

ALL SAINTS NEWS

5th March 2023
2nd Sunday of Lent

'Woodbine Willie', Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy

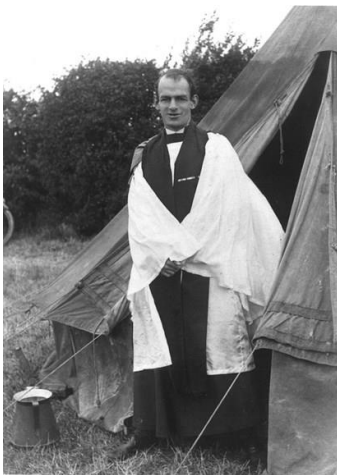
Commemoration: Wednesday 8 March 2023

1917 June 9. Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy. Geoffrey volunteered as a chaplain to the British Army when World War I broke out. On this date he went into battle to support the soldiers, and he was later awarded the Military Cross.

Geoffrey also wrote poetry with the same outrageous irreverence he pastored his men. He started one poem: *"Our Padre were a solemn bloke, We called 'im dismal Jim."*

'God can turn every act of service you do into a Kingdom win'

When World War I broke out, Geoffrey served as vicar of St. Paul's Church in a poor parish in Worcester. He called for a replacement and volunteered to serve as an army chaplain. But while he waited for approval, the army asked him to pastor at a nearby training barracks that would train 10,000 soldiers during the war. Geoffrey regularly preached to them in the open air, in their thousands — remember, these were men who had to attend because they had been ordered so to do.



They were men who knew they may be going to their deaths. These were men Geoffrey led to the Saviour *and* he gave them Woodbine Cigarettes! On December 21, 1915, Geoffrey got assigned to an army unit. "Within four days, he was conducting a Christmas Day service in a village square in France. The rain poured down on 400 soldiers."

Early on, he worked in a large shed beside a railway, which was turned into a canteen. Soldiers came through in batches on their way to the Front, and they waited in the canteen for their trains, about a twenty-four-hour wait. Whilst they waited Geoffrey preached to them and wrote their letters home, he often climbed onto a wooden box and sang to them. Such songs as "Mother Macree" and "The Sunshine of Your Smile." He also helped them pray for those they were leaving behind. *And*, of course, he handed out more Woodbine Cigarettes.

Soon Geoffrey's whole 'army parish' was sent into battle, and he knew he had to go with them. Nevertheless, his irreverent joking and open smiling and cigarette passing didn't mean he was immune to the terror. He said, "Fear came. There was a pain underneath my belt. Of course, I had to go [into battle with them]. It was my parish." And every time they went over the top, Geoffrey was with them.

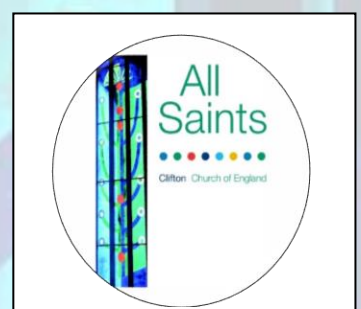
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He prayed with them, listened and talked with them, *and* he handed out Woodbine Cigarettes.

In the dark they crawled through trenches and inched forward toward the enemy. Geoffrey wrote: *"I whispered some inane remark as I passed by, and was rewarded with a grin which even darkness could not hide," and often a soldier muttered, "Gaw blyme me if it ain't the padre!" Vaguely I felt that this journey was worthwhile."*

He showed huge bravery and self-sacrifice, earning the Military Cross for helping wounded soldiers under enemy fire. After the war he became a socialist and a pacifist, speaking out against war. He died in 1929 in Liverpool because of overwork and pneumonia. He was 45 years old.

Solomon In All His Glory

Still I see them coming, coming,
In their ragged broken line,
Walking wounded in the sunlight,
Clothed in majesty divine.
For the fairest of the lilies,
That God's summer ever sees,
Ne'er was clothed in royal beauty
Such as decks the least of these.
Tattered, torn, and bloody khaki,
Gleams of white flesh in the sun,
Raiment worthy of their beauty,
And the great things they have done.
Purple robes and snowy linen
Have for earthly kings sufficed,
But these bloody sweaty tatters
Were the robes of Jesus Christ.

Thank You!

Thank you to all those who made the Confirmation and First Mass last Sunday such a success! Music and choir, serving team and the generosity of spirit and heart shown by all who attended. Not forgetting all who provided the refreshments after the event. There was a real sense of welcome and openness to our various communities who make All Saints a special place.

Thank you also to all who made the Parish Lunch on the Last Sunday before Lent such a success. Not only our chefs for the occasion, Janice and Mary, but also table layers, washers-up, clearers away. Fr Jones and Gladys said how well welcomed they felt during their time with us. Excellent! It was also noted how much people lingered on after lunch in happy conversation.

Thank you from Fr Charles, the ministry team and those who fulfil various roles in church for the Christmas gifts given on behalf of the whole parish. Very gratefully received and much appreciated.

Thank you to all those who work in so many (and often less visible) ways to ensure that All Saints has an open and welcoming way within the community and is able to operate in a good and effective manner. Fr Charles receives very many positive comments from those who 'use' church, come to events and from the local and wider community.

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 7th March 7.30pm Alison McTier
Finding Rest and Refreshment at the Well

How and why is an icon made? The Director or 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.



All Saints Lent Programme
Encountering God

Evening Mass with Reflection
Thursdays in Lent at 7.00pm

9th March
16th March
23rd March
30th March

Holy Week

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

concert matinées
in spring &
summer 2023

Saturday April 1 at 4.00 p.m.
Viola recital by Richard Crabtree with Allan Schiller, piano,
with works by Schubert and Brahms

Bristol Early Music Festival
Saturday May 13 at 4.00 pm.
This year's event will be a day workshop on Charpentier's
Mass for Four Choirs and Instruments directed by Robert
Hollingworth. Details are available on-line or in the leaflet
available in church.

Saturday June 3 at 4.00 pm.
Lorna Osbon & Matthew Bale return with a programme of
Brahms Violin Sonatas

Saturday June 10 at 5.00 pm (please note later time)
The Fitzhardinge Consort

Saturday July 1 at 4.00 p.m.
Cello recital by Ulrich Heinen with John Humphreys , piano.
to include Bach and the Debussy Sonata
Ulrich Heinen is a distinguished player who led the cellos in
the CBSO for many years.

Bristol's Flower Club
Henleaze & District Flower Club
Presents



**A floral
Demonstration
By Jenny York**



Out of Africa

Thursday 9 March 23
2.00pm
doors open 1.30pm
Bradbury Hall
Waterford Road
Henleaze BS9 4BT

Refreshments included
Visitors £8



For further information contact
Jenny York 07880 700270 or
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Visitors Warmly welcome



The ASC Saturday morning Walks For Everyone are now on the 2nd Saturday of every month Everyone is most welcome to join the walks and friendly dogs are very welcome!

The next walk will be on Saturday 11th March and will be led by Mary Benton.

This walk will visit The Cathedral, then down to the Arnolfini, Bathhurst Wharf, Queen Square, Bristol Bridge and back to College Green. Mary will be looking at the stone used in the buildings. Another fascinating walk

We will meet on the paved area outside the west door of **Bristol Cathedral** promptly at **10.45am** and should return there by about **12.30pm**. If you are going down by bus, get off at the bottom of Park Street.

**Parish Retreat
12 - 14 MAY
Llangasty Retreat House**

**Conductor: Fr Neil Kelley
Cost £190**

This year's Parish Retreat will again be at Llangasty Retreat House. This will be a silent retreat but there are gardens and beautiful walks if you feel the need to talk.

The Retreat House is set in glorious countryside in the Brecon Beacons, nearby is a lake, the parish church and a couple of houses, so it very peaceful. In the house there is a well stocked library, a large sitting room with views up to the mountains, and a dining room looking across the lake. The chapel was built and consecrated in 2000, and there is also a cellar chapel. The bedrooms are comfortable, though some are rather small.

A list is going up in the porch for you to sign if you wish to join the retreat. For more details contact : Liz Badman liz.badman@virginmedia.com



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?

Thank you georginaharford@hotmail.com and c2davbristol@hotmail.com



One of the many vital tasks that goes on in the background at church is the washing of small altar linens – purificators, doilies and so on.

There are a small number of volunteers who perform this task already and it would be good if we could have some more members on the team.

You would only be required to launder the linen once every month or so, and full training in laundering and folding will be provided!

If you are interested in joining the team please contact me or Wendy in the Parish Office. Thank you. Paul Gale, Sacristan

The Early Worship team will be building the Easter Garden ready to be blessed on Easter Day. We'd like to involve everyone by inviting contributions during Lent and Holy Week.

We would welcome any of the following:

- ❖ **Small jam jars** - the sort you get fancy jams , chutney, honey in - essentially with a narrow neck - we are trying to avoid Oasis!
- ❖ **Small flat pebbles or stones for the paths.** (also good for weighting pots)

- ❖ **Small bunches of garden flowers** if you can spare them.
- ❖ **Small pots (9 or 11cm)** of plants eg violas/primroses /daffodils or whatever's around in the shops. (can go in the courtyard or garden afterwards).
- ❖ **Bits of greenery** from spring pruning and clipping
- ❖ **Some places have a tradition of using grasses in their 'Resurrection Gardens**- so those too if you have any.

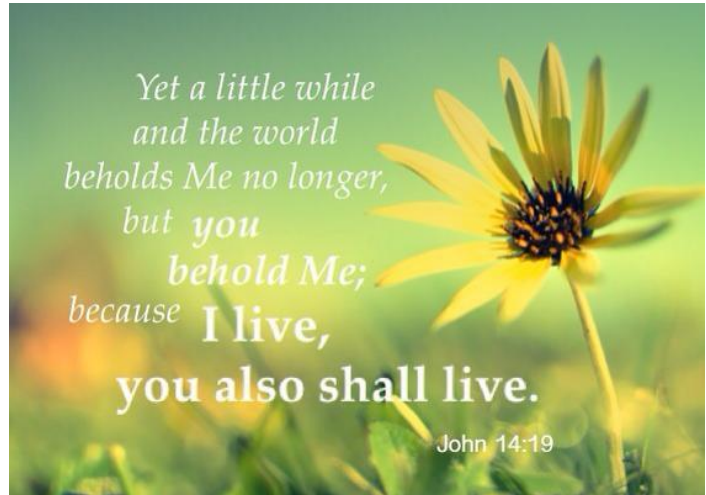
- **There will be a box under one of the benches in the Atrium to receive jars/pebbles any time during Lent.**
- **Live items – greenery, flowers and plants can be left in the box on Good Friday or Saturday am (or for those unable to come in the week small plants could be contributed even on Easter Day and added to the garden.**

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, Joyce Shepherd, Cynthia Ashford Sarah Bradley Sue Hilliar Steve Cooper Ruth Marson Valerie Donkin Ryan Lindsey

Monday

Tuesday. Diana Verity

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

Thursday

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

Saturday

The Departed

Molly Sharpley James Johnson-Brown Jane Selby Rio Fisher Audrey Huntley Graham Llewelin Tanner Malcolm Davis Jeanne Callow Mileno Graca Rory Young Ros Hawkins

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Margaret Ostler Katherine Charnley Christopher Baker Philip Bird Kim Pople

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 6	Pray for all who work as Domestic Engineers, in particular plumbers. Remember in prayer older people who live in fear of things going wrong in their houses, and who fear the visit of a stranger to put things right.
Tue 7	Perpetua , Felicity and Companions 203 Pray for those who are willing to give their lives for what they believe, for Christian martyrs (especially women) in our world now. Pray for all Christians who are equal in the sight of God (high born Perpetua was martyred with slaves) Pray for the Brothers of the Society of St Francis and the Sisters of the Community of St Francis in the Anglican Community
Wed 8	Mass 10.00am Edward King Bp of Lincoln 1910 (Studdert Kennedy 1883) Pray for the work of Cuddesdon Theological College, and the continuing impact of Catholic Renewal in the CofE. (Edward King) Give thanks for the legacy of Studdart Kennedy (WW1 Padre on Western Front, who won an MC for working with the wounded) and was engaged with Christian Socialism and Pacifism.
Thurs 9	Pray for all engaged in the tobacco industry. But especially those who work to help people break the habit, those working and researching for better health, smokers and those who are trying to give up.
Fri 10	Mass 10.00am Pray for the work and ministry of the Sisters of the Church – both globally and here in Bristol. Pray for the ‘Loaves and Fishes’ Project, the volunteers and the clients.
Sat 11	Pray for those who suffer from kidney disease, those who care for them and are specialist in this field. Kidney donors and researchers into these diseases
Sunday 12	The 3rd Sunday of Lent Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace 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

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