

ALL SAINTS NEWS

12th March 2023
3rd Sunday of Lent

Celebrating Awards!

Over the last few months All Saints has been recognised for a number of awards!

These awards combine the work we do in the best possible maintenance and improvement of the church and other areas that make up All Saints. And also, the purpose, intention and use that the whole church has in the local community and across Bristol.

We have gained a reputation for our care of an iconic building, maintaining the architectural integrity and the close attention to detail. Additionally, our focus on issues such as climate change, achieving net zero, planning to provide a fully accessible church and maintaining an inclusive policy. Not only this, but also recognition of our outward focus and place in the community based upon the foundation of sacramental worship and prayerful discipline.

This reputation is built upon recent past activities:

- Church lighting and sound system
- Organ refurbishment
- Atrium lighting
- Richard Chapel Roof (with insulation)
- Richard Chapel external stonework
- Sacristy lighting (soon)
- Forecourt renovation (providing accessibility)

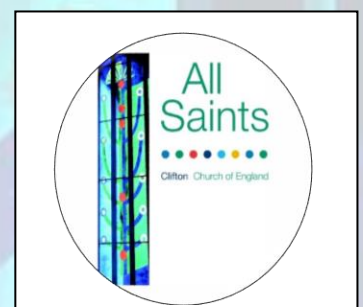
Much of this is made possible through our missional priorities and focus on the wider community and through the generous funding of the All Saints Endowments Trust. It is a reputation that we intend to carry into the future.

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Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) Annual Award

The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) makes an annual Award for projects of exceptional standards or where the project is key to a parish's growth and mission. This is an unsolicited award which we have been given for the '**Preservation of the John Piper Windows**' and the '**Sacristy Lighting**'. The Award will be presented at a DAC event in Wiltshire on 10th May.

The DAC has a very specific role in every Diocese. All building work in churches require a **faculty** which is the formal permission which is granted by the Chancellor (or the Archdeacon if the work is small scale). The DAC is composed of about 15 people who are experts in their own fields. It advises the Chancellor on faculty applications of any significance.

We have been granted faculties for both the Piper Windows and the Sacristy Lighting. The work is still, of course, to be undertaken. The **Sacristy Lighting** should be completed within the next couple of months. It will transform the appearance of the sacristy so that it becomes a much more attractive environment for all those who use it.

The **Preservation of the Piper Windows** is a significant project: no timetable has been established yet for this work. The work involved is explained in some detail in the booklet All Saints and John Piper. Free copies are available at the entrance to the church.



This Award has been given because our projects have been recognised for the exceptional standard of planning and workmanship and because they are key to our growth and mission. Encouragingly this is reinforcement of the clarity of our missional focus. The DAC recognised All Saints as an essential part of the local and wider community and that the full use of our facilities is central to this (including the church itself, the Randall Room, the Atrium, the Sacristy and the gardens).

It is worth reminding ourselves that, in addition to our services, the church hosts an average of 45 events every week with an annual footfall of over 35,000. 'Ours' is a church that makes a very significant contribution to the life of the community and, indeed, Bristol.

The Annual National Conference of DACs has requested a visit to All Saints to hear about these projects and the **Atrium Development** during September 2023.

ECO Church Silver Award – An A Rocha UK Project

All Saints will shortly be granted an Eco Church Silver Award. The vision of the Eco Church scheme is 'to create a significant network of churches as local centres of creation, providing shining beacons of hope for a brighter environmental future'.



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Once again this is part of our plan to achieve net zero, recognise the impact of the 'Climate Emergency' and respond to the 'Five Marks of Mission'. It is also strongly aligned with the Diocesan Strategy and the desire for the National Church to become environmentally sustainable.

In line with these objectives of environmental responsibility, missional priorities, our place in the community, becoming fully accessible, and Diocesan and National Church strategy is the **Atrium Development**. The PCC is proceeding with the work necessary to secure planning permission and a faculty for the development of the atrium. This project will involve the refurbishment of the courtyard including the installation of air source heat pumps and solar cells on the church roofs, the thermal upgrade of the building fabric, the provision of additional circulation space by removing one bay of the courtyard and the creation of a garden of wellbeing, two new accessible/ambulant WCs and a new accessible entrance to the garden. Completion of this project will be a significant achievement.

The benefits of the Atrium Development are very clear:

- **Warmer Church** - a reduction of 40% energy loss will lead to a much-improved heating of the church
- **Reduction in Carbon Output** - a real contribution to climate emergency activity through a decrease in Carbon based fuel use
- **Full Accessibility** – with the provision of accessible features for the elderly and disabled community – new toilets, garden access for those with mobility issues and a warm meeting area in the atrium
- **Community Focus** - greater relevancy and usage within the local community – an enhanced area for receptions, concerts, exhibitions, dementia friendly/accessible events and so much more
- **Place of Well-Being** - a sacred garden within the atrium quadrangle (currently an unattractive space providing a poor first impression of All Saints).

The project requires a planning application as well as a faculty. Our applications for permission for this work are well advanced. Having met the lead representatives of the DAC, we know that it will be enthusiastically supported by the diocese.

Dementia Aware Organisation Gold Award

This Gold Award is also unsolicited. It was presented to us at the end of 2022, along with other winners Wessex Water and the RWA (Royal West of England Academy).



The Award recognises that All Saints is a '**Dementia Aware Community**' and that we believe that people living with dementia have a right to a good quality of life and remain as independent as they can in the community. Additionally, we work to address negative attitudes and help to raise awareness and understanding of the impact of dementia on those who live with it and those who care for them.

Events, such as the '**Friends Café**', will be significantly enabled with the Atrium Development in the provision of accessible toilets and no-stair-access to the Café space.

Three Awards to Celebrate!

For us it is sometimes easy to take the beauty of our church for granted yet there is a deep symbolism here.

- Piper's high-level window on the south side of the church points to the creation of the world (*'In the beginning God created the heavens and earth'*) and, by extension, draws our attention to the need for a sustainable future and our responsibility as custodians of our environment and climate.
- Piper's rich imagery in the Baptistry window depicts the River and Tree of Life reminds us of the imperatives of redemption and renewal.

Seldom can the artistic heritage of a church, its missional identity and its developing fabric have been more closely aligned than here at All Saints.

These are exciting times, and we will keep you posted on the projects as they develop.

Area Dean

Fr Charles will be visiting and preaching at Holy Trinity Westbury on Trym this Sunday (12 March, the Third Sunday of Lent) and, therefore, not at All Saints.

Across the Deanery there are always a considerable number of events and activities that take place across each week. These include the chairing of a number of PCC meetings during vacancies – at the moment we have four (this equates to seven parishes) in Bristol West - , engaging with the Bishop and Archdeacon in the selection process for making these appointments and ensuring that the week-by-week provision of worship and occasional offices (funeral, weddings and baptisms) is maintained.

Over this year a significant amount of work has been and will continue to be invested in the translation of 'Transforming Church – Together' into what this will actually mean at parish and Deanery level. For those parishes that actively engage in this process and work across boundaries there will be significant opportunities and access to funding. The Deanery Synod taking place next week will start to shape 'what might be'. As we get closer to understanding what the Diocese has in mind, we at All Saints will have opportunity to engage in the process.

Transforming Church. Together



Transforming Church Together (TCT) is frequently mentioned and will have an impact upon every part of this Diocese. This is in-line with the intention of the National Church, described as the 'Emerging Church'. Every Diocese has an equivalent to the Bristol TCT.

But, what does this actually mean?

Currently there are great words to describe what's happening in an overarching way and in the next few months we will (as a Diocese) begin to shape what this actually means within the Diocese.

We do know it will bring change - which is challenging. There are always people who will push back at change because they find it disturbing and that is an aspect of their nature. There are also those who look to the past (a decade, or few, ago) when '*all-was-good*' and they feel the need to return to such times.

However, change is unavoidable; across the National Church, within Dioceses, at parish level and in our own lives. At All Saints this does not mean that we lose our catholic heritage at all, rather it may mean that we regain some of the wider outward looking aspects that were so important in the Anglo Catholic movement of the nineteenth century.

Bristol Diocese is giving the TCT a missional design. This is a philosophy that sits behind the transformation and works to address the root causes of our current challenges by seeking transformative cultural change across the Diocese.

In words, the Diocese describes these activities in terms of:

- Rooting the whole in prayer and being dependent upon the grace of God
- Reorienting culture towards service, mission, and growth
- Resourcing discipleship, leadership, clergy, and lay development
- Making evangelism a feature of every worshipping community
- Investing to grow in specific contexts: Low-income communities, mission areas, Fresh Expressions, and plants into new housing
- Funding an expansion of work with under 18's and families
- Removing barriers to faith through partnerships and justice projects
- Turning burdensome structures and buildings into mission assets
- Pump-priming innovative Diocesan income generation activities.

Each activity strengthens other activities – a mutually reinforcing whole.

The intention is to grow across the Diocese of Bristol, by generating more empowered, resourced, supported, and accountable local leaders collaborating in viable, outward-looking church communities, that are revitalized for mission by:

- Investing for growth in key geographical contexts – priority parishes; new housing, mission areas, plants and grafts and Fresh Expressions (missional communities)
- Liberating the ministry of God's people by investing in the capability, capacity and accountability of our lay/ordained leaders and church members/volunteers (missional leadership)
- Reconnecting our parishes with wider society and especially younger people to grow churches, fight local social injustice, and build fruitful partnerships (missional engagement)
- Transforming the perceived - and experienced - toxicity of the Church by addressing the legacy of racism, climate exploitation and the rights of our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities (missional action and advocacy).

All underpinned by financial and environmental sustainability achieved by:

- Transforming our investment model, and pump-priming areas of potential income generation
- Deliver Net Zero by 2030 initially using our reserves and seeking Net Zero National Church-funding when enabled
- Digitising our organisation.

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



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**

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 Friends of WNO
Wednesday, 15th March in the Apostle Room

Some Surprising Facts

Donald Maxwell looks back over the last forty five years and shares some thoughts and music from favourite roles in his very varied international career.

6.45 for 7.15 pm Refreshments available Easy parking

WNO Friends £8 Visitors £10

Further information from Melanie David Tel: 01934 842014 email: melaniej david@btinternet.com

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



March 12th
Early Worship at 9am
will be followed by refreshments in the
Randall Room at 9.30
All Welcome
including a Family Workshop and craft
activity with Mothering Sunday and
Easter in mind 9.40 -10.15

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.**

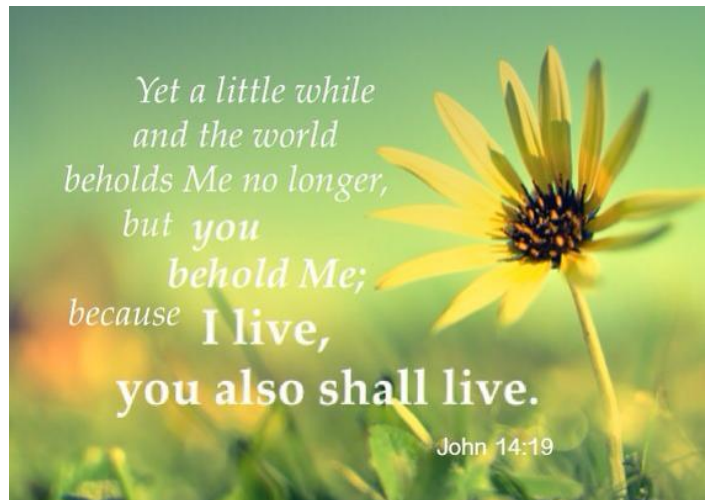
- **There will be a box under one of the benches in the Atrium to receive jars/pebbles any time during Lent.**
- **Live items – greenery, flowers and plants can be left in the box on Good Friday or Saturday am (or for those unable to come in the week small plants could be contributed even on Easter Day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

Nigel Mead (Pr) Stella Shute Pat Coole Jill Symonds
Timothy Sherman Nina Florence Thorp

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 13	Pray for Entomologists. Those who study insects not only as an academic subject but also those who work to reduce impact of invertebrate spread of disease, especially those carried by insects – mosquitoes (malaria) tsetse flies (sleeping sickness), ticks (Lyme disease).
Tue 14	Pray for those who provide and use the Sacrament of Penance. May each one of us take time in Lent to reflect on our life and seek better ways to serve God.
Wed 15	Mass 10.00am Pray for those who provide and use the Sacrament of Penance. May each one of us take time in Lent to reflect on our life and seek better ways to serve God.
Thurs 16	Give thanks that public authorities are obliged to share certain information about their activity and conduct so that this openness helps ensure political health. Pray for those who live under regimes where information is not shared and where people are divided by fear and secrecy. (Freedom of Information Day)
Fri 17	Mass 10.00am Patrick of Ireland (about 460) Pray for the Church of Ireland, Archbishop Richard Clarke, its people and work. Giving thanks for the Celtic tradition. Praying for the growing links between the Anglicans Church and the Roman Catholic Church
Sat 18	Cyril of Jerusalem 386 Praying for all who live within the Abrahamic Faiths. May a better understanding develop between Christians, Jews and Muslims. Our role, as people of Faith, is not to ‘prove’ the existence of God, but to lead people to grow in their faith.
Sunday 19	The 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal 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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