

ALL SAINTS NEWS

19th February 2023
Sunday Next before
Lent

Thoughts for Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the 40 days of Lent, a six-week period (excluding Sundays) dedicated to prayer, fasting, and reflection in preparation for the great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum. The late Henri Nouwen described Lent as a time to re-focus and to re-enter a place of truth. It is here where we find our true identity.

Ash Wednesday is the best way to begin a season which calls us into self-examination as well as self-denial, into deeper contemplation about the mystery and grace of God's mercy, and towards more radical giving towards those most in need of comfort, sustenance, and hope.

The ancient practice of Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are mortal. It causes us to pause and look at our lives – remember what we are made of, remember where we are going- and encourages us to fully immerse ourselves in the Lenten season.

The Purpose of Ashes

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19.

The line from Genesis reminds us that our lives on this earth won't last forever.

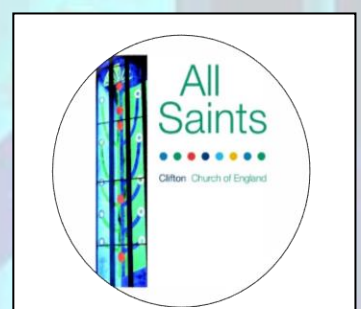
We are a finite people who hold hope in something infinite and beyond ourselves. Bearing a mark throughout the day that is visible to others puts an explanation point on the Genesis passage. We become walking witnesses of that place of truth.

Heaping ashes upon the head, rending the garment, and donning sackcloth were all outward signs of penitence in biblical times. Such a display was one of abject humility and repentance, but could also turn into an occasion for infighting and ego-inflation.

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Welcome to Fr Jones Mutemwakwenda and Gladys

Fr Jones will be preaching and concelebrating this Sunday. Fr Jones was formerly the Archdeacon of Lusaka in Zambia and, after moving to Bristol, was been assistant priest at Holy Trinity, Westbury-on-Trym. Currently he is the Vicar of All Hallows Easton.

A significant part of his work in Zambia was focused on enabling communities to work together in finding ways of caring for the land and feeding themselves in Christian communities. His Archdeaconry was geographically huge!

Confirmation and First Mass on Sunday 26th February

Next Sunday we will welcome Bishop Viv for the Confirmation and First Mass for a number of our congregation.

Please remember in your prayers:

Katherine	Tommy Lawrence
Kathleen Evelyene	Alexander William
Antonio	Owen Francie
John Joseph	Felipe
Luke Francis	Nicole

This is a really special occasion and will be followed with a reception in the Atrium which will be open to all the families and gusts and, of course, our worshipping community.

Lenten Flowers

The tradition is quite clear – there are no flowers in church during Lent.

The general catholic instruction is:

“Moderation should be observed when decorating the Sanctuary and church interior.

During Advent the floral decoration of the Sanctuary should be marked by a moderation that reflects the character of this season, but nevertheless, does not anticipate the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord.

During Lent the Sanctuary is not to be decorated with flowers.

Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), solemnities and feasts are exceptions to this rule.”

However, within the Entrance to the Atrium, under the Tower, there will be a Lenten Display using products from the natural world and following a Lenten Theme.

Lent 2023: Faith and Art Today

Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham & Redland bring you a **series of talks** based at Victoria Methodist Church (and RWA), and an **art exhibition** that explores the 'Articles of Faith' from works in the Methodist Modern Art Collection

Tuesday 28th Feb at 7.30pm

Sarah Middleton

The Methodist Modern Art Collection - discovering Jesus

Sarah shares how this treasure of the contemporary art world was established and came to be owned and developed by the British Methodist Church.

Tuesday 7th March 7.30pm

Alison McTier

Finding Rest and Refreshment at the Well

How and why is an icon made? The Director of the Retreat Association leads us in a reflective session focussing on their recently commissioned Icon, illustrating the Gospel passage of the encounter of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the well.

Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm

Royal West of England Academy (RWA)

Alison Bevan

Art and Faith in the West of England, 1880-2020 - Newlyn School to the present day

Director of the RWA and expert on the Newlyn School of artists, Alison explores the relationship between art and faith in our region.

Tuesday 28th March 7.30pm

One life, several (interlocking) careers:

Clive Hicks-Jenkins in conversation with Rebecca Gibbs.

Clive's arresting artwork 'Christ writes in the dust' features in the exhibition. Simon Callow has called Clive "one of the most individual and complete artists of our time". He talks to Rebecca from the Collection's Management Committee.



**ARTICLES
OF FAITH**
*WHERE OUR
PATHS MEET*

**An exhibition -
20th February to
8th April 2023**

See below for opening hours





All Saints Lent Programme

Evening Mass with Reflection
Thursdays in Lent at 7.00pm

23 February
2 March
9 March
16 March
23 March
30 March

Holy Week

Holy Week 2023 will be led by the Archdeacon of Bristol
The Venerable Neil Warwick

Turkey-Syria Earthquake, the Appeal continues.

The first deadly earthquake struck while people were inside their homes, asleep in their beds, with no warning signs. Thousands of buildings, including hospitals and schools, have collapsed and infrastructure has been badly damaged. Local responders are desperately searching through the rubble for survivors. There are 17 Million people live in the affected area, many in urgent need of shelter, food and medical aid.

Please feel free to make contributions with the envelopes provided (and gift aided) marked Turkey Syria (or TS). Please sign your Gift Aid envelope so that Gift Aid can be claimed
The Trustees have kindly agreed to match fund all contributions.



All Saints Trip to Totterdown Mosque



We have an excellent invitation from brothers and sisters at Totterdown Mosque.

The purpose will be to learn a little more, meet the Imam and join in prayer.

I think there will be places for about 20 of us for the trip and there will be a dress code (including head covering for woman).

Please sign up on the notice under the Tower if you would like to come to this event.

Please note a **NEW** date **Saturday 29th April**

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| 12 noon | Tour of Mosque
Followed by talk about Islam and the Mosque |
| 1.15pm | Prayers in Mosque
Followed by refreshments |
| 2.00pm | Finish visit |

Please sign up on the notice under the Tower if you would like to come to this event.
More details for this trip coming later.



Rt Revd Vivienne Faull , Bishop of Bristol will lead a service of confirmation on Sunday 26th of February 2023.

The service will be followed by a **Bring and Share buffet** in the Atrium for the congregation and guests.

Contributions towards the buffet are now urgently required – plates of savoury or sweet finger foods, crisps or snacks.

Please add your name to the list in the church porch.

Thank you.

**Saturday
March 4th
4pm**

Yuying Fan

Winner of the 2023 Bristol Rotary Young Musicians Competition

Piano recital

music by Mozart, Scriabin, Rachmaninov and Rimsky-Korsakov

Piano duets with *Sophia McKett*

admission to concert matinees is free.
retiring collection (cash or card).
refreshments after the concert.

Friends Together

A Dementia accessible café – for all.
Support, guidance, information and
friendship. Tea, coffee and cake included.

When? 1st Thursday of **every** month

Time? 10.00am-12.00pm

Where? The Randall Room, All Saints Church

Join us for...

- Reminiscence activities
- Support, guidance, and information
- Tea, coffee, cake
- Fun, laughter – and friendship!



Café Dates 2022-2023

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 6th October 2022 • Thursday 3rd November 2022 • Thursday 1st December 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 2nd March 2023 • Thursday 6th April 2023 • Thursday 4th May 2023 • Thursday 1st June 2023 • Thursday 6th July 2023 • Thursday 3rd August 2023 • Thursday 7th September 2023 • Thursday 5th October 2023 • Thursday 2nd November 2023 • Thursday 7th December 2023 |
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For further information, please call All Saints Parish Office on 0117 974 1355 or see the website for latest updates.

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Advanced Notice – Coronation Exhibition: Memories and Memorabilia

Planning is under way for this Exhibition which will be held in the Sacristy.

Open Sat 6th May 2-5pm; Sun 7th May 2-5pm; and Mon 8th May 11-5pm.

This is a community event for both All Saints and the wider Parish.

We are looking for memories as well as memorabilia.

Where were you (or your parents/grandparents) on Coronation Day, 2 June 1953?

And do you have any memorabilia of any sort you would be willing to lend?

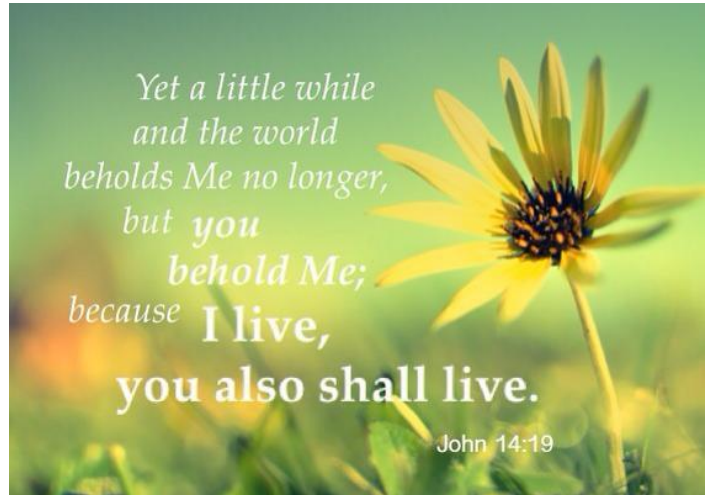
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Prayers Requests

'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 Ryan Lindsey

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 Audrey Huntley Graham Llewelin Tanner

Years' Minds - this week we remember.

Camilla Laszlo

