

ALL SAINTS NEWS

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The Good Samaritan: a personal perspective

As revolutionary in its message today as it was two millennia ago yet commonly accepted as the required norm in social behaviour: a member of a despised sect putting to shame a priest and a Levite (and in the process extolled as a paragon of virtue for his disregard of tribal, cultural and social distinctions). The parable of the Good Samaritan does not make for comfortable reading. But that was never the intention. With its all-encompassing injunction to help those in need whatever their identity, the parable has long been a charter for the dispossessed, the poor, those on the margins of society.

On a **personal** level, Jesus' teaching sets a high standard: it demands not simply compassion but action. The Samaritan was '*moved with pity*' but the parable concentrates on the practical help he provided, on what he **did**. And it concludes with the injunction '*Go and do likewise*'. Not so easy of course in practice. Money and time can both operate as constraints. Was it perhaps significant that the narrative featured a lawyer (who presumably had the resources to pay the innkeeper?). In any event, we can sympathise with the impecunious and hard pressed country vicar of recent times who felt so impotent when a homeless woman turned to him for help and, when he was found wanting, later expressed her anger in poetry:

*'I was hungry and you formed a group to discuss my hunger.
I was imprisoned and you crept off quietly to your chapel and prayed for my release.
I was naked and in your mind you debated the morality of my appearance.
I was sick and you knelt and thanked God for your health.
I was homeless and you preached to me of the spiritual shelter of the love of God.
I was lonely and you left me alone to pray for me.
You seem so holy, so close to God
But I am still very hungry - and lonely - and cold.'*

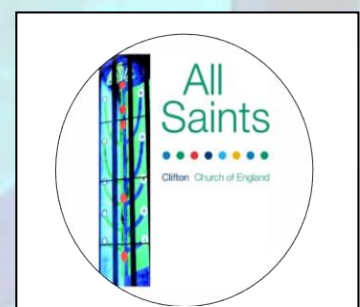
Not all of course are too poor to help. Nor do all of us have the burden of conscience that troubled the helpless priest. '*Love is all you need*' sang John Lennon to an adoring public - whilst living in a gated community at St George's, Weybridge complete with Rolls Royce and swimming pool.

On a **collective** level, the standard is just as high. How should the church respond to the imperatives of the parable? Its past is chequered. Long ago, a highly inconvenient radical interpretation of the

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teachings of Christ developed whenever the Bible was available for study which explains why the authorities were so keen to keep it out of the hands of the laity. And. In more literate but still pre-democratic times, the fusion of ecclesiastical and temporal power and the inequalities in social and economic resources meant that many churches were concerned only with the task of preaching personal salvation and bothered not at all with the social imperatives which Jesus demanded in his reply to the lawyer. The Levellers and the Diggers of the 17th century (ironically occupying the same land in Surrey as Lennon's mansion 300 years later) and the Chartists of the 19th might denounce the social inequalities of their times but they did so in vain. The church taught the rich to be kind and the poor to be grateful.

And yet times were a' changin'. With the developing moralism of the 19th century emerged a church that was concerned with the need for social reform. The abolition of the slave trade and the introduction of the Factory Acts owed much to the influence of the bishops whilst, as part of a tradition that informs our own community at All Saints to this day, the Oxford Movement played an important part in the relief of urban poverty. With all these developments and many more the question '*Who is my neighbour?*' met with an emphatic answer: it included the hungry, the homeless, indeed all those in need.

The challenge for the Church today, as ever, is to remain connected with the eternal verities of Jesus' teaching: to understand that, unless it responds institutionally and politically to a broken world characterised by repression and exploitation, it will end up as a mere repository for a hollowed-out form of Christianity that is (and will be seen to be) of diminishing relevance. We need not despair however: so much good work is done. Witness not least the huge amount of work undertaken by individual churches throughout the country to alleviate hardship. And note especially the Bishops' collective refusal to '*pass by on the other side*' but whenever necessary to speak out in condemnation of government policy. They deserve our support. For otherwise religious escapism turns out to be no more sustainable than it was on the road to Jericho.

Adam Chivers



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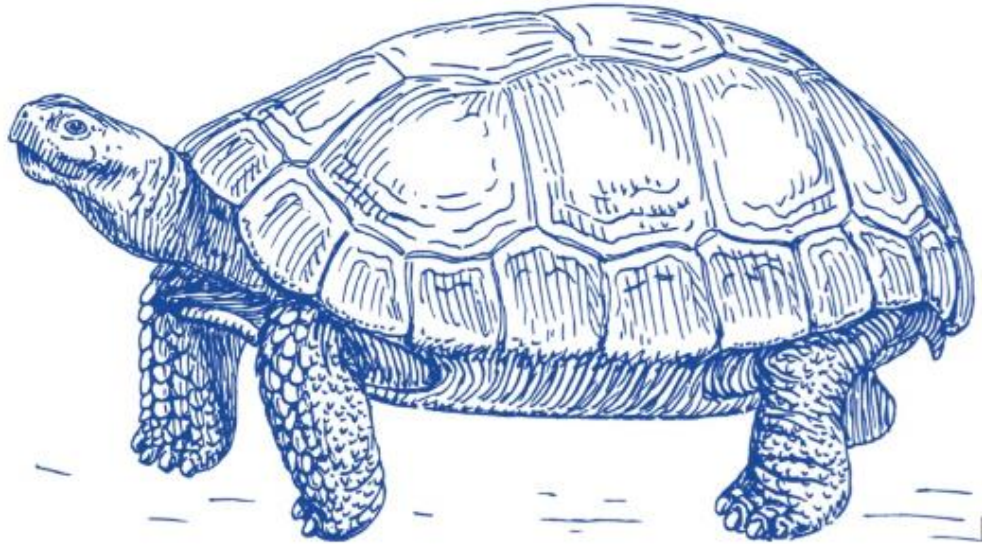
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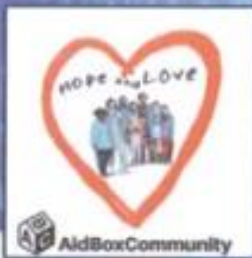
The Blue Bird Stanford

Saturday July 9th 2022

7.30pm at All Saints Church, Pembroke Road BS8 3ED

Tickets on the door or online from
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£12, Concessions £10, Children Free



£1 for every ticket sold
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The Nepali Children's Trust
Invites you to a musical soir  e of opera arias
and cabaret songs
with

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 canap  s in the Atrium or Garden
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Tickets   30 per person

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6.30pm Welcome Drinks

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

A few tickets remain for this event if
you would like to attend
please contact

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(some tickets may be available at the
door)

Mass takes place in the Main Church during outside work.

Work will start on the forecourt on, or just before the July 18th 2022.

Whilst the work is undertaken to the main forecourt (which will probably take 5 weeks) access to the church will be via the Richard Chapel therefore Wednesday and Friday Mass will be said in the Main church at least for the duration of the work.

Visitor access to the Atrium, Office and Randall Room will be through the rear of the main church.

Regrettably there will be no accessible entrance during the work but once completed the outcome will represent a huge improvement: a safer and better entrance for everyone and a significant enhancement in the visual appearance of the church.





Nepali Children's Trust aims to provide long term, effective, sustainable support to disabled children in Nepal.

Nepal is a very poor country and has virtually no funding available for its most vulnerable children. NCT was founded in 2005 to help maintain a home for disabled children in a run-down house in central Kathmandu. Alongside that project it managed to raise enough money to build a purpose-designed residential facility on the edge of the city.

Known as the Disabled Newlife Centre (DNC), it is now a loving home for up to 40 children with its own staff and visiting specialists.

Our support has extended to other areas of disability resource, working with other charities and individual donors from around the world to forge a strong collaborative network.

Run entirely by volunteers, NCT strives to use all donations effectively and responsibly. The money you give will go directly to the care of the children we help, with minimal overheads.

Rev. Dougie Burnett from Redland Park United Reformed Church writes

Lana is a Ukrainian already working in this country. She is a trained pharmacist, though working at present in a retail unit at Cribbs Causeway.

In the past couple of months she has been joined by her parents as refugees from Kharkov. Lana is 32. Her mother is a nurse (54). Her father is a doctor(57). Lana speaks fluent English. Her parents speak Ukrainian. They are here on a family visa.

For particular reasons they are seeking to leave their current accommodation. They are able to make a certain contribution towards their costs. Being three of them, they would hope for 2 bedrooms, though Lana has said that she is happy to sleep on a couch.

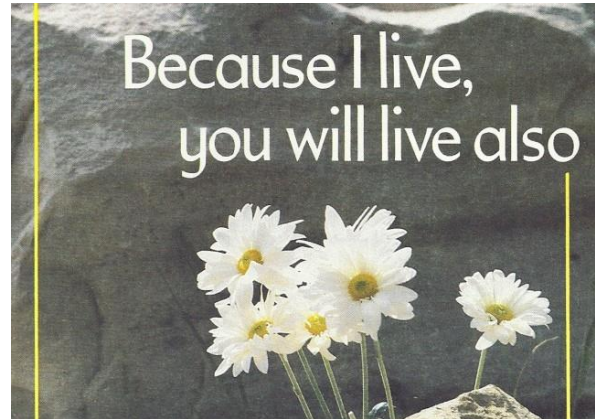
I would think that an initial period of stay would be a number of months, and then we see where we go from there. If you are able to help please contact me douglas@douglasburnett.co.uk

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

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

George Fowler, Albert Leach, Joyce King, Mary Bond, Christopher Verity, Helene Chalker, Bea Wren

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 11	Those who teach artistic and creative subjects, their students and those who look at and hear their work. May they give us the opportunity to see our world and our place within it differently
Tue 12	“ The Twelfth” marking William of Orange’s Battle of the Boyne victory in 1690. Pray for Northern Ireland on this day when the most significant of Orange Order marches are held. Pray for healing of memories, for forgiveness and peace in communities across the sectarian divide.
Wed 13	Mass 10.00am Pray for those working in the Hospitality sector. Pray for the workers who have lost their jobs, security and businesses as a result of the Covid crisis. Pray for the thousands of workers in service industries, restaurants and pubs who work long hours for very low wages and often in difficult conditions. Pray also for those who work to protect workers rights and raise the quality of their working conditions.
Thurs 14	John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet 1866 Pray for Christian spiritual writers in the tradition of John Keble, that they may be inspired to write words that will carry the prayers of their readers and deepen spiritual understanding.
Fri 15	Mass 10.00am Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, 862 Pray for those who may wander into a church today or decide to “give it a try” as a result of life circumstances, conversations or inner prompts. Pray that faith in God will be made possible for them.
Sat 16	Pray for funeral directors and bereavement counsellors and those working with families who are living through grief and loss.
Sunday 17	5th after Trinity Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name. Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30am

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

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