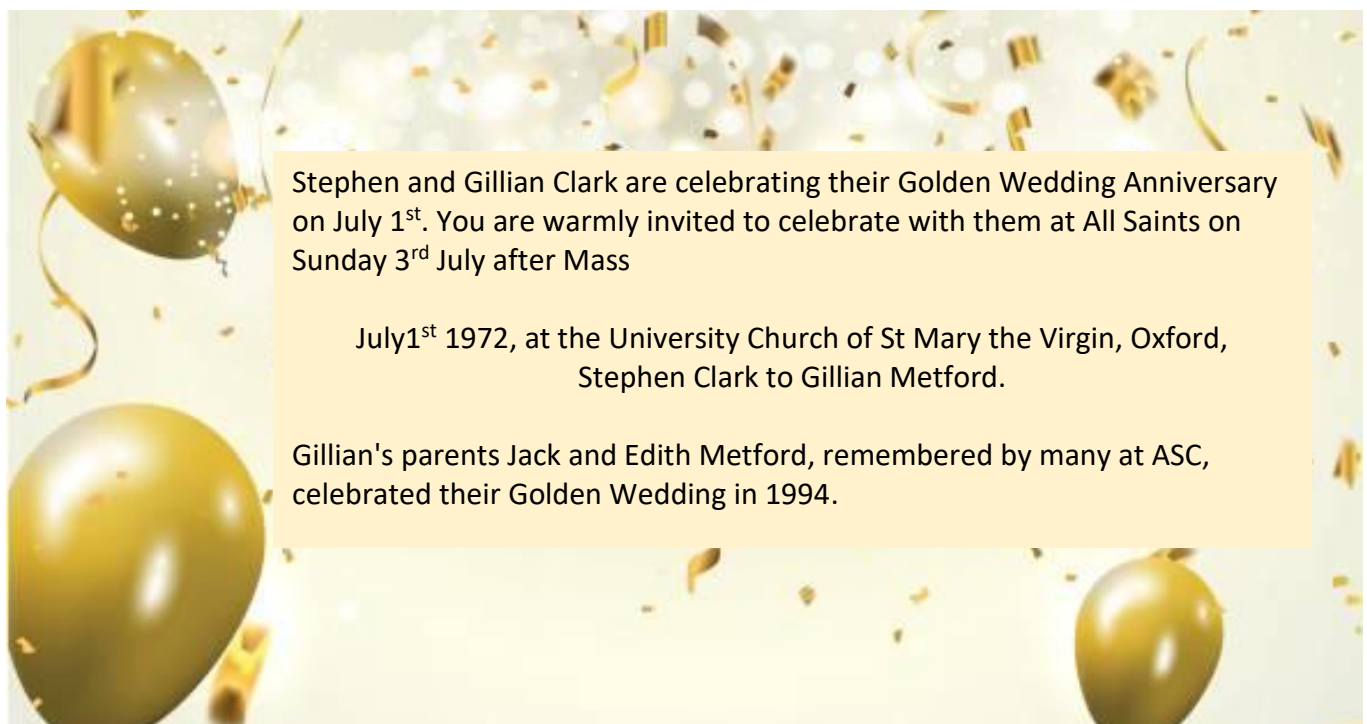
If I was to suggest a few examples that absolutely link the key features of people, our buildings, working together and our community context they might include:

- ★ **Friends Together**, the dementia accessible café open for all and operated in conjunction with other parishes, social services, willing volunteers. This activity directly relates to each of the four described missional elements of the strategy and is an area where we have the opportunity (with support) to do a good deal more. The Atrium development will significantly strengthen this work by increasing accessibility, providing a welcoming space and not compromising the commercial letting of the Randall Room.

- ★ **All Saints Arts.** All Saints has over many years won a place as a centre for music and the arts. Helped by being an iconic building with internationally significant windows, All Saints is seen as a venue for musical, visual and spoken arts. Once again this is a missional opportunity that could be creatively developed and relates to each of the missional elements.
- ★ **Inclusive Church.** This is more than matters associated with gender and sexuality, it's about ethnicity, disability economic power and all that celebrates and affirms each person. Some of this we do quite well and some elements are shaped by our contextual geography. However, looking forward the forecourt development which will give access to all and the Atrium development which will provide accessible toilets are important reflections on our adoption of Kingdom values and support of the missional work.
- ★ **Eco Church.** All Saints is also registered as an Eco Church. Clearly, we have the Gardens, owned by the Trustees, and use managed by the PCC. This is a hugely important element of our responsibility to care for creation (Fifth Mark). This is being further developed by our reduction of energy loss (40% from church through the Atrium) by way of the Atrium development work, which will also help us generate energy for use in church by way of air source heat pumps and solar array.
- ★ **Worship.** The nature and quality of worship (music and liturgy and teaching) at All Saints, as experienced at the Parish Mass, is not surpassed by any other Bristol church (except, perhaps, the Cathedral). Additionally, we have the Early Worship Service, a very different experience which has a special place in the hearts of many who attend. It directly links to our 'Inclusive Church' categorization and also very easily welcomes families and young children. Yet it absolutely isn't a service designed solely for children and young families – it is for any and all.

All this is good and positive, yet one factor we will have to address in the not-too-distant future is income. The planned work on the Atrium and the improvement of the Sacristy, along with the increased use of our plant in rental terms, will increase our income. Additionally, our 'Parish Share' (even including the Trust owned Vicarage) only 'holds' our position, rather than enabling us to contribute to support the work of the church in the deprived parts of the Diocese. Yet the positive here is that the on-going development work and the missional opportunities will both serve to provide an increase in revenue, to the benefit of the work of this church and other churches across the Diocese.

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## Bishops' letter to The Times on the Rwanda asylum policy

14/06/2022

All of the current Lords Spiritual have signed a letter to The Times voicing alarm about the Government's plan to send asylum seekers to Rwanda as early as today. They wrote:

*Sir,*

*Whether or not the first deportation flight leaves Britain today for Rwanda, this policy should shame us as a nation. Rwanda is a brave country recovering from catastrophic genocide. The shame is our own, because our Christian heritage should inspire us to treat asylum seekers with compassion, fairness and justice, as we have for centuries. Those to be deported to Rwanda have had no chance to appeal, or reunite with family in Britain. They have had no consideration of their asylum claim, recognition of their medical or other needs, or any attempt to understand their predicament.*

*Many are desperate people fleeing unspeakable horrors. Many are Iranians, Eritreans and Sudanese citizens, who have an asylum grant rate of at least 88 per cent. These are people Jesus had in mind as he said when we offer hospitality to a stranger, we do it for him. They are the vulnerable that the Old Testament calls us to value. We cannot offer asylum to everyone, but we must not outsource our ethical responsibilities, or discard international law — which protects the right to claim asylum.*

*We must end the evil trafficking; many churches are involved in fighting this evil. This needs global co-operation across every level of society. To reduce dangerous journeys to the UK we need safe routes: the church will continue to advocate for them. But deportations — and the potential forced return of asylum seekers to their home countries — are not the way. This immoral policy shames Britain.*

*The Most Rev Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; the Most Rev Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York; the Right Rev Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London; the Right Rev Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham; the Right Rev David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham; the Right Rev John Inge, Bishop of Worcester; the Right Rev Christopher Cocksworth, Bishop of Coventry; the Right Rev Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford; the Right Rev James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle; the Right Rev Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans; the Right Rev Donald Allister, Bishop of Peterborough; the Right Rev Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely; the Right Rev Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark; the Right Rev Nicholas Baines, Bishop of Leeds; the Right Rev Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester; the Right Rev Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester; the Right Rev Vivienne Faull, Bishop of Bristol; the Right Rev Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby; the Right Rev Julian Henderson, Bishop of Blackburn; the Right Rev David Walker, Bishop of Manchester; the Right Rev Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford; the Right Rev Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter; the Right Rev Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford; the Right Rev Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich; the Right Rev Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham*



**All Saints' 154<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
and  
the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration and dedication of this church.**



**Dedication Sunday  
3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022**

**Pot Luck Buffet Lunch to celebrate  
Dedication Sunday**

If you are able to bring a buffet plate to the Pot Luck Lunch on Dedication Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July after Mass, please sign up on the list in the porch.

There are some suggestions of items that would be helpful but you might like to be more inventive !



**Clifton High School Lunchtime Concert  
Wednesday 29th June  
12:00pm – 1:00pm**

**Enjoy performances from Years 7-10 & 12  
Clifton High School music students**

**An ongoing concert series - on the last  
Wednesday of each Half Term at 1.00pm**

# MUSIC OF LOVE AND NATURE

Music by Vaughan Williams, Stanford, Finzi,  
Howells, Wood, Randall Thompson and other  
partsongs and madrigals.

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2022 at 7.30pm**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
68 PEMBROKE ROAD, CLIFTON,  
BRISTOL, BS8 3ED**

TICKETS £10.00 (Students and children free) from:

Eventbrite: <https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/music-of-love-and-nature-tickets-336505526087>

Bristol Chamber Choir: [www.bristolchamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.bristolchamberchoir.org.uk)

Opus 13, 20-21 Lower Park Row, Bristol, BS1 5BN

Or at the door

For more information ring 01275 843900 or 07342 954249

## A Musical Soirée in aid of The Nepali Children's Trust - Clover Kayne (Mezzo-Soprano) and Vincent Ling (Piano)

Friday 8th July 6:30pm – 10:00pm

The Nepali Children's Trust invite  
you to a Musical Soirée of operatic  
arias and cabaret songs performed  
by Clover Kane (Mezzo-Soprano)  
and Vincent Ling (Piano)

6.30pm Welcome Drinks

7.00pm Concert

Drinks and Canapés will be served  
after the concert in the church  
Atrium or gardens (depending on  
the weather)



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Invites you to a musical soirée of opera arias  
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*Clover Kayne*



CLOVER KAYNE Mezzo-Soprano

VINCENT LING Piano

at All Saints Church, 68 Pembroke Road, Bristol, BS8 3ED

On Friday 8th July 2022

Welcome drinks at 6.30pm Concert 7.00pm

Followed by drinks and canapés in the Atrium or Garden  
(weather dependent)

Tickets £30 per person

Available on the door

or email: [annetteryoung@gmail.com](mailto:annetteryoung@gmail.com)

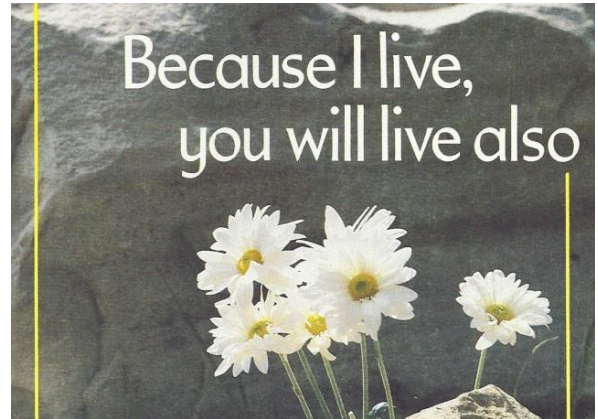


## Prayers Requests

'In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.'

(John 14: 19).

Please let Fr Charles know of anyone who would like to be remembered within the weekly prayer list or anyone who you would like to be remembered in prayer



## Those who we remember in our Prayers

**Sunday** Tabitha Clark, Ruth and Richard Harding, Katie Norman, Neal Gordon, Jean Callow, Sarah Bradley, Katrina and Katherine King, Samantha Tucker, Veronica Hayfield, Joyce Shepherd, Philip Miles, Ryan Lindsey, Immie, Audrey Jones, Christine Bartlett, Emma Cartwright, Sue Hilliar, Steve Cooper, Alison Tierney

**Monday** John Bradley, Robert Paul, Nicky Cousins, Peter Maine, Peter Martin, Ian Wallis

**Tuesday** Chris Callow, Elizabeth, Judy Torrens, Margaret Swindale, Diana Verity,

**Wednesday** Felicity Firth, Kate Thomas, Adam Holmes, Hugh Farry, Linda Cynthia Ashford, Ros Hawkins, Alan Roberts

**Thursday** Richard Harris, Matt Mumford, Brian Davidge, Caroline Semon,

**Friday** Charlotte Hopkins, Andy & Gina Ford, Elisabeth Morgan  
+ Peter (Bishop of Bath and Wells)

**Saturday** Merryn, Roger Durbin (Pr), Nicholas Edwards, Alan & Poppy

## This Church

- All those who come into our church to find the comfort of our Sacred Space.
- For those who enter this church as visitors and tourists, for those who come just to look
- For those looking to the coming 'Christian Year' wishing ways to take part in the *missio Dei*
- For those who make use of this space for meetings, rehearsals, concerts, exhibitions, exercise, classes, events and so much more.
- For those who come into this place weighed down through fear – fear of life and life events, the Covid virus, of those around them, and so many other causes

## The Departed

James Souter, Roy Beckworth, Jill Masefield, Peter Jones, Douglas Henderson, Nina Thorp, David Andrews, Rita Plaise, Wendy Roberts, Jean Weeks, Barbara Collins, Wendy Bray (Pr), Brenda Davison

## Years' Minds - this week we remember

Robert Pyne (Pr), Cornelia O' Regan, Susan Barnard, Thomas Wiedemann, Roy Shepherd, Peter Hellier, Gordon Lishman, Harold Harding, Eliza Drewett, Jean Weller, Martin Henwood

# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 27	<b>Cyril, Bishop, teacher of the faith, 444.</b> Pray for those working in areas of religious polarization, that faith may become a point of human reconciliation and unity, rather than division.
Tue 28	<b>Irenaeus, bishop, teacher of the faith C. 200.</b> Pray for those who teach in departments and colleges of theology, both as an academic discipline alone and in the training of priests. Pray for students at Trinity, especially those on placement with us this summer and those we will meet in the Autumn.
Wed 29	<b>Mass 10.00am Peter and Paul, apostles.</b> Pray for those who lead the church in mission and management, including those who work at Church House in Westminster.
Thurs 30	Pray for those who find this media allows them to lift spirit, communicate positively, find help and support. Pray also for those who are bullied or become overly focused on themselves. Social media has the power to do good and harm.
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Henry, John and Henry Venn the Younger, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813, 1873</b> As the summer progresses thousands of people would have gathered for festivals and events to celebrate the arts, music and literature in all their diversity. Pray for artists of all sorts who have lost income and purpose during the Covid crisis.
Sat 2	<b>Mass 10.00am School Diversity Week</b> This week offers schools an opportunity to understand and celebrate diversity and inclusion within their communities particularly with regards to LGBT+ pupils. Pray for sensitivity, understanding, and empathy amongst staff and pupils in schools who choose to mark this week.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> after Trinity    Dedication Sunday</b>  We thank God for the witness of this place and its people over the last 154 years; and we pray for its continuing mission and ministry in the years to come  <b>Early Worship 9.00am</b>  <b>Parish Mass 10.30am</b>

If you would like to give regularly to the Church, please set up a standing order to the church account, details below ;

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints**

**Account No. 65256747**

**sort code 08 92 99**

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