

ALL SAINTS NEWS

15th January 2023
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Early Worship

Early Worship takes place on Sunday mornings at 9.00am. The worship follows a monthly pattern, alternating between being Eucharistic and Service of the Word.

What makes Early Worship special?

- ★ It is an 'All Age' act of worship, attended by young people, families and adults
- ★ The worship and presentation take place within thirty minutes
- ★ You never know how many people will be present – twenty...thirty?
- ★ It has a relaxed, engaging and inclusive style
- ★ Worship is led by members of the ministry team and the lay team
- ★ Liturgy has been created by lay members of the team to include elements from Celtic tradition and Common Worship
- ★ The Richard Chapel gives a special atmosphere to the sense of belonging

As you'll see, from this edition of All Saints News, the Early Worship Team also deliver follow-on workshops and give the Christmas Story a real sense of life. Over the coming year there will be other activities and engagements that enrich this element of our worship and prayer.

Thank You Early Worship Team!

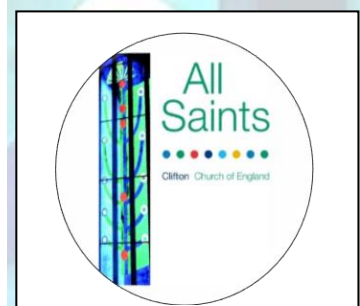
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Early Worship in January, February and March	
January 15	Eucharist
January 22	Word
January 29	Eucharist
February 5 (Candlemas)	Eucharist
February 12	Word
February 19	Eucharist
February 26 (Confirmation at 10.30)	Word
March 5	Eucharist
March 12	Word

The Christmas Story and Crib Service



This followed the same recipe as last year with Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies followed by the familiar Gospel readings and Carols for a congregation of young families, many of them new to All Saints.

It was so good this year - free of Covid restrictions - to be able to add to the mix the children's involvement in the readings (all amazingly confident readers and adept at using the microphone) and in creating the crib scene during the service by adding the figures of Mary, Joseph, Shepherds and a 'newly arrived' Jesus.

(The photograph is, of course, taken at Epiphany!)

Thank you, Father Charles, for acting so brilliantly as 'continuity announcer', 'sound engineer' and 'supervisor'.

The carol 'hidden' in the Organ Voluntary was**The Sussex Carol**.

Thank you to all those who helped to create this first service of Christmas 2022.

Advent workshop

Quiz question: What do Edelweiss, croissants and stained glass have to do with Advent?

Answer: They were all to be found in the Randall Room during the Advent Workshop

There is a long tradition at All Saints of providing a 'learning and making' opportunity for young members of the congregation, (usually aged between 1 and 85) at important liturgical times of the year.

The latest of these events took place on November 27th with the aims of finding out more about the season of Advent, making something beautiful to take home and having some social time with one another.

The croissants and coffee are essential fuel for thinking, singing and making things and were much appreciated.

We started with a reminder of the meaning of the season of Advent; a time of penance, reflection, preparation and waiting for Christmas.

We moved onto an Advent song, complete with actions, to the tune of Edelweiss (more details available on request).

We finished by creating 'stained glass' lanterns and Christmas decorations to take home. It was lovely to see people of different ages helping one another, making and deepening friendships and being creative together.

The next workshop is in preparation for Mothering Sunday and Easter. It will take place straight after the 9am Early Worship service on March 11th starting at about 9.30. No pre-booking is necessary, all are welcome.



Intergenerational and Church Family Worship

'Intergenerational Worship' means all generations, young and old, come together for worship, learning from and listening to each other. But more than this, there are also members of every **Church Family** who are looking for something or needing something that enables them to find a communal worship space.

Within the Church of England, and in common with all other denominations, the challenge of creating these acts of worship is demanding and there is no single right path. It is very dependent upon context and current time.

All churches who experiment and try alternative forms of worship will experience the challenges associated with working on fresh expressions, and the comments concerning 'past ways of doing things', and the view that current practice is 'believed to be the norm'.

Being an intergenerational church or constructing church family worship is a spiritual discipline as it requires a people to look beyond their own needs and towards another person's needs. All people are encouraged to be the spiritual beings God has created them to be and we must learn from each other. This style of worship requires careful planning and thought so as to create opportunities for people to learn from each other.

Within the Diocese there are specialists and resources available to enable worshipping communities to experiment and find ways to create the opportunities for alternative patterns of worship that stand both apart and within the normal pattern of worship.

Interestingly, this is very much within the Anglo-Catholic tradition. Like ourselves, churches such as St Mary Magdalen (Oxford), are developing acts of worship that run alongside the main Parish Mass and are shaped to be:

- Liturgical in structure
- Centred on teaching
- Provide a sense of belonging
- Fully inclusive and open to all
- Sacramentally focused
- Scripturally based



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29 November 2022

Dear Reverend Charles,

I hope you will forgive this rather formal looking, typed letter, but my handwriting is no longer a reliable form of communication !

You may recall my brief visit and attendance at your service of Morning Worship last weekend. I wanted to take a brief and therefore inadequate opportunity to thank you for a meaningful short service, made the more powerful by its simplicity and very obvious engagement by and with your lay community.

May I also add my thanks to your kind team who took great care to welcome a stranger, visiting for literally 24hrs, into your Church. My own limited endeavours as Church Warden here in our Parish, have focused on creating community, before we begin through communication to build to communion.

My special experience in All Saints Church embodied precisely the power and value of just such an approach.

God Bless and thank you all,

Charles Sutton

Duke of Edinburgh Award Volunteer



A big thank you to Clara Couto who has been volunteering behind the scenes at All Saints on a Sunday for the past three months.

Clara is studying for her GCSE's at Sidcot School, and is also working towards her Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award, which she will be completing soon. As part of the 'Volunteering' element of the award, Clara has been coming into church first thing on a Sunday morning to help our Coffee Rota team with the setting-up of our after-Mass Sunday refreshments. She's also been dealing with the ASC Food Point, sorting out donated items left in the kitchen, and displaying items accordingly in the entrance tower Food Point table.

We're really grateful to Clara for all her help and wish her every success achieving her DofE Bronze Award.

The All Saints Bar

Since post pandemic re-opening last June, the bar has played an important part in re-establishing the social life of All Saints. But why do we need the All Saints Society to run it some ask. Well the simple answer is that if you sell alcoholic drinks you need a licence. So, some years ago we set up the All Saints Society to apply for and hold a 'club licence' on behalf of the church in order legally to sell drinks. Anyone can join the society – annual subscriptions are £1.50 for new members and £1 for existing and are now due for 2023. Our volunteers operate the after mass Sunday bar, at parish lunches and after festival masses. Over the years bar profits have provided financial support to the church and such things as kitchen refurbishment. We have an AGM in April when members decide bar prices and what to do with profits. All are very welcome at the bar. We offer a varied range of alcoholic and soft drinks. Why not come up to the Randall Room after Mass and meet friends old and new. We very much look forward to seeing you. You are very welcome.

Janice Hopkins - Bar steward



The ASC Walks are now on the 2nd Saturday of every month.

Our next Walk is this **Saturday 14th January**. It will be led by Tim Dowling, taking us up on the Downs. We will leave the church at **10.45**.

Our 11th February walk is with Clifton Down Community Association. It will be lead by Steve England, and we will go to Severn Beach on the train. There are always a lot of interesting things there in terms of wildlife, geology, local history etc.

We will meet at Clifton Down station and take the 11am train to Severn Beach. CDCA will pay Steve but ask people to pay their own train fares.

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Choral Evensong
for
Epiphany

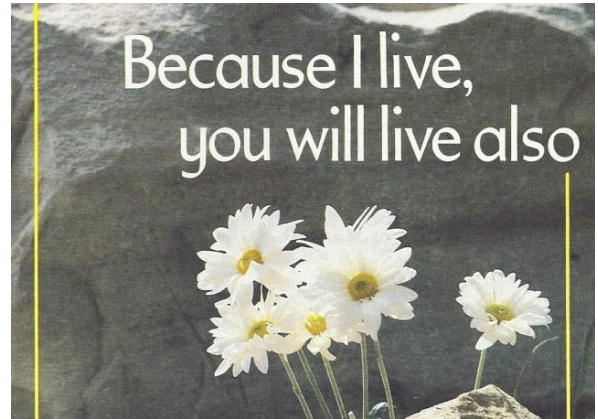
Sunday
22nd January
at 6.00pm.

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

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Clara Henderson George Meade – King Alma Powell Rosalind Brennand Dennis Cleeve
Sian Ivey Dennis Skinner (Pr) Pamela Royce

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 16	<p>Religious Freedom Day Pray for the work of the world's religions and religious organizations that bring good to the world. Thank God that Religious Freedom exists in many parts of our world. Pray for those who suffer persecution - and for those who deliver such persecution.</p>
Tue 17	<p>Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356 Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932 Pray for the life and work of the Community of the Resurrection, and for the College of the Resurrection. Give thanks for the life and work of Brother Andrew (John Norton) – at ASC and in South Africa with the Community.</p>
Wed 18	<p>Mass 10.00am Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual writer, 1951 <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i> The theme for 2023 is "Do Good, Seek Justice." The theme is inspired by Isaiah 1:12-18, which laments a lack of justice among the People of God. Yet it also promises redemption by encouraging acts of justice. Like Isaiah, we hope to inspire a renewed desire and effort for justice among the Christian peoples around the world.</p>
Thurs 19	<p>Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095 Pray for the Diocese of Worcester and the parish of Westbury on Trym (founded in the year 717). Pray for Fr Andre and his ministry team, the work of the parish at Westbury and the work of the Elsie Briggs House of Prayer.</p>
Fri 20	<p>Mass 10.00am Pray for those who are unable to speak, those who stammer, those who find it a challenge to put thoughts to words. Those frustrated because their ideas and thoughts are locked away and difficult to communicate.</p>
Sat 21	<p>Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304 Remember in prayer those special parts of creation – the Arctic and Antarctic. Pray that we may address the issues of climate change effectively. Pray also for those who live lives of prayer and work to deepen our spiritual insight</p>
Sunday 22	<p>Epiphany 3 Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power</p> <p>Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30</p>

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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