

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

19<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent

## A Week of Trials and Tribulations

I am very aware that over these last weeks and especially this week there has been a great deal of news that has drawn our attention.

We continue to be shocked by the eruption of violence within Palestine and Israel, and the human catastrophe that is Gaza. The judgement of the Supreme Court confirming the illegality of sending asylum seekers to Rwanda has topped the news in recent days. As has the cabinet reshuffle – with departures and returns!

Within all this it is understandable that the meeting of General Synod and the historic decision made on the question of blessings for same-sex couples might have been less noticed.

## Living in Love and Faith (LLF)

It was agreed that stand-alone services of blessing for same-sex couples will go ahead in trial form. The final motion was carried on Wednesday (15 November) afternoon in all three Houses. It was a majority vote, and you'll note the slimness of the margins:

Bishops 23-10  
Clergy 100-93  
Laity 104-100

After Wednesday's debate, the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally, confirmed that the Prayers of Love and Faith (PLF), which had been voted through in February, would be commended by the House of Bishops in mid-December, but it remained unclear exactly when stand-alone services would be available.

Many of us will rejoice at this decision. Yet, at the same time, we acknowledge that for others this will have been a real shock and disappointment. This requires a generosity of spirit. However, this is not the end of the process.

## Future Progress for LLF

The progress of LLF will continue and the agreed motion is to work towards the implementation of the inclusion described in LLF. This will lead to the eventual decisions being made in 2025.

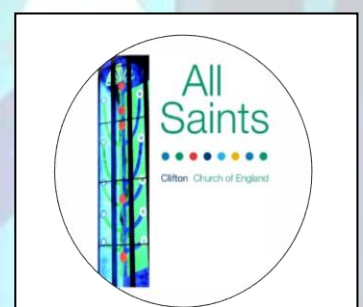
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In 2025 there will be a new membership of General Synod; and by that time elections and debates will have been held across Deanery and Diocesan Synods. The traditional and conservative wings of the church are mobilizing membership to increase the likelihood of a non-inclusive outcome at the end of the process.

## **Church Representation Matters**

I draw your attention to the fact that here at All Saints we have three empty places on Deanery Synod – we are, therefore, not represented at Deanery Synod. Consequently, we are not represented at Diocesan Synod. The three places we do have are ‘given’ by role - the Area Dean and Lay Chair; and also a lay member of General Synod (who is automatically a member of Deanery and Diocesan Synods).

This topic, LLF, is one of many reasons why having voice and representation matters to the future of the church. If anyone would like to offer themselves as a Deanery Synod Representative, please don't hesitate to talk with Fr Charles or Helen Clifton.

## **Most Revd Hosam Naoum calls on the international community to work for a ‘just and lasting’ peace.**



### **Archbishop Hosam's full address to the General Synod**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, I bring you greetings from the name of our Lord Jesus Christ here, from Jerusalem in the City of peace, the city of the empty tomb.

I'm really grateful for Archbishop Justin and for Archbishop Steven, for their gracious invitation to join you, albeit virtually. But I'm also thankful to each and every member of the General Synod, both lay and ordained for welcoming me to be part of your deliberations.

I would like to thank Archbishop Justin for his presidential address and for his word of peace and reconciliation. That continues to be a light to many places around the world, and we know that, during war and during the time where we pursue peace.

Language of reconciliation, trying to speak a word that brings people together can be difficult, and it can be controversial. But I believe that here in the Holy Land we need that language of peace and reconciliation more than ever.

Especially since the 7th of October and the eruption of violence and war in and around Gaza. I would like to ask your prayers to continue to hold both Palestinians and Israelis in your prayers, and as we continue to seek peace in the midst of war.

I urge everyone to continue to work towards a peaceful resolution, a ceasefire for humanitarian corridors, and especially for those civilians - the protection of all civilians, especially in Gaza at this time. We know that violence can be indiscriminate in a sense that civilians or children and women and elderly people are killed in the process, and in the line of fire.

We ask that all people be considerate to what is taking place during these times of war and to be aware that people should not pay the price, especially those who are civilians.

We are always reminded and, especially as we celebrated last weekend, Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday, we are reminded: at the end of the day war will end. And what we will remember is all those who have lost their lives and also we will remember those who have fought for the freedom of people, their own nations around the world.

In a time of war, especially here in the Middle East and in The Holy Land, both Palestinians and Israelis are seeking a better future. But this doesn't mean that violence can be the only way, or even the way in which we strive for peace and reconciliation.

The language of guns and the sounds of bullets were never the way forward where people would live together side by side.

So if we are really concerned about the security for Israelis and the self determination of the Palestinian people for a free and enduring and durable state in the future, we need the efforts of everyone around the world, that we may focus on the day after the war, where peace - a just and lasting one - will be the only way forward for the end of the cycle of violence here in the Holy Land.

Again, as we remember, many places around the world, whether it is Ukraine or Sudan or many other places where there is so much devastation, so much violence, and as we continue to care for the creation, our own mother planet Earth.

I urge each and every one of us, and especially those who are Christians around the world, to continue to care for our world, for our creation, and part of that are human beings whom God has grounded his creation with those and created in God's image.

So as we continue to strive for peace and as we continue to spread the work of reconciliation, even though it falls on deaf ears at this time of war and violence and suffering, now we need to hold to what we believe in, because that is what God has called us for. And as John has recorded, one of the most beautiful verses that Jesus has spoken to his people in John 10.10, "I came that they may have life and have it in abundance." So may the gift of life, light and peace prevail here in the Holy Land here in Jerusalem.

And from Jerusalem to the ends of the Earth, May God bless you all. And I wish you all the best as you continue in your deliberations at your General Synod, that Christ may increase in England and around the world. Amen.

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The Flowers for Remembrance featuring Micheal Bowyer, with soloist Francesca Mills-Smith, readings by Jonathan Frere, OBE and the programme and accompaniment by John Davenport was an outstanding success.

Members of the audience described the event as 'a very moving performance' with 'synergy between the music, poetry and flower arranging'.

The charity chosen for the event was Alabaré who opened their first Bristol home for veterans in July 2019.

This picture shows Michael Bowyer's final design 'The Ultimate Sacrifice' depicting the Crucifixion utilising symbolic colours

## The Julian Trust – Socks



Our socks store is getting a little low – so , we need socks !

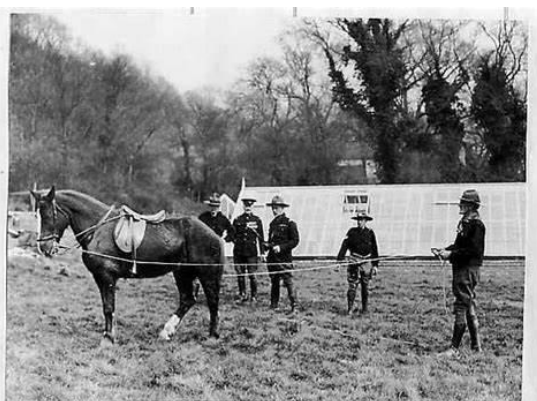
New socks, used socks - mostly for men but women's socks are also acceptable.

If you are able to contribute any socks , please leave them in the Parish Office for collection

## ASC Walk at Shirehampton on Armistice Day



On this rare, crisp autumn day, the ASC walk at Shirehampton visited the Daisy Field. There we found the newly installed Horse, commemorating the 350,000 horses of the WW1 Shirehampton Remount Depot. The Horse is the work of local riders – their horseshoes sculpted by their farrier. We were delighted to find it fully decorated up with recyclable poppies and a poem. It was a great opportunity to share our own WW1 family stories.



**The next walk on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec  
is Terraces and Crescents,  
led by Mary Benton.**

## Remembrance at All Saints 2023



A Requiem Mass will be held at the 10.00am Mass on **Wednesday 22nd November**

Please add the names of anyone that you would like to be remembered during the Requiem services to the lists in the Atrium.

## The Community of the Sisters of the Church

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**CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023**

The Sisters are looking for donations for their Christmas Food and Gift parcels.

This year they are asking for hats, gloves and socks for men and women.

Toiletry sets for men and women and Argos or One4all gift cards for children.



If you are able to help or give a donation towards the Christmas gifts please see the poster in the porch.

All Saints Church Clifton

**Sunday**  
**November 26th**

**3pm**

**Choral Evensong**

for the feast of  
**Christ the King**



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Parish Lunch



Join us in the Randall Room after Mass for  
**Parish Lunch**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November @ 12.30pm**

A delicious home-cooked 3-course meal  
(main, pudding, cheese & biscuits)

Vegetarian/gluten free can be accommodated

Cash Bar

Tickets: £6 each; £12 for a family

On sale in church: from Sunday 5 Nov

Contact Janice: [jhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk)

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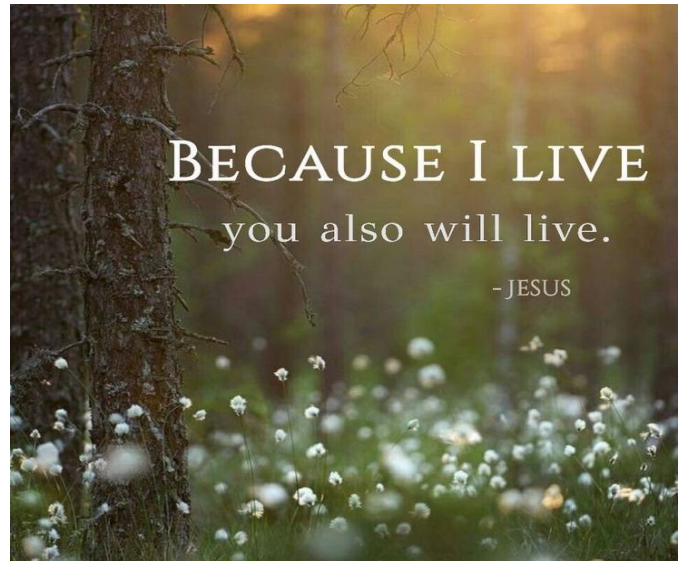
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## Prayers Requests

'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, Joyce Shepherd, Cynthia Ashford Sue Hilliar Mary Greenacre Nadine Benn Lorna Osbon Elisabeth Morgan Andrew Casimir Rev. Melvyn Matthews Sathia Aruliah Ryan Lindsey

### **Monday**

### **Tuesday.**

**Wednesday** , Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, Diana Verity, Samantha Tucker, Hugh Farry Maureen Mumford George Lymeropoulos

### **Thursday**

**Friday** Charlotte Hopkins, Andy & Gina Ford, Caroline Semon, Nicole Kaneza.

### **Saturday**

## The Departed

Ron Gale Valerie Donkin Hugh Barron Chris Benton Helen Campbell  
Chris Chamberlain Rob Dalton Tom Duncan Joanne Wilkins Eileen Davies Len Hughes  
John Morley-Bunker (Pr)

## Years' Minds - this week we remember

Roy Morris Jeremy Winston (Pr) Mike Lindsey Fredrick Anthony Ray Racy Peter Thompson

# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 20	Pray for the organisation of this Diocese, and in particular the work and ministry of our Archdeacons; Neil Warwick and Christopher Bryan. The work of Diocesan House in support of the work and ministry of those who are ordained, licensed and disciples.
Tue 21	Pray for members of the Daily Office Team. Each day at 9am and 5pm the Daily Office is said at ASC, sometimes by one person, sometimes with others from our community, often joined by 'unknown people' who simply walk in and join in. We pray for them all and those who visit this church.
Wed 22	<b>Requiem Mass 10.00 am Cecilia, Martyr of Rome 230</b> Pray that our Church may find ways to effectively respond to the advance of nationalism and secularism.
Thurs 23	<b>Clement Bishop of Rome 100</b> Pray for the worship and work of the Cathedral Church of Peter and Paul here in Clifton, the Bishop (Bp Declan) Dean (Fr Bosco), clergy and staff and all those who worship there. May we increasingly find ways to work together to the benefit of Christ's Church here on earth.
Fri 24	<b>Mass 10.00 am</b> Give thanks for the huge range of gifts and talents that people have. Give thanks for your own gifts and capabilities - do not compare with any other. As Oscar Wilde said "Be yourself, everyone else is already taken".
Sat 25	<b>Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr 4<sup>th</sup> C and Isaac Watts Hymn Writer 1748</b> Pray for Bishop Viv and her ministry in this diocese; may it be a blessed time for her and a time of growth and excitement for the diocese. Pray for the Bishop's Staff Team as they lead this diocese and set out the new strategy.
Sunday 26	<b>Sunday next before Advent Christ The King</b> Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  <b>Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30am Choral evensong 3.00pm</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)

We are committed to safeguarding children, young people, victims of domestic abuse and vulnerable adults.

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