

ALL SAINTS NEWS

28th January 2024
The 4th Sunday of
Epiphany

The Season of Lent

This year Lent Commences on Wednesday 14 February taking us through to Passiontide and Holy Week. With Easter Day being on 31 March. During the Season of Lent there will be:

- ★ Two Lent Programmes
 - Faith Creation and Climate Change
 - Lectio Divina – The Lent Gospel Readings
- ★ Recommended reading
 - Tarry Awhile – the Lent Book for 2024
 - Watch and Pray – the Lent Bible Reading guide for 2024
- ★ Other events – watch this space

First, The Two Programmes:

Lent Conversations 2024

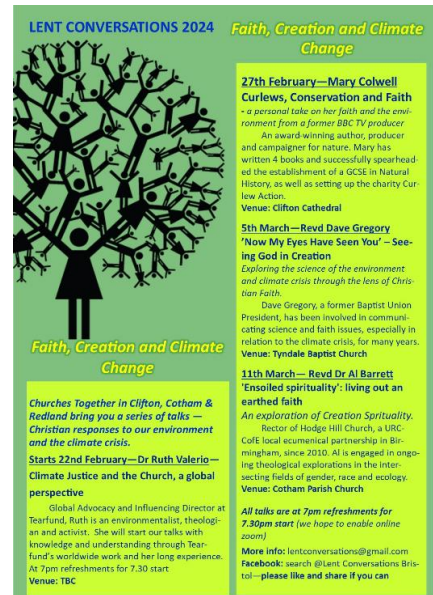
Faith, Creation and Climate Change.

Climate Justice and the Church - Dr Ruth Valerio
All Saints 22 February 7.30pm (refreshments at 7.00pm).

Curlews, Conservation and Faith – Mary Colwell
Clifton Cathedral on 27 February

‘Now My Eyes Have Seen You’; Seeing God in creation – Revd Dave Gregory
Tyndale Baptist Church on 5 March

‘Ensoiled Spirituality’; living out an earthed faith – Revd Dr Al Barrett
Cotham Parish Church on 11 March



LENT CONVERSATIONS 2024 Faith, Creation and Climate Change

27th February—Mary Colwell Curlews, Conservation and Faith
- a personal take on her faith and the environment from former BBC TV producer
An award-winning author, producer and campaigner for nature. Mary has written 4 books and successfully spearheaded the establishment of a GCSE in Natural History, as well as setting up the charity Curlew Action.
Venue: Clifton Cathedral

5th March—Revd Dave Gregory ‘Now My Eyes Have Seen You’ – Seeing God in Creation
Exploring the science of the environment and climate crisis through the lens of Christian Faith.
Dave Gregory, a former Baptist Union President, has been involved in communicating science and faith issues, especially in relation to the climate crisis, for many years.
Venue: Tyndale Baptist Church

11th March— Revd Dr Al Barrett ‘Ensoiled spirituality’: living out an earthed faith
An exploration of Creation Spirituality.
Rector of Hodge Hill Church, a URC-CofE local ecumenical partnership in Birmingham, since 2010. Al is engaged in ongoing theological explorations in the intersecting fields of gender, race and ecology.
Venue: Cotham Parish Church

Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham & Redland bring you a series of talks — Christian responses to our environment and the climate crisis.

Starts 22nd February—Dr Ruth Valerio—Climate Justice and the Church, a global perspective
Global Advocacy and Influencing Director at Tearfund, Ruth is an environmentalist, theologian and activist. She will start our talks with knowledge and understanding through Tearfund's worldwide work and her long experience. At 7pm refreshments for 7.30 start.
Venue: TBC

All talks are at 7pm refreshments for 7.30pm start (we hope to enable online access)
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Scripture and Prayer

The Lent Gospels

Lectio Divina is an intentional and contemplative way of reading scripture. Established within Benedictine monastic practice in the 6th century and providing us with a way to step more deeply into God's word. The term means 'divine reading' and is based in the belief that Christ is present in the Bible and that this way of reading allows God to speak directly to us.



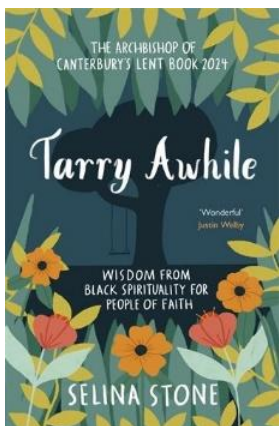
The focus of our attention will be on the Gospel reading of the following Sunday, following the theme set by the lectionary but allowing us to directly hear God's word across this season

Each reading session will last for just over 30 minutes and will take place in the Richard Chapel at 3.00pm on a Wednesday:

21 February; 28 February; 6 March; 13 March

Second, Recommended Reading, the Book and/or the Lenten Guide:

Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith



Tarry Awhile, is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2024.

'Tarry here and watch with me . . .' (Matt 26.38, KJV)

Tarrying is a Black Christian spiritual practice in which believers actively wait to experience the manifestation of God's presence. It answers yes to the question Jesus once asked his disciples: will you tarry here and watch with me? Whether in the vibrancy of music and singing, or in the hushed silence of the congregation, people of all ages anticipate an encounter with God that will transform what they know, feel and experience day to day.

This book makes the wisdom of Black spiritualities and faith available for all people. It focuses on seven themes: darkness as a place of encounter with the divine; the unity of all things; movement, belonging and migration; the Spirit as one who moves in unexpected ways; quiet contemplation as essential to spiritual growth; healing in community; and weeping that turns to joy.

Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith

Selina Stone (2023) SPCK Publishing, The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2024: Foreword by Justin Welby (Available in paperback and Kindle editions)

Watch and Pray: Wisdom and hope for Lent and life

Watch and Pray is the Lent Theme structured to cover the Season of Lent. It is available as a reflection booklet and also via emails or delivered free to your 'smart speaker'. The booklet will be on sale at church (£2.00 a copy) and instructions for digital ways of connecting with this programme.



Watch and Pray invites us all to wait expectantly for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials we all face. It 'challenges us to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning' (++Justin).

This Lent we are encouraged to draw on the wisdom of Black Spirituality, particularly the practice of "tarrying" (waiting) as a community to draw closer to Jesus and to each other.

The booklet for adults offers a daily Bible verse, a short reflection, an idea for 'watching', and a prayer. It invites us to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places this Lent: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning.

Post Christmas Appeal – Julian Trust

Over the extended Christmas Period we have all been exposed to many many appeals from various and very worthwhile charities.

I am not asking for money but your equally valuable time.

For those of you who are not familiar with the work of the Julian Trust I will briefly explain how it works.

The Julian Trust offers on four evenings and nights every week, a hot supper for on an average of 60 – 70 members of the Homeless Society

In addition there are 12 beds for overnights guests. The service also offers showering facilities, change of clothes, washing of clothes, breakfast, closing at 7.30 a.m.

What we need are Volunteers for evenings and overnight services. This is to enable us to open for a 5th night per week (this we did pre Covid).

If you might be interested or know someone who might be interested, please speak to me in the first place.

At Church any of the clergy or wardens will point me out (if you don't know me) OR telephone me.

In these circumstances an 'E' contact would be inappropriate as I would need to talk in depth about the Julian Trust.

Many thanks in anticipation of a positive response.

Vera Sanders

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH CLIFTON BRISTOL

THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 7.30PM

SUNG COMPLINE

A REFLECTIVE CANDLELIT SERVICE FOR

CANDLEMAS EVE

Voice Projection Training

Do you have a role in church that requires you to speak in front of the congregation?

Would you like to learn how to project your voice ?

We have the opportunity to hold some group sessions, if you would like to join in please speak to Adam Chivers - Churchwarden for further details.



The 2024 Parish Retreat

Following last year's very successful Retreat at Llangasty we're delighted to announce that we shall be holding this year's retreat at Llangasty again **from Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May 2024** It will be led by our own Fr Paul Hawkins, and once again promises to be a very special and rewarding few days.

Numbers are limited, so to secure your place, please add your name to the list on the church noticeboard in the Tower and Helen and Liz will be in touch to confirm cost and all other arrangements in the next few weeks.

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

Fr. Neil Kelley 2023 Retreat Leader



Llangasty Retreat House, Llangasty, Brecon, Wales



ASC Walks - everyone, and their dog, welcome.

**Saturday 10th February
Kingsdown**

Mary Benton will take us on a serpentine route along Somerset Street, through Fremantle Square to Kingsdown Parade, and possibly onwards.

Meet outside the Church leave at 10.45 am or, for anyone coming by bus, by the Tyndall Avenue /Woodland Road junction at 11.00-11.10.

Any questions ask: georginaharford@hotmail.com 07767746168

allsaintsarts concert matinee

All Saints Church Pembroke Road Clifton Bristol

Saturday
February 3rd 4pm



Ben Creighton Griffiths
Internationally renowned
Harpist

*Performs a richly varied programme including
Handel Harp Concerto*

To reserve a seat please contact the Church Office
(open Mon- Fri) office@allsaintsclifton.org
Tel: 0117 974 1355

retiring collection

tea and cakes



Are you handy with knitting needles?

The Julian Trust is looking for your help

The Julian Trust are looking for knitters to transform donated wool into hats, gloves and scarves for winter wear.

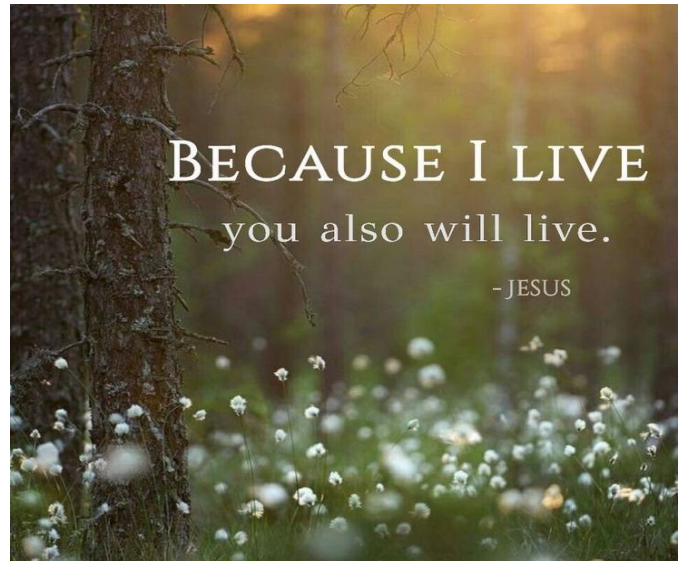
If you are interested in helping, please contact Vera Sanders on 01275 814002 or the Parish office.

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 June Matthews Sathia Aruliah Ryan Lindsey Sister Rosina Jenny Rogers

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

Joanne Wilkins Eileen Davies Len Hughes John Morley-Bunker (Pr)
Erna Sacof Betty Shaw Richard Sleaford Irene Cameron Sheila Cameron (Pr)
Colin Buchanan (Bp) Toby Leathwood

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Kingsley Wood Alan Seager Jack Vile Tony Goodfield Olivia Wilson Barbara Sharpe
Kenneth Clarke (Pr) Helen Weeks Dennis Squires Ann Monro Pat Sterling

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 29	Remember those who are freethinkers; who challenge arbitrary authority, question the status quo, and construct alternatives to engrained behaviours. May they be enabled to do this to the benefit of humankind and creation.
Tue 30	Charles, King and Martyr, 1649 Pray for those whose interests lie predominately in the world of electronics and digital communication. For developers and users of the social media, 'games' and other on-line activities that have transformed the world. May they be enabled to do this to the benefit of humankind and creation.
Wed 31	John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888 The Anglo Catholic movement in the world, 'High Anglicism', the fundamental belief in God Incarnate and the move to act on behalf of 'the God in everyone' .
Thurs 1 Feb	Brigid Abbess of Kildare 525 Pray for the church in Ireland – Roman Catholics, Church of Ireland and all denominations. Pray for the work of the church conducted under the 'Bishops' Appeal' which serves to address issues of health, education, development and emergency response. Candlemas Eve Compline 7.30pm
Fri 2	Mass 10.00am Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) Over the Epiphany Season we have reflected on the 'revelation' of the Word made flesh. We have recognised the visit of the high born and gentile magi, the recognition of Jesus as Messiah at his Baptism, the first miracle at Cana and the start of Jesus' ministry in the Nazareth synagogue. We pray that we see him now, at work in our world.
Sat 3	International Optimist Day. An optimist is more than someone who just believes things will work out, as they are also people who work hard to build a positive future. Science proves that being optimistic is good for your mental and physical health. Five decades of research into the positive mindset has revealed that being an optimist helps you recover from illness faster. Optimists recover from surgery quicker, have higher immunity, have a better quality of life and longer life, and might be more resilient. We pray for those with low optimism.
Sunday 4	2nd Sunday before Lent Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children. 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

Gift Aid forms are available from the office
office@allsaintsclifton.org

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

If you have any Safeguarding concerns please contact :
The Parish Safeguarding Officer - Stephen O'Keefe
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