

ALL SAINTS NEWS

4th December 2022
Advent 2

The Revd Jane TooDera (The Reverend Auntie)

The Janani Luwum Theological College is located in Gulu Town, Uganda. It is a long-established college with certificate and diploma courses for students at the Reverend and Lay Pastor (Catechist) level. Subjects taught at the colleges include: Systematic Theology, Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Preaching, Worship, Christian Education, Development Studies, English Language/Study Skills, African Traditional Religion, and Islam.

Several years ago we were visited by Revd Jane TooDera – it was her first time out of Uganda, a first for flying and she was profoundly shocked by the sight of Clifton Down Sainsbury's Supermarket. The amount and variety of food on sale was outside her imagination.

Subsequently we, at All Saints, paid for her continuing postgraduate education at Mukono University with a view to enabling her to progress to becoming the Principal of Janani Luwum Theological College. Since then much has happened, including the continuing mass migration of people from the North fleeing both climate change driven drought and various continuing conflicts. The last few Covid years have led to, amongst other things, a reduction in schooling and a huge increase in teenage pregnancy.

The ministry of the church is diverse and encompasses community health, schooling and education, HIV/Aids, agriculture and other ministries and worship activities; all focused on helping the communities rebuild themselves and their environments.

Unfortunately, Jane has lost the sight in one eye due to a cataract, and the second eye is at risk. This is a condition that can be corrected. We have agreed to pay for the operation which will cost Four Million Uganda Shillings (about £923.00) this will be funded by the Social and Outreach Group. They will be organising a number of events in the next period of time. The first of these are next week:

Bristol University Music Society

We provide rehearsal space free to University Choirs and they, in return, have offered two concerts where all the takings will go toward the payment of Jane's Operation. The two concerts (different musical programmes) are both at All Saints:

Monday 5th December at 7.30pm

Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm

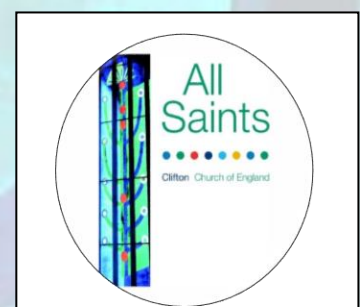


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Fabric matters (it does!)

The work on the forecourt is almost complete and has been warmly received. We have been delayed at the end of the project by some supply problems with certain materials but hope to complete the process shortly. A new public noticeboard will be installed near the war memorial.

In the immediate future we are also considering the replacement of the somewhat tired notice boards in the porch with smarter updates to provide a more welcoming first impression for those coming into the church. There are also plans to refurbish the existing toilets which need refreshing: the church and Randall Room together have an annual footfall of about 35,000!

The Piper Windows

The PCC has a programme for future works including especially the conservation of the internationally renowned Piper windows (for which planning permission has been secured and a faculty obtained).

The Atrium Development

This note however draws attention to a proposed development of the atrium/cloister which has been a project on which the PCC, its architects and various other professionals have been working for over two years. We are now at the stage where a planning application has been finalised. It is anticipated that in due course various artist's impressions will be displayed of what is intended but in the meantime our award-winning architects have prepared a Statement of Need and details of the proposed Design in support of the planning application. If you wish to have a copy of the document please ask the churchwardens or contact Wendy in the Parish Office.

The scheme is designed with these objectives:

- reduction of energy loss from the church. Both the church and the atrium are cold; they are expensive and inefficient to heat. The PCC has previously commissioned a report from a heating consultant who advised that the church is suffering a 40% heat loss through the atrium
- a consequential increase in the heating of the church and the atrium combined with a decrease in carbon-based fuel use
- improved thermal performance through cavity wall, roof and floor insulation, new double-glazed windows and doors
- three air sourced heat pumps on the east elevation of the tower
- a PV array on the main church roof. (The Design document includes a photo-montage study to demonstrate the minimum visual impact from all key street scenes)
- an increased circulation area outside the kitchen and office by reducing the internal courtyard area by one bay
- a new 'Garden of Well Being' or sacred space in the courtyard
- the provision of accessible and ambulatory toilets where there is currently a doorway into the garden
- a new entrance into the garden direct from the cloister with new stairs, handrail and platform lift.

An Atrium Statement from the Architects

Whilst it can't be guaranteed that permission will be granted for the Atrium work; the significance of this, in terms of climate, energy, inclusivity, community relevance, accessibility for all and the continuing with the intentions of Robert Potter (the architect for the 1967 building), make the arguments very strong.

Our architects have summarised the current design as follows:

'The proposal seeks to improve the church's sustainability by investing in renewable energy and by upgrading the building fabric to meet 21st century insulation standards and the targets set by the City Council, the Diocese and the Church of England. The refurbishment of the cloister is also essential

to make the church more welcoming. The minor harm caused by the loss of the 1960s fabric is outweighed by the public benefit of minimising the building's environmental impact in line with current guidance and policy and creating a welcoming environment for the public.'

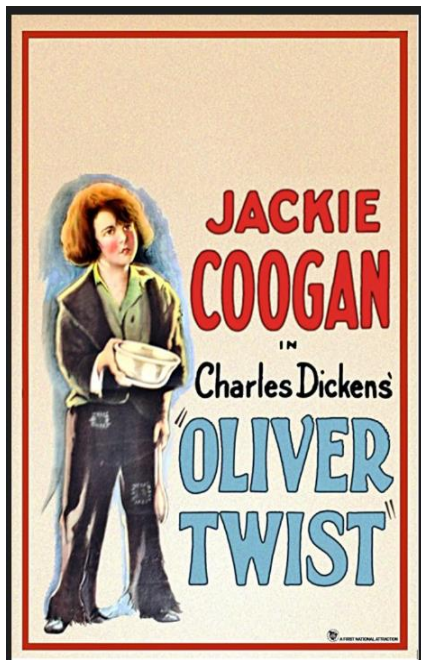
Do please have a look at the relevant documents that will help us ensure All Saints meets the demands of the future.



Winifred Mary Sharpley
'Molly'

Funeral Requiem

Wednesday 7th December 2022
at 1.00pm



The Bristol Film Festival is delighted to be returning to All Saints Clifton for another silent film screening with live organ music, to celebrate the centenary of Oliver Twist, a movie once believed lost for good.

Join us after dusk – 7.00pm , Wednesday 14th December 2022 - to watch this piece of cinema history come to life. The film will be accompanied by a live, entirely improvised organ recital by the award-winning composer Dr. David Bednall, blending silent cinema with live music to create a unique performance that promises to bring the film to life in a dramatic new interpretation.

If you're on the All Saints' mailing list or a congregation member, contact the [Parish Office](#) for a 10% off special offer code for use when purchasing tickets from the BFF website!



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.

Contact: georginaharford@hotmail.com 07767 746168

**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

October 12th

November 9th

December 14th

**All
Welcome**



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 5173
www.almatavernandtheatre.co.uk

During the next two weeks the Alma is particularly busy and will not be able to reserve our usual All Saints table for the 8th and 15th of December . However you are welcome to come along and meet up with everyone, we will just need to find our own space !

Normal arrangements return from the 22nd of December.

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concert matinée



Saturday
December 3rd
4pm

Bach for two
harpsichords

David Ponsford
& John Davenport

Arias from the
Coffee Cantata

Francesca Mills-Smith
Soprano

retiring collection

tea & cakes

The Henbury Singers

Conductor: Huw Morgan Organist :Richard Johnson

MUSIC FOR ADVENT

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2022 at 8pm

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, PEMBROKE ROAD, CLIFTON, BS8 2HY



Durante (Pergolesi) :
Magnificat

plus music by Barber, Hassler,
Vulpius, Bairstow and others

Tickets £10 (Students £5) available from Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/461785130757>
or from choir members or secretary@henbury.org



Supporting the Motor Neurone Disease Association

Hello. I'm Paul Gale, the new Sacristan. My wife Sandy and I recently joined the congregation here at All Saints and we are very grateful for the warm welcome we have received. We come from Clevedon and, having previously served as a Sacristan, I have volunteered for the role here. As you probably know, every church has slightly different ways of doing things, so I am just starting to find my way round, as well as getting used to the beautiful, spacious Sacristy!

At the moment we need a few more volunteers to launder our linens so please do let me know if you are interested in joining a rota.



Fuel Costs: the £66 discount and redistribution

New figures released on 18 Nov 2022 show the Energy Bills Support Scheme successfully provided a £66 discount for 97% of eligible households in England, Scotland and Wales in its first month.

This is the first payment made through the EBSS since it launched in October and will see households receive a £400 discount on energy bills paid in 6 monthly instalments.

Vouchers were sent to all 2 million customers with traditional pre-payment meters.*

At All Saints, a process has been set up for any of us who might like to redistribute some of this money so that it reaches those who really need it.

Sister Teresa, of the Sisters of the Church, already gives £20 a month (specifically for the pre-payment meters) to around 23 people who are on very low incomes. This £20 tends to last about a week.

If anyone would like to redistribute this discount, or any part of it, to top up these payments, please email martinrobinson56@yahoo.co.uk for details of the Sisters of the Church bank account. Gift Aid can be claimed

Thank you. Georgina Harford and Martin Robinson

*<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/millions-across-great-britain-see-energy-bills-reduced-as-18-billion-is-paid-out-in-first-month-of-government-scheme>

ADVENT PILGRIMAGE

6pm Sunday 4th December

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

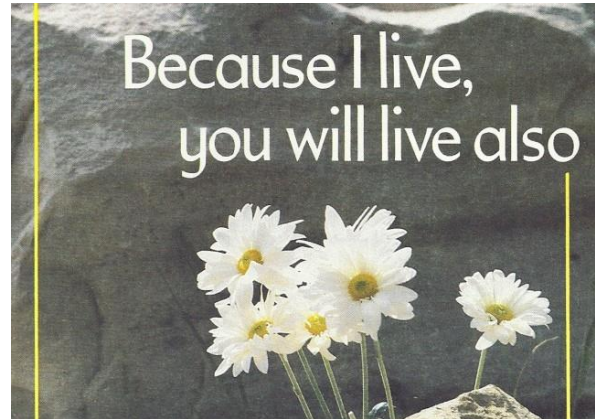


Prayers Requests

'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 Rio Fisher

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Hilda Smith Peter Sturdy Sister Rhona CSMV Elsie Flay Andrew (John) Norton CRPr
Kathleen Smith

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 5	Blessed are you, Lord of all creation, it is through your goodness that we have so many gifts which the earth has given, and that human hands have made for our benefit. We pray for our farming communities, all who work on or with the land, and that we may learn the meaning of responsibility in terms of your gift of creation.
Tue 6	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326 We remember those whose circumstances mean that Christmas will not be a time of celebration. People who through poverty, homelessness, fear, illness and many other adversities are unable to experience any joy in their lives.
Wed 7	Mass 10.00am Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397 We pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters (Ambrose did not have a positive attitude to Jews). Today we pray for Rabbi Monique and the Progressive Jewish Congregation in Bristol.
Thurs December 8	The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary We give thanks for the gift above all gifts, that God became man, the Word became Flesh, in the person of Jesus Christ for our salvation. At this time of Advent we pray that we may prepare ourselves for the Feast of the Nativity and be enabled to see the incarnate presence in the faces of our brothers and sisters.
Fri 9	Mass 10.00am Pray for our Emergency Services – the 'Blue Lights'. Christmas normally is a time for joy. Decorations are set up, parties ensue, presents are given and laughter commences. Not many people remember those in law enforcement, fire fighting, ambulance workers and so many others who work tirelessly during the holiday season to keep people safe. Blue Christmas is a holiday dedicated to those who work in that field, giving them an opportunity to be thanked for their services and celebrate Christmas their own way.
Sat 10	Corruption is dishonest or unethical conduct of those in authority. We pray for victims of corruption and for those who work in roles of prevention. We pray for those in authority that they may not be tempted by personal objectives.
Sunday 11	3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight 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

sort code 08 92 99

Gift Aid forms are available from the office

office@allsaintsclifton.org

