

ALL SAINTS NEWS

27th November 2022
Advent Sunday

The Season of Advent

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement:

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty.
(Charles Wesley)

The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent.

The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22). Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour.

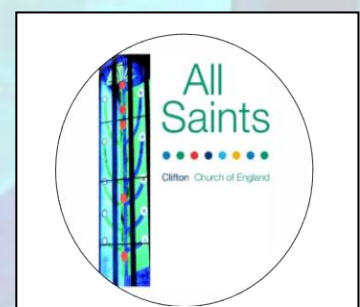
In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, and is now a common practice. The Moravian custom of the Christingle has similarly enjoyed great success in Britain since the latter part of the twentieth century, with the encouragement of the Children's Society; Christingle services may take place before or after Christmas. The Third Sunday of Advent was observed in medieval times as a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent (Gaudete or 'Rose Sunday'), and the last days of Advent were marked by the sequence of Great 'O' Antiphons, which continue to inspire modern Advent hymns and meditations.

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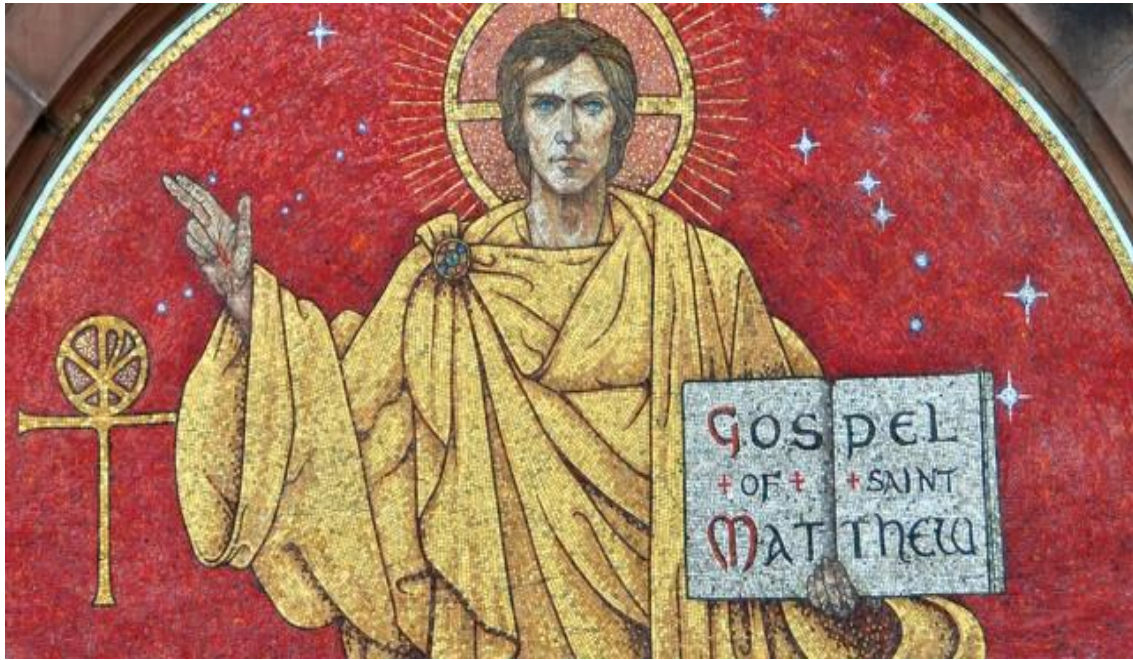
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The Liturgical Year – Year ‘A’



Prior to the Second Vatican Council, the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church had a yearly cycle of readings that didn't change from year to year. While there were certain advantages to the yearly repetition of readings, the Church thought it prudent to provide a much more varied selection of readings from the Bible, creating a three-year cycle.

This was established to put more emphasis on the Word of God and open up the riches of the Bible to the lay faithful. This resulted in the creation of the Common Lectionary. This is a selection of readings for **Mass on Sundays and Principal Feasts** that is shared across the Anglican Communion, Roman Catholic Church, Lutheran Church, United Reformed Church, Methodist Church, and so forth. It is now known as the 'Revised Common Lectionary'.

According to the introduction to the Lectionary, "The present Order of Readings for Mass, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the **whole of God's word**, in a pattern suited to the purpose. Throughout the liturgical year, but above all during the seasons of Easter, Lent, and Advent, the choice and sequence of readings are aimed at giving Christ's faithful an **ever-deepening** perception of the faith they profess and of the **history of salvation**."

However, it can be confusing to know which year in the cycle it is, especially if we want to read the readings prior to arriving at Mass on Sunday.

First of all, each of the three years is dedicated to a different **Gospel**.

- **Year A** – Gospel of **St. Matthew**
- **Year B** – Gospel of **St. Mark**
- **Year C** – Gospel of **St. Luke**

The Gospel of St. John is typically used for solemnities and during Holy Week, and the shorter Gospel of Mark is usually supplemented with readings from Matthew and Luke in Year B.

A simple way to determine the cycle year is to **add the digits** of the calendar year and see if they are **divisible by three**. If it is divisible by three, then it is “**Year C.**” Once you figure that out, the rest of the years are easy to determine.

Here’s 2022 to use as an example:

$2 + 0 + 2 + 2 = 6$. Since 6 is divisible by 3, **2022 is “Year C.”**

This means that **2023** will be “**Year A,**” since it is a three-year cycle. (However, it’s important to note that the **liturgical year** begins in **Advent**. As a result, the 2023 liturgical year **started in November 2022.**)

Daily Readings and the Psalter

The daily readings within the ‘**Revised Common Lectionary**’ expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion by providing daily citations for the full three-year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary. This means that through the cycle of the three years attention is given to pretty much the whole of Scripture.

These readings are also intended to complement the Sunday and festival readings: Thursday through Saturday readings help prepare the reader for the Sunday ahead; Monday through Wednesday readings help the reader reflect on and digest what they heard in worship.

Psalms are also read in cycles. The Cranmerian Book of Common Prayer (BCP) set out the whole Psalter to be read in a thirty-day cycle which had a monastic style. The modern lectionary has a seven-week cycle. However, the intention is the same which is that the opportunity exists to read through and reflect upon the whole Psalter on a regular basis.

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 27th November 6 -7.30pm



‘The Light Shines in the Darkness’



WALKS FOR EVERYONE

This month's walk is on **Saturday 3 December.**

Architecture and Anarchy – ASC to Brandon Hill, lead by Georgina.

Meet at All Saints Church and Set off will be promptly at 10.45am.

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The background of the poster is a vibrant, abstract collage of colors including green, blue, and orange. A large, textured orange circle is prominent on the left side, and a solid blue circle is in the center. Text is overlaid on these shapes and the background.

**All Saints
Open Doors Café**
Pop in for a
coffee/tea
and a chat
10.15am -12noon

**Second
Thursday
in each
month**
2022
December 8th
2023
January 12th
February 9th
March 9th
April 13th
May 11th
June 8th
August 10th
September 14th
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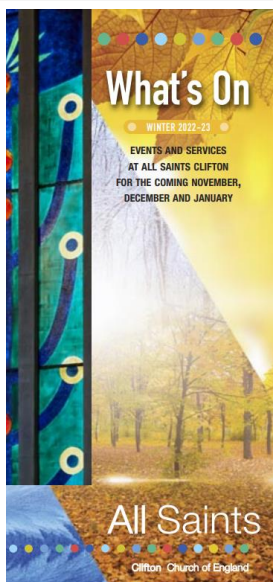
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 Clifton Church of England

*We'll be celebrating with some Christmas carols,
festive refreshments
and our Christmas Gifts' Stall – perfect to start buying this year's presents!'*



This year the All Saints Christmas Message and Invitation to Christmas Services are included in a colourful guide to services and events covering the period between November 2022 and January 2023 .

The guide is now ready to be distributed to all the homes in the Parish – If you are able to deliver to any of your neighbours or the roads close to your home please take the labelled guides from the table in the Atrium.

The delivery of the Christmas Message and information about services and events at All Saints is a vital aspect of our continuing outreach work, your help is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

To everyone involved in the wonderful parish lunch on Sunday a huge Thank you for all your hard work. It was absolutely fabulous and a resounding success.



ADVENT PILGRIMAGE

6pm Sunday 4th December

An hour of readings, meditations and music
As we get serious about climate change

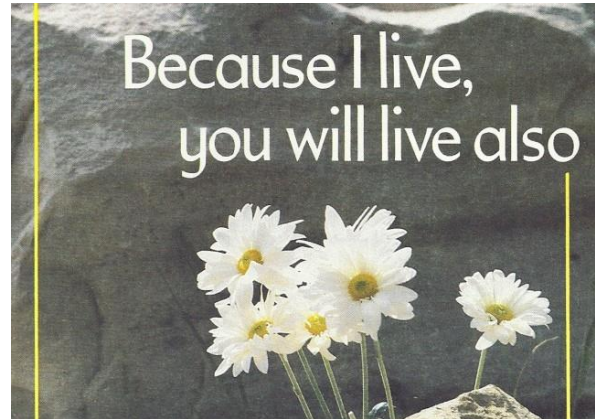


Prayers Requests

'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, Joyce Shepherd, Cynthia Ashford Sarah Bradley Sue Hilliar Steve Cooper Ruth Marson Valerie Donkin Alexander and his family

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

Drusilla Esam Peter Butterfield Molly Sharpley James Johnson-Brown
Jane Selby

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Tom Bateman Beryl Kemp Freddie Temple(Bp) Christine Wooles
Lovinia Miller Derek Portman Gordon Jones Robert Potter
Gillian Barron Cecilia Povey Iris Gillard

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 28	Pray for the work of All Saints Arts. Pray for the many and various performers, the events (concerts and exhibitions), the members of the audience and those who provide the refreshments. Pray for our Director of Music, John Davenport, and all those who work with him.
Tue 29	Thanksgiving Day for the Missionary Work of the Church Pray for the work of Alcoholics Anonymous, a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Pray for the people who attend the ASC AA meetings.
Wed 30	Mass 10.00 am Andrew the Apostle Dementia describes a set of symptoms that may include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving or language. Pray for those who suffer from dementia, for carers and the medical and support agencies that research, support and care for sufferers.
Thurs December 1	Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916 We pray for all who 'submit to the will of God'. This is the translation of the word 'Islam' – we pray for, Muslims, the billion followers around the world of whom 1.5M live in the UK. Pray for all those who encounter and assist us to encounter with contemporary Islam.
Fri 2	Mass 10.00am During Advent we think of the Light that shines in the darkness. Today pray for all who have their vision compromised. Good vision is something that we all recognize the importance of. However, it is something that a lot of us take for granted. After all, you know what they say; you don't realize what you have got until it is gone. For a lot of people, being blind is something that they have lived with their entire lives. For others, it is something that has crept upon them at a later age. There are then those that have good vision, but they live in fear of this taken away from them. In fact, blindness ranks as one of the top fears for aging people around the world today.
Sat 3	Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552 Pray for all who are engaged in the drinks industry. Bartenders and publicans, brewers and wine makers, distillers and distributors. Pray also for work of Alcoholics Anonymous, men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.
Sunday 4	2nd Sunday of Advent O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us. Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30

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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