

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

28<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
The Day of Pentecost

## Celebrating the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

### *The timing and origins of Pentecost*

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13.

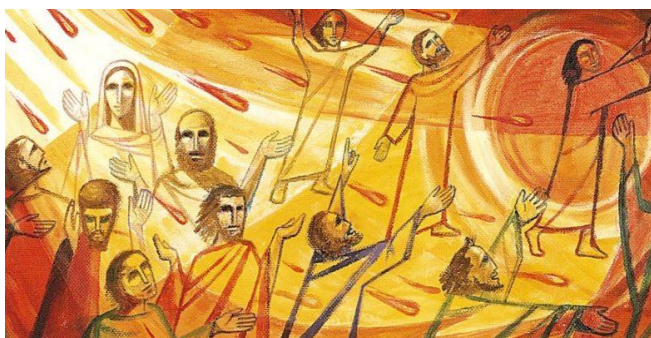
The timing of these feasts is also where we get the concept of the Novena - nine days of prayer - because in Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together "continuously" for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, the Church 'prays the Novena' to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost.

The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste," meaning 50th. There is a parallel Jewish holiday, Shavu'ot, which falls 50 days after Passover. Shavu'ot is sometimes called the festival of weeks, referring to the seven weeks since Passover.

Originally a harvest feast, Shavu'ot now commemorates the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai, when the Lord revealed the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Every year, the Jewish people renew their acceptance of the gift of the Torah on this feast.

### *What happens at Pentecost?*

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.



A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the

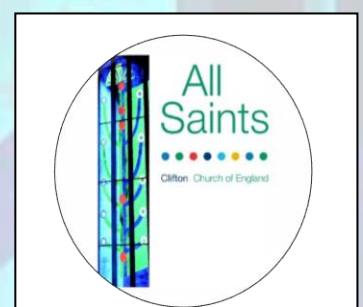
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phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfil the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfils the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

### ***Where's that in the bible?***

The main event of Pentecost (the strong driving wind and tongues of fire) takes place in Acts 2:13, though the events immediately following (Peter's homily, the baptism of thousands) continue through verse 41.

### ***Happy Birthday, Church***

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

He also told the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which "cut them to the heart." When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins and to be baptised. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptised following Peter's sermon.

## **Summer Student Placements**

As you'll be aware we will be losing Lisa Price next month as she will be made Deacon at Petertide and then moves with family to Derbyshire. Lisa has been on Annual Placement at All Saints from Trinity College and she has become a real part of the life of the Worshipping Community here. We shall be sorry to see her leave – but happy that she has a great place to serve her curacy.

Sister Teresa will also be made Deacon this Petertide and will serve her curacy at Hotwells. But we will continue to see her, on an on-going basis, as part of her ministry as Sister in Charge of the Community House here in Bristol. Sister Rosie will continue to worship here at All Saints and it would be good for her to have the occasional volunteer to transport her to and from Parish Mass.

This summer we have four students with us. **Helena Whitwell**, who is an Ordinand at Sarum College and has been with us for three weeks. And three others who will be starting at the end of May or start of June.

### **Lizzy Brothwood**



Hi. I'm Lizzy, a 2nd year Ordinand at Trinity College, and I'm grateful to be joining with you in all you're doing over the Summer! Before I started training I used to work in film as a Camera Operator and Editor. I love capturing and telling stories through film and if that also includes being in the great outdoors and playing some sport, even better! My husband, Matt, is also an Ordinand and we have a 3yr old son, Lee, and a King Charles Cavalier dog called Jesse. I'm sure you will meet them all (maybe not the dog) at different points throughout my time with you, which I am very much looking forward to. See you soon!

## Sophie Brown

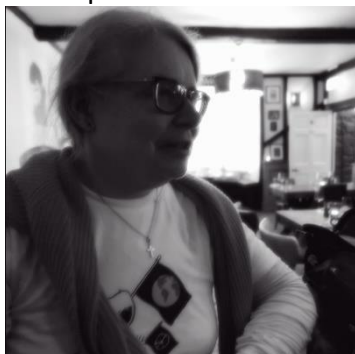


Hello! I'm Sophie. Thank you so much for welcoming me in for this month! I'm in my first-year training as an ordinand at Trinity College. Prior to that, I worked as a music teacher locally, having moved to Bristol for university in 2012. I grew up in a small country parish on Dartmoor and there began to lead sung worship with my parents. My desire to be involved in the church and serve Jesus has only grown since then and I am so looking forward to learning about your church and community in this season.

## Su Bowman

I am studying on the diocesan course for Licensed Lay Ministry in my home church St Luke's Barton Hill, as part of the course we are expected to join in the life and worship of another church, so I am very pleased to be joining you at All Saints Clifton.

It's been a fascinating journey finding myself here, who would have thought the faith I'd found as a child would turn out to mean so much. In the many situations life's taken me through, the companionship of the Holy Spirit has sustained me. For me though, Jesus is more than just a light in my own journey - I find I've been amazed at the profound way my Lord meets with and inspires us with the depth of his love, & he is the Christ, in whom all things hold together, all the amazing aspects of our human lives have their place in God's plan.



Here's a little more about me, the second child of five. My parents met just after the Second World War whilst studying art together. Art continued to play a big part in my childhood as we were introduced to many crafts. Later Mum and Dad picked up painting again, and I too had a chance to study for a craft diploma in design and lettering.

As you can imagine home was a wonderful exciting place, and also stressful at times, I found the stressful times perturbing. So when my husband Tim and myself settled in Bristol to find work, I also started to study counselling in the hope of understanding myself a little better. In the writings of those pioneer counsellors, including Carl Rogers, I found a depth of love and understanding towards people. This of course, reminded me of the depth of Jesus' love for us.

I began to feel, as I started working as a NHS receptionist, that the counselling courses I'd taken somehow missed the spiritual dimension. That however helpful counselling might be, what we needed, was to connect with Jesus. So I joined a wonderful Alternative Worship group and we had amazing times making creative worship, and I found the Iona Community. These setting gave me opportunities to explore the creative qualities of Christianity.

I still work full time as a call handler now, in the NHS. I very much enjoy using my camera and being outdoors. I hope and dream to find more opportunities to work creatively when I can find a way to work part time.

I am very much looking forward to meeting people at All Saints Clifton, hearing your stories and learning from you. We are God's beloved.

Kind regards, Su Bowman

## Abbots Leigh (Holy Trinity) and Leigh Woods (St Mary)



Abbots Leigh and Leigh Woods (AL&LW) across the river is a United Benefice which is in vacancy. During the vacancy period the pattern of worship will be broadly maintained and they will be 'looked after' by clergy and ministers from across the Deanery.

Here at ASC, we will take on responsibility for at least one Sunday each month with members of our Ministry Team both LLMs and Ordained (and Placement Students).



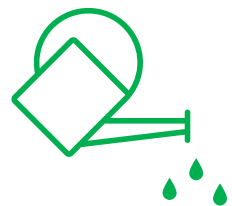
The Funeral of  
Elsie Christine Benton  
will be held at  
All Saints  
on  
Friday 2nd June 2023 at 12.00 noon

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Our lovely Gardener Alisdair who keeps the lawns and gardens so beautifully, has planted the pots in the Atrium with flowers and small shrubs.



If you are in the Church during the week, please check if they need a little water. The green watering can is in the Atrium kitchen.  
Thank you.



GREEN  
SQUARES  
& secret  
GARDENS

# GUIDEBOOK



## Clifton & Hotwells OPEN GARDENS

10 & 11 June 2023

The beautiful All Saints gardens will be open as usual for the Green Squares and Secret Gardens weekend. The gardens and church will be open between 10am and 5pm each day, with the church closed for Sunday Mass.

The weekend will include a special matinee a by the popular Fitzhardinge Consort on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm. Open Gardens ticket includes the concert but there will be a collection at the end to support the work of the choir.



If you are able to offer some time to host during the weekend please sign up on the rota in the porch.



"we always leave the Friends Together Café feeling better!"

"my husband always receives a supportive and sympathetic welcome"

"a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere and a delightful group of volunteers"

"a great way to meet other carers and share thoughts and experiences"

**Friends Together Café** is open to everyone for support, guidance, information and friendship – tea, coffee and delicious home-made cakes included! *First Thursday of every month 10.00am-12 noon.*

**All Saints Church**

Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3ED  
 Friends Together Café  
 First Thursday of every month: 10am-12pm  
 Admission Free | [allsaintsclifton.org](http://allsaintsclifton.org)



The next meeting of Friends Together will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of June at 10.00am in the Randall Room.

Conversation and Cake – Everyone welcome.

Trifarious offer you a Lunchtime Chamber Music Recital on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 1.00pm.

Tickets are £8 on the door.



\* Lunchtime Chamber Music Recital \*

**Saturday 27th May 2023 at 1.00pm**

All Saints Church, Clifton BS8 3ED

Tickets £8.00 on the door Children U16 Free

[www.trifarious.com](http://www.trifarious.com)





## Crown Church & Arts

Andrew Morgan MBE

We thought you might be interested in Crown Church & Arts (CCA), Andrew Morgan's latest venture, which has grown out of his love of history, art and culture.

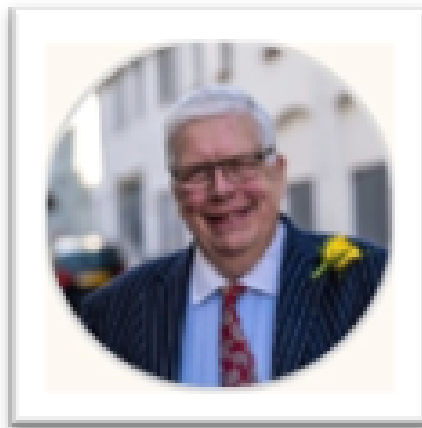
Andrew established CCA in 2022 offering select and unusual tours, events and lectures for anyone interested in Buildings, History and the Arts. Throughout the year, fully organised outings are arranged to a variety of historic buildings, including palaces and churches, as well as beautiful gardens and visits to fascinating lectures and exhibitions. Events are not only interesting and educational but offer a thoroughly enjoyable day trip, afternoon outing or evening talk with a small group of like-minded people.

CCA events are run purely on a nonprofit basis, and vary in price to suit all budgets; some are even free, in return for a small donation to a particular charity. Indeed it's important to Andrew that charitable giving is a key part of CCA's ethos, particularly the support of local charities.

Do take a moment to have a look at CCA's brand new website: [www.crownchurchandarts.co.uk](http://www.crownchurchandarts.co.uk).

Unsurprisingly, you may well notice a connection with All Saints! Not only does CCA wish to support the restoration of the John Piper stained glass windows, but All Saints was the starting point for some interesting excursions, focussing on a particularly significant period in the history of The Church of England. Indeed, some of you may well remember taking part..... Take a look at ['Our Beginnings'](#) under 'Outings And Events' and see if anything rings a bell!

Do get in touch via the Contacts page on the website if there's anything you'd like CCA to offer in the future they're always open to ideas!





## PARISH RETREAT 2024!

Following Liz's article in last week's Parish News on this year's very successful Parish Retreat at Llangasty Retreat House, we're delighted to announce that we are already in discussions with Llangasty with regards to next year's retreat!

We are holding two sets of dates – **Friday 3 May to Sunday 5 May** or **Friday 10 May to Sunday 12 May**. Places are limited, so to secure a space, do pencil these dates in your diaries for now, and we'll be back to confirm everything as soon as we've firmed things up with next year's retreat leader.

The All Saints Parish Retreat is a unique opportunity to recharge the batteries; to take stock, meditate, read, walk, pray or rest, but above all, to live in the gift of the present moment.

“The Past is History, the Future is a Mystery, and the Present is a Gift”

*Fr. Neil Kelley 2023 Retreat Leader*





The ASC Saturday morning Walks for Everyone are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month.



**Our next Walk is on  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

**Meet at ASC for a prompt  
10.45 start.**

As it is Clifton Open Gardens weekend, we will walk down to Dowry Square to start our garden visits. There are several lovely, interesting and hidden gardens to visit on our way back up. Tickets (we can buy on our way) cost £5, giving us access to all the gardens for both Saturday and Sunday.

Contact: [georginaharford@hotmail.com](mailto:georginaharford@hotmail.com) 07767 746168

**all saints arts**      **concert matinée**

All Saints Church  
Pembroke Road  
Clifton Bristol

**Saturday  
June 3rd  
4pm**

**Lorna Osbon  
violin**

**Matthew Bale  
piano**

Brahms Sonatas for  
violin  
G major & D minor

**retiring collection**      **tea & cake**

**Enjoy sustainable floral designs set to music at two special events.**

**'An English Country Garden' on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June,  
'Summer Flowers and Music' on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023**



Come and enjoy watching **two talented floral designers, Pam Lewis and Lucy Ellis**, at work whilst listening to a selection of live music played on piano and flute in the beautiful church of All Saints, Clifton in Bristol. Then learn how these designers have **embraced sustainability by using locally grown seasonal English blooms and eco-friendly alternatives to traditional foam and mechanics to create their stunning arrangements.**

'An English Country Garden' will be using **flowers grown by community enterprise Elm Tree Farm in Stapleton, Bristol. Elm Tree Farm is part of Bristol-based charity Brandon**, and provides opportunities for adults with learning disabilities and autism to gain work skills and access vocational training. **All the profits from the day will go to Elm Tree Farm to support their work.**

The demonstration will last from 4 pm to 5 pm. After the performance you will have the opportunity to meet the designers and musicians over drinks and nibbles and learn more about Elm Tree Farm. There will also be stalls to browse both before and after the demonstration. If the weather is good, visitors will also be able to explore All Saints' delightful secret garden.

### **Programme**

3.30pm **Doors open** - an opportunity to explore All Saints, Clifton and admire the fascinating John Piper windows and to browse the stalls

4.00pm **'Flowers and music' demonstration** of sustainable floral designs by **Pam Lewis and Lucy Ellis, both NAFAS National Demonstrators**, with music by John Davenport on piano accompanied by friends

The floral designs will showcase locally grown blooms and foliage from Elm Tree Farm, a Bristol-based social enterprise.

5.00pm **Opportunity to meet the artists** - floral designers and musicians - over drinks and nibbles and learn more about sustainable flower arranging and the work of Elm Tree Farm and the Brandon Charitable Foundation.

**Visit the stalls and the secret garden** (weather permitting) and learn about future event



Tickets are available on line at Eventbrite

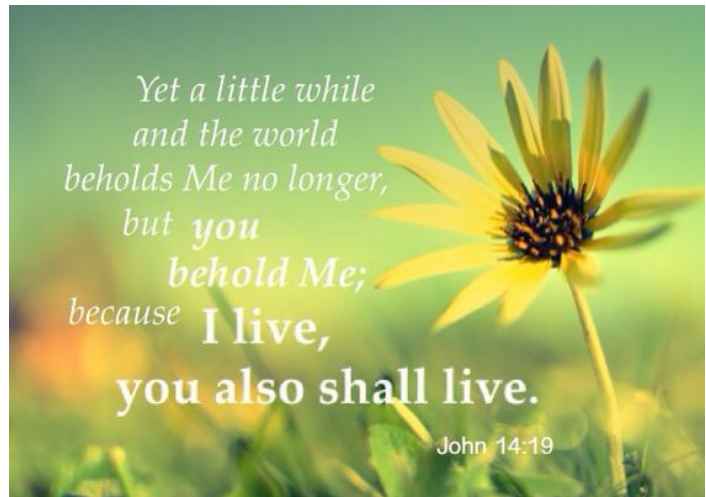
Search [www.eventbrite.com/e/an-english-country-garden](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-english-country-garden)

## 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, Jocelyn and Jack Neal Gordon, Joyce Shepherd, Cynthia Ashford Sarah Bradley Sue Hilliar Steve Cooper Ruth Marson Ryan Lindsey Joanne Cooper Mary Greenacre Jocelyn and Jack Charlotte Essex Hussein Lucas

### **Monday**

**Tuesday.** Diana Verity

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

### **Thursday**

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

### **Saturday**

## The Departed

Malcolm Davis Jeanne Callow Mileno Graca Rory Young  
Ros Hawkins Ron Gale Valerie Donkin Hugh Barron Chris Benton Rene Bloxham.

## Years' Minds - this week we remember

Kenneth Phelan Beryl Hemming Myfanwy Davenport Noelle Butler-Wright

# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 29	Pray for those who suffer from hearing loss and deafness. This can be for many an isolating condition and is often the cause of significant frustration and upset. Pray for those who work to provide help, support and care and those who research the conditions.
Tue 30	<b>Josephine Butler 1906 Joan of Arc 1431</b> Feminist and social reformer. Pray for the prostitutes of Bristol, and those who work in the fields of venereal diseases and Aids.
Wed 31	<b>Mass 10.00am The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</b> Mary visits Elizabeth. Pray for expectant mothers, those who adopt children, those who would love to be mothers more than anything else!. Children who are lost and without family, children unloved.
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Justin, Martyr c.165</b> Justin was an early Christian apologist and teacher, considered to be the foremost interpreter of the “logos” from John’s gospel. (“In the beginning was the Word...”) and its theological development. Pray today for those involved with research into biblical studies and hermeneutics and who work to point others to Jesus as revealed in the gospels.
Fri 2	<b>Mass 10.00am</b> Pray for those who today will visit a church, perhaps for the first time, with a sense of curiosity, a heavy heart or a sincere desire to find God. Pray that they will find welcome and encouragement in their first steps of faith.
Sat 3	<b>Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-1977</b> Pray for the nation of Uganda and for its Anglican Archbishop, Most Revd. Stanley Ntagali. Pray for the links that Bristol diocese has with the church in Uganda, and for Revd. Chris Dobson, who leads their development.
<b>Sunday 4</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>  On this Trinity Sunday, pray for a deeper embrace of the mystery of the Trinity in churches and an outworking of that embrace in terms of the offer of love and grace in local communities.  <b>Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30am</b>

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](mailto:office@allsaintsclifton.org)

