

ALL SAINTS NEWS

4th February 2024
The 2nd Sunday before
Lent

Professor Dr. Karla Pollmann

Parish Mass Sermon on Sunday 11th February

What good news! Karla Pollmann will be visiting Bristol next weekend and joining us for Parish mass on Sunday 11th February. We will remember her well as an active member of the worshipping community here at All Saints and as the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Professor of Classics. Whilst sad to see her go to Tübingen we were delighted in her appointment.

Next Sunday, she will preach at the 10.30 am Parish Mass. Welcome Karla!

A Reminder of Karla's Biography:



'Professor Dr. Karla Pollmann is currently President of the University of Tübingen (Germany). Before then, she served from 2018 to 2022 as Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts and as Professor of Classics and of Theology at the University of Bristol (GB), where she is now an Honorary Professor. She is also Honorary Professor at the University of Aarhus (Denmark) and at the University of Stellenbosch (South Africa), as well as a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Green College, University of British Columbia (Canada).

Her interdisciplinary research interests focus on the literature and culture of the Early Roman Empire and Early Christianity, as well as the history of their reception. Her important monographs include a commentary on Statius' epic Thebaid Book 12, Augustine's hermeneutics, and the beginnings of early Christian poetry (The Baptized Muse, OUP 2017). She held teaching positions in different European countries, the US and Canada and has supervised and examined over 30 PhD students. She is Co-Editor of the Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum, of the journal and monograph series Millennium as well as of the monograph series Texte und Kommentare and Hypomnemata, and is a member of various academic Advisory Boards nationally and internationally.

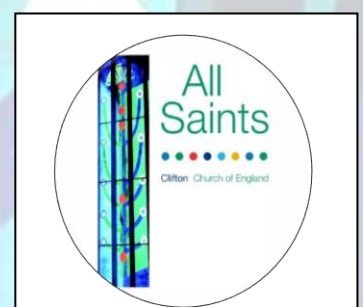
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She is an internationally renowned speaker, and delivered, among others, the Eleventh Augustine Lectures in Malta under the Patronage of the President of the Republic of Malta, the Fourth Fliedner Lectures on Science and Faith in Madrid, the Fourth Dutch Annual Lecture in Patristics at the Dutch Academy of Sciences, and the Winckelmann Lecture at the University of Salzburg. She is a member of the Academia Europaea and a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. She is a leading expert on Augustine of Hippo and world-leading in the study of his reception (Editor-in-Chief of the three-volume Oxford Guide to the Historical Reception of Augustine, OUP 2013). She has held numerous research scholarships and awards, and is recipient of a Humboldt Research Prize (2020) in recognition of her lifetime achievement of internationally leading research. In autumn 2023 she received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Dōshisha, Kyoto, Japan.'

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

Scripture and Prayer

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

The Lent Gospels

LENT CONVERSATIONS 2024

Faith, Creation and Climate Change



Faith, Creation and Climate Change

Churches Together in Cotham, Redland and Clifton with Hotwells, 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 works to bring lasting change on issues that impact the poorest and most vulnerable global communities impacted by environmental change. How can our responses in the UK create change? Ruth will explore these issues to inspire and equip us.

Join us at 7pm for refreshments and 7.30 start.
Venue: All Saints Church, Clifton BS8 3ED

27th February—Mary Colwell

Curlews, Conservation and Faith

Award-winning author, speaker and campaigner Mary shares her personal take on the relationship between faith and the natural world. A former BBC producer, Mary has written four books and successfully spearheaded the establishment of a GCSE in Natural History, as well as setting up the charity Curlew Action.

Venue: Clifton Cathedral BS8 3BX

5th March—Revd Dave Gregory

'Now My Eyes Have Seen You' – Seeing God in Creation

How might the striking nature imagery seem in popular media reawaken people to the Christian view of the world? Using excerpts from his new series of films, former Baptist Union President, meteorologist and Missioner in Science and Environment, Dave will explore how scientific and theological concepts around the themes of wonder, play and communion can create an encounter with God.

Venue: Tyndale Baptist Church BS8 2QG

11th March—Revd Dr Al Barrett

'Ensoiled spirituality': living out an earthed faith

Rector of Hodge Hill Church, a local ecumenical partnership on a multicultural Birmingham estate, Al runs an intergenerational community-building project pursuing racial and environmental justice within and beyond the local church. He writes on theological matters in the intersecting fields of gender, race and ecology and will lead us in an exploration of creation spirituality.

Venue: Cotham Parish Church BS6 6DR

Join us at 7pm refreshments and a 7.30 pm start.
(- Zoom details to follow)

More info: lentconversations@gmail.com

Facebook: search for Lent Conversations Bristol—*please like and share if you can!*

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.



**Clifton
High School**

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

**Wednesday
7th February,
1.00pm
All Saints
Church,
Pembroke
Road**



**Featuring the Year 8 Choir and soloists from
Year 7 to 9**

Open to parents, staff and the public

**For more information, contact Mrs Johnson,
mjohnson@cliftonhigh.co.uk**

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

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.



Could you help in an emergency !

As part of our Health and Safety plans for the church it would be helpful to hold a list of anyone with a current First Aid qualification or with relevant skills who may be able to help in an emergency situation.

If you would like to be included on the list please contact the Parish Office.

Compliant First Aid Boxes are available in the Atrium and Randall Room kitchens, if you have occasion to use these boxes please ensure that an accident form is completed.

Thank you



**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



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.

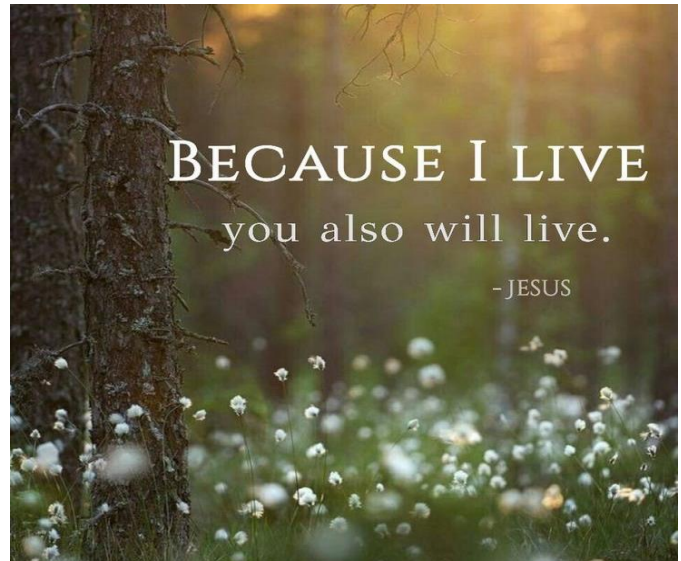
If you are interested in helping, please contact Vera Sanders on 01275 814002 or the Parish office.

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 Rev. Melvyn Matthews Sathia Aruliah Ryan Lindsey Nick Atkinson Sister Rosina Nicholas Parker

Monday

Tuesday.

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

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

Louis Bono Robbie Aitken Ruth Sutton Malcolm Bentley Alison Watson Colin Turnbull
Dick Meredith- Jones (Pr) John Trelawney- Ross John Bounds

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

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| Mon 5 | Give thanks for good neighbours; remember our neighbours and those who live in our immediate community. Pray that we may be good neighbours – keeping an eye of care out for those who live around us. |
| Tue 6 | Martyrs of Japan 1597 Persecuted Christians through world – from the 26 crucified in Japan in 1597, those massacred in India (Orissa) in 2008, those now in Africa and Middle East. |
| Wed 7 | Mass 10.00am We pray for all who work to halt human trafficking and slavery. We pray for those who are trapped in slavery now – in 2019 within the UK there are estimated to be over 10,000 victims. Pray also for the work of and members of Deanery Synod |
| Thurs 8 | Pray for the work of the Llangasty Retreat House and all who use this wonderful place in such a splendid location. Remember in our prayers all Retreat Houses and places that offer space for people to reflect and renew. |
| Fri 9 | Mass 10.00am Pray for dentists and dental hygienists; our university school of Oral and Dental Science - staff and students. Our dentists and those suffering from oral/dental disease and pain. |
| Sat 10 | Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543 Scholastica is traditionally regarded as the founder of the Benedictine nuns. |
| Sunday 11 | Sunday Next before Lent Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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
stephen.c.okeefe@gmail.com and Caroline Davenport
c2davbristol@hotmail.com