

ALL SAINTS NEWS

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Another Year Starts.....

There seem to be so many alternative starts to the year. Each has a different impact on us as we try to work our way through the relevant hazards and opportunities.

At this time of year our thoughts are not driven by Financial, Calendar or Church focus, but by the combination of the Academic Year and the post-holiday autumnal start-ups. This is the time of year when activities seem to come alive and gain traction and we start, once more, to plan for the future.

Looking forwards there are always challenges, though this year they seem a great deal more acute. The combination of rising inflation and cost-of-living, along with catastrophically soaring energy costs will bring havoc to many. Not only individuals and families, but also organisations and businesses.

Here at All Saints we will not be escape the impact. Energy costs for churches are the same as for businesses (and thus not capped) – and we use a great deal of gas! However, as you are aware, we have plans to eliminate our 40% energy loss and also commence the generation of a proportion of our power through solar panels and an air source heat pump. These actions will make a very significant difference in energy use in the medium and long term and also ensure that we meet the demands of achieving our Net Zero targets. Hopefully we will see these plans turn to reality in the not-too-distant future.

Not just Energy

Energy aside, every one of us is experiencing the impact of inflation and the increasing costs of goods – basic or otherwise. One glance at the weekly shopping bill indicates the seriousness of this situation. Pensioners, middle and low earners, those unemployed or unable to work, and the many others who, for one reason or another, are on the edge of society and outside any support networks, will have to make decisions about expenditure that would have been unimaginable a year ago.

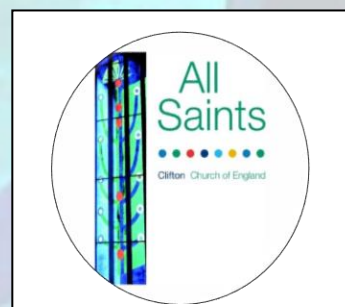
It is reasonable to expect a church response to this situation. Part of the response is 'speaking-out' and ensuring that the church has voice and actively addresses issues of injustice and inequality. Part of the response is action, at a local level, with other partners and churches and across the Diocese.

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Some churches and congregations that I visit, in my capacity as Area Dean, find the ability to see 'beyond our pews' quite challenging and often have a vision limited by what they used to do a decade (or longer!) ago. This is, of course, understandable and an easy trap to fall into.

If you take a quick glance at the activities in which we engage at All Saints there is much to rejoice about:

- ★ **Charitable Giving** – frequently matched by the All Saints Trustees
- ★ **Loaves and Fishes Project** with the Sisters' – supported through donation, gifts and time
- ★ **Friends Together** – the church, community and partnered approach to supporting those living with dementia and their carers
- ★ **Inclusive Church** – increasingly fostering a reputation for being welcome and open
- ★ **Community Engagement** (including Clifton Down Community Association, St John's Primary School, Churches Together, Local Business, Health and Social Care providers etc)
- ★ **Provision of 'Place'** for significant groups focused on well-being
- ★ **Pop-Up Self-Service Food Point**
- ★ Many **individual contributions** of time, money and gifts to a whole raft of support organizations

This short list includes items that occur to me as I write and may overlook others! A huge thank you to all who engage in so many of these activities, in so many different ways. I'm aware that for many the engagement is in holding these activities and the topics in the discipline of prayer life – thank you for this.

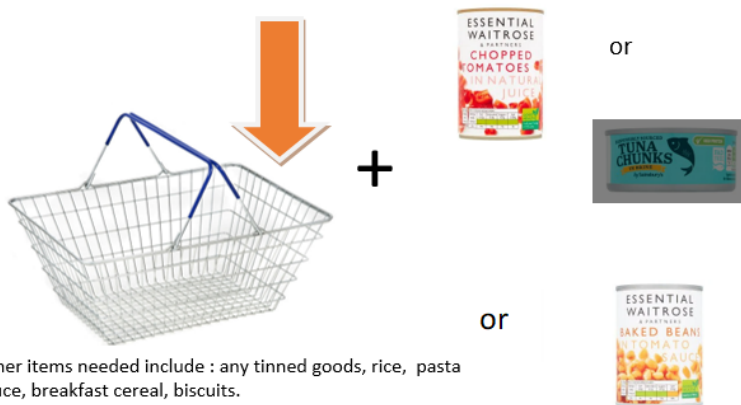
As we continue to move forward, supported by the work of the National Church and the Diocese (in the work that will come from 'Transforming Church Together') we will need to ensure our relevance in our own context. In other words, in our partnership with the *missio Dei*, what does this call us to do right here, in this community, now and for the future? Alongside our life of worship and prayer, this will call us to identify and prioritise missional focus that has meaning, purpose and relevance.

This is a subject to which we will be returning over the autumn.

Food Point – Plus One Challenge !

The Sisters of the Church run a food bank in St Paul's that regularly feeds large numbers of people and also supplies the All Saints Food point. During August and into September the Sisters are closed and whilst we have plenty of pasta and some breakfast cereal, other supplies are running low.

If you are able to add one tin or packet to your weekly shop for the food point we can continue to offer people in food poverty the opportunity to make a meal and feed their families throughout the summer



Other items needed include : any tinned goods, rice, pasta sauce, breakfast cereal, biscuits.

Fresh fruit, eggs and baby foods always go very quickly from the food point.

Please join the Plus One Challenge.

***Thank you for your kind donations, please keep them coming so that the food point can continue until supplies return .
Thank you.***



All Saints



Clifton Church of England



Thursday
evenings
at....



Join us at the **All Saints table** in the
Alma Tavern for a drink and a chat



Every Thursday at 8pm onwards

All Saints Parish Office

0117 974 1355; www.allsaintsclifton.org

The Alma Tavern & Theatre

18-20 Alma Vale Road, Clifton, BS8 2HY

0117 973 5171

www.almatavernandtheatre.co.uk

New social group each Thursday, from Thursday 8th September,
at 8.00pm at the Alma Tavern,
everyone welcome.



Bristol's Clean Air Zone will start operating on Monday 28 November 2022. The zone will help:

improve air quality by reducing harmful levels of air pollution caused by traffic

make sure everyone benefits from a healthy and natural environment

There is financial support available for people and businesses that need to replace vehicles that don't meet the zone's emission standards.

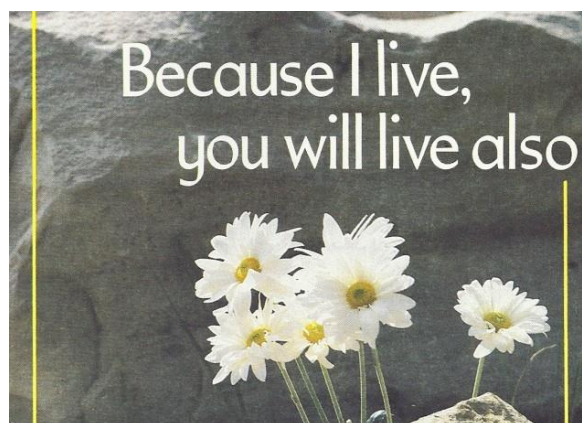
www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/streets-travel/bristols-caz/financial-support

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, Molly Sharpley, Nicholas

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, Molly Sharpley + 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

Brenda Davison, Stephen Halford, Hilary Blanchard (Pr), Eunice Langley, Margaret Swindale

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Denie Howard, Mark Rogers, John Gibbs, Eric Hurst

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon September 5	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.
Tue 6	Allen Gardiner 1851 Sailor, Missionary and Martyr. Before his death he wrote in prayer <i>"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."</i>
Wed 7	Mass 10.00am 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.
Thurs 8	Birth of the BVM 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>
Fri 9	Mass 10.00am Pray for and give thanks for parents; remembering those who desperately want children but are unable to have them, those who have children but are unable to care for them. For foster parents and all who work to ensure children have a parent.
Sat 10	Pray for those with suicidal thoughts and those who live and work with them. An estimated 800,000 people commit suicide each year (and 20 million attempt suicide). The WHO promotes the philosophy of 'Connect, Communicate, Care' which act to reduce the frequency.
Sunday 11	13th after Trinity Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross. 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

sort code 08 92 99

Gift Aid forms are available from the office

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