

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

6<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent

## The Season of Remembrance

The Season of Remembrance marks how humanity has attempted to understand and honour the process of life and death and the associated fears of famine, war, and death over the last few millennia. The mellow autumnal tones and subtle shifting mists are a perfect backdrop for the season of remembrance.

It is important to remember those who travelled on the earth before us and mark their lives and contributions. Because with time, we can look back on ancient and recent history and see patterns of thought, behaviour, and tradition, which can be enlightening in the modern world.

There are three commemoration particular festivals and observations over this period that deserve reflection and consideration on what this means for us today.

### Halloween

Most of us born, before the '80, will be unable to recall ever hearing about Halloween, let alone celebrating it. November 5, Guy Fawkes Night, was the big thing, with large bonfires and fireworks celebrating a failed assassination attempt on King James I by a person called Guy Fawkes on November 5, 1605.

Halloween has gradually been celebrated, in a secular manner, more and more over recent years in the UK.

Halloween has a fascinating history. Apparently, it originated around 400 years ago from an ancient Celtic pagan festival called Samhain, which was a celebration of the harvest. It also marked the end of summer and the beginning of winter. The new year started at this point. The Celts believed the souls of the dead wandered about on earth at this time of the year, so they dressed in costumes to disguise themselves and lit huge fires on the top of the hills to ward off ghosts and evil spirits as they celebrated the harvest.

After the Romans conquered the British Isles in the first century CE, they introduced their Festival of Feralia to commemorate the dead, and the Festival of Pomona marked the goddess of the harvest; both of these festivals ran alongside Samhain.

### All Saints Day and All Souls Day

All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows Day, was introduced in 609 CE by Pope Boniface as a time to honour the saints and martyrs. All Souls Day was introduced in the year 1,000 CE to commemorate the Faithful Departed. One way of looking at All Saints Day and All Souls Day is to see them emerging from the belief in the powerful spiritual bond between deceased Christians in heaven and those alive on the earth today, known as the Church Triumphant (CT) and the Church Militant (CM).

The CT is the saints, martyrs, and faithful departed who are now in heaven and resting in peace, while the CM is the body of living Christians actively proclaiming the gospel in the world today.

Some scholars propose that the European church began celebrating All Saints and All Souls Day at the beginning of November to replace or coincide with the pagan festival of Samhain and include a Christian observance. By doing this, the evening before All Saints Day became a holy, or hallowed eve, a vigil for All Saints Day and the Halloween we celebrate today. So, by the end of the Middle Ages, secular and sacred days had been thoroughly merged.

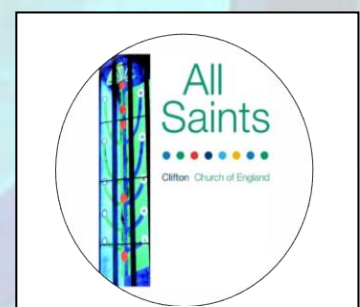
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### Remembrance Sunday

This day (originating from Armistice Day) honours those who died in war and military conflict since World War 1. After the Second World War, Armistice Day was replaced by Remembrance Sunday to honour and commemorate all those who gave their lives in the two world wars.

### Thoughts....

These three commemorative events mark how humanity has attempted to understand and honour the process of life and death and the associated fears of famine, war, and death over the last Millennia.

The prophet Isaiah foretold of a time when people would willingly give up their weapons of war and allow the Prince of Peace to reign in their hearts. *"They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore"* Isaiah 2:4.

Isaiah was looking toward the coming of the Messiah. It is this vision of hope and peace that continues to inspire peacemakers today. Across the generations, from the fear of famine and death of the Celts, the two world wars and many ongoing smaller wars and famine, humankind continues to be plagued by the fear of war, famine, disease (pandemics) and death.

This is especially so now. Our minds turn immediately to Ukraine, South Sudan, Syria, Yemen; and to the parts of the world undergoing catastrophic climate change; we are continually informed about the mass migration of people (an approximate 258 million migrants and refugees). Looking to the future it is all too easy to see how things will get worse rather than better.

Yet, we are a people of hope.

Christ's Resurrection reminds us that, ultimately, God, the God of life, prevails over all powers of sin and death. It is the source of healing, wholeness, and renewal. It is joy for the sorrowful; light for those living in darkness; liberation for those oppressed. It leads the world to unity and reconciliation.

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## LET'S DO LUNCH !



The first post pandemic Parish Lunch  
will be held following Mass for the Feast of Christ the King  
on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

A 3-course meal - main course, pudding, cheese and biscuits- for £6.  
Cuisine is more traditional than haute, the bar is open, conversation is guaranteed and you will  
make some new acquaintances and friends.

Vegetarian and gluten free meals by arrangement  
Put 12:30 on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November in your diary. Tickets on sale now

### Beyond Foam – eco friendly alternatives to traditional flower arranging



A demonstration led by Michael Bowyer, MBE.  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
11.00 - 12 £5 at the door



Michael is past President of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies  
and Creative Director of Salisbury Cathedral Flowers.

The workshop is presented by **Bristol's Flower Club** – the Henleaze and District Flower Club – working in partnership with **All Saints Church Clifton** – to promote and support 'beyond foam' practice for flower arrangers. With support from the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies

**Remembrance Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
**Parish Mass begins at the memorial**  
**at 10.15am**



This Sunday Fr Charles will be taking Mass at St Mary's Henbury as part of his work across the Deanery

Thank you for all your kind contributions to All Saints, The Sisters of the Church and all the other charities that benefit from our support throughout the year. So that cheques can be processed correctly please make cheques for All Saints out to *Parochial Church Council of All Saints* and those for the Sisters to *The Sisters of the Church*.

Gift Aid can then be claimed by both organisations which increases the value of the gift substantially. Thank you for your help.



**CAN YOU HELP?**

A Ukrainian mum, now safely living in Pembroke Road with her two children, would like to bring her mother (fit and able, mid-60s) over to live near them. Their town in Ukraine has become too unsafe.

If you have a spare room, and could be her host-family, please be in touch:  
[georginaharford@hotmail.com](mailto:georginaharford@hotmail.com)

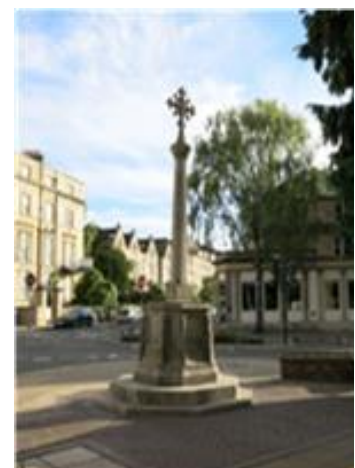


***Arranged by Churches Together in Clifton,  
Cotham & Redland***

**ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

Commemorating the Armistice signed  
at the close of World War I  
**10.45 am Friday 11th November 2022**

Whiteladies Road War Memorial







### WALKS FOR EVERYONE

This month's walk is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November.  
The Building Stones and Quarries of Clifton,  
lead by Mary Benton.

Meet at All Saints Church, and set off  
promptly at 10.45am.

Contact: [georginaharford@hotmail.com](mailto:georginaharford@hotmail.com)  
07767 746168

all saints arts
concert matinée

All Saints Church.  
Pembroke Rd  
Clifton

## Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>

4pm

**Sara Temple**  
clarinet

**James Drinkwater**  
piano

**Brahms**  
**Martini**  
**Lutoslawski**

Admission to concert matinées is free.  
There will be a retiring collection (cash or card).  
Refreshments available after the concert.

## All Saints

Clifton Church of England

## Coffee For All!

Join us in the Randall Room at **All Saints**  
for coffee/tea, biscuits  
and conversation!

**Every *SECOND* Thursday of the month**  
**10.15am-12.00pm**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

For more information, please call All Saints Parish Office on  
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### **SAVE THE DATE**

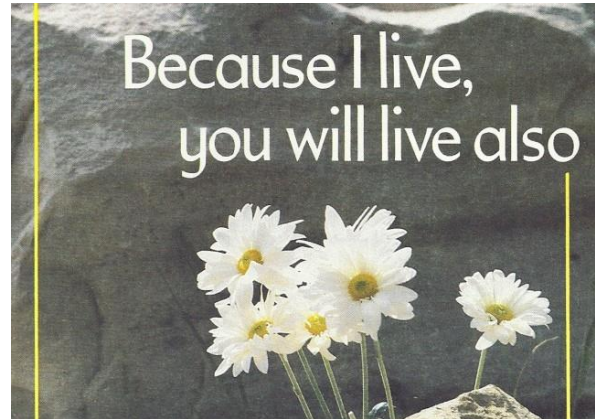
. To mark the beginning of Advent on November 27<sup>th</sup> Early Worship at 9am will be a special 'Breakfast Service ' Same time, same length but with refreshments and a short creative workshop activity with Janice afterwards.  
**ALL** are welcome to join us in the Randall Room – including early arrivals to the 10.30 Mass!

## 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, Molly Sharpley, Joyce Shepherd, Cynthia Ashford Sarah Bradley Sue Hilliar Steve Cooper Ruth Marson Valerie Donkin

### **Monday**

**Tuesday.** Diana Verity

**Wednesday** , Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, Samantha Tucker, Hugh Farry, Ros Hawkins

### **Thursday**

**Friday** Charlotte Hopkins, Andy & Gina Ford, Elisabeth Morgan, Caroline Semon

### **Saturday**

## The Departed

## Years' Minds - this week we remember

Cyril Hope (Pr) John Richards (Bp) Michael Lucas Winifred Bell

# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 7	<b>Willibrord of York, Missionary 739</b> The people who live and work in the Netherlands (historically Frisia and the home of Willibrord). May we learn from the government and organization of this liberal and socially tolerant nation.
Tue 8	<b>Saints and Martyrs of England</b> British bishops attended the Council of Arles (314) suggesting a church with order and worship – since that time, Christians in Britain have worked for the Kingdom living simple lives of holiness and giving their lives. Pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world.
Wed 9	<b>Mass 10.00 am Margery Kempe, mystic 1440</b> Pray for spiritual writers that their work may enlighten and lead. Pray for those on pilgrimage who know they are not where they want to be. Pray for ourselves that we may understand better and be drawn toward the path that grows our faith
Thurs 10	Ours often feels a world of conflict. Pray for those who work to bring agreement and understanding. Those who work for peace and concord – be it in places of turmoil and physical danger, in societies without tolerance, or in homes broken apart by difference.
Fri 11	<b>Requiem Mass 10.00am Armistice Day Martin, Bishop of Tours 397</b> Pray for those who find their faith or values incompatible with the expectations of others. Especially we pray for conscientious objectors and pacifists. Remember those who gave their lives in the Great Wars, and those who continue to put their lives on the line from duty and in our defence.
Sat 12	Pray for orphans. Each year millions of children become orphans because of war, famine, displacement, disease, poverty and accident. Whist care of orphans was enshrined in Roman, Greek and Jewish law from very early in history the responsibility for care transferred to the Church in the early mediaeval period (in Europe). Pray for all those who have responsibility to care for orphans.
<b>Sunday 13</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent Remembrance Sunday</b>  Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom.  <b>Early Worship 9.00am</b> <b>Parish Mass begins at the memorial at 10.15am</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**

Gift Aid forms are available from the office

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