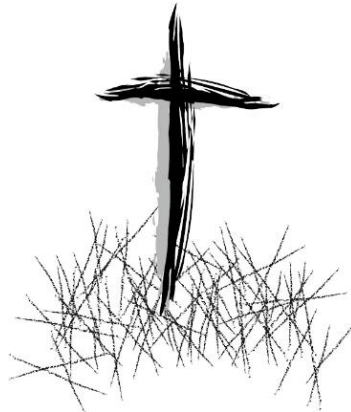


ALL SAINTS NEWS

11th February 2024
Sunday Next before Lent

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 31st March.



During the Season of Lent there are a variety of ways on offer in which you can prayerfully and thoughtfully engage with the season. Full details are available on the All Saints Website – do look for ‘Lent and Easter at All Saints 2024’ or click directly through from the home page.

In summary the key programmes and activities are:

- ★ 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

There are, of course, other Lenten readings and books available. Please don't hesitate to ask if you would like further information.

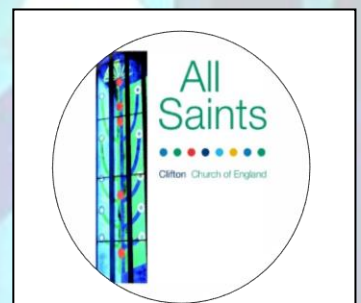
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Professor Dr. Karla Pollmann Parish Mass Sermon on Sunday 11th February



What good news! Karla Pollmann will be visiting Bristol this 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.

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

The Parish Conference 2023

Following the Parish Conference at the close of last year, the summary of strengths and suggested actions have been published for reflection. At the PCC Meeting this week (Tuesday 12 February) we will be looking at the overall actions and foci that will help shape what we do over 2024 and 2025.

Following the meeting, this information will be available for all to read and consider. Copies may be obtained from the office in paper form or sent digitally to anyone who would like to look through in detail. A copy will also be available in the Atrium.

For Information: PCC Minutes are available for inspection in the Parish Office or within the PCC section of the All Saints Website. The 2023 Minutes will be published on the website this month and from this point onwards from the point at which they have been presented and approved by PCC.



SOLEMN MASS & ASHING

Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm

.....we enter the season of Lent with a solemn celebration of penitence and renewal.

Thomas Bray, Priest (1656 – 1730) Founder of the SPCK and USPG

As you are aware we are a parish that actively supports the work of the SPCK in prayer, reflection and through gifts. Fr Paul Hawkins is also the SPCK Diocesan Representative. February 15 (Bray Day) is the Commemoration of Thomas Bray, Founder of the SPCK.

SPCK Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge

USPG United Society Partners in the Gospel



Thomas Bray: Born seven years after the execution of Charles I and in his early thirties when the ‘bloodless revolution’ saw William and Mary displace James II, Thomas Bray, like his contemporaries, was accustomed to a world in which the very foundations of society were shaken on a regular basis. Yet, in an age when monarchs seemed so transitory, in just a few years Thomas Bray had founded two closely linked societies – SPCK and SPG (now USPG) – that have had a profound impact ‘SPCK and globally and continue to thrive, over 300 years later.

A man of humble origins, the Revd Dr Thomas Bray (1656–1730) clearly had an unusual genius for envisioning and drafting practical schemes to realize his ambitious and far-reaching plans. Beneath this organizational creativity was a deep commitment to the importance of education and, of course, books: their writing and publication; their use in teaching, especially in the schooling of the young; and in making them widely accessible through libraries.

Pre-industrial England of the late seventeenth century, with its five-and-a-half million inhabitants, looked out confidently to the world. And it wasn’t long before Bray’s gifts and his profound desire to deepen understanding of the gospel and promote the common good were enlisted to invigorate life in the colonies, Maryland in particular. Scathing of the English for benefiting from their colonial adventures without ‘giving back’, in just three years Bray had recruited a significant number of clergy and built the capacity of the Church through endowment and investment in schools and libraries.

This prodigious drive and energy led to the creation of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge in 1698. In the first year, Bray's core team met on 60 occasions and a huge investment in schools and education across the British Isles followed. In just five years, 84 schools had been founded and, by 1721, this number had grown to 1,784, including 148 in Ireland. Three years after the birth of SPCK came a sibling, a second 'Society', that for the 'Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts'.

Bray was an unusually practical man of action. He was also deeply committed to a reasoned and undogmatic Christianity. In an uncertain and polarized age of profound political and religious differences, he coaxed High and Low, Tory and Whig within the Church of England to assist him in his cause.

With his practical emphasis on building up the capacity of the Church, especially through education, Bray imbued 'his' societies with a certain spirit – a deep respect for reason and an attentiveness to the needs of the age. Both publishing and Christian mission are profoundly strengthened by these spiritual disciplines. They have shaped the historic commitment within both societies to setting up schools, and they continue to shape their current commitments to education. They account for their longevity and fruitfulness – as indeed does the sense of sincere fellowship, mutuality and connection between Bray's twin overlapping bequests to the world – USPG and its older sister, SPCK.

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

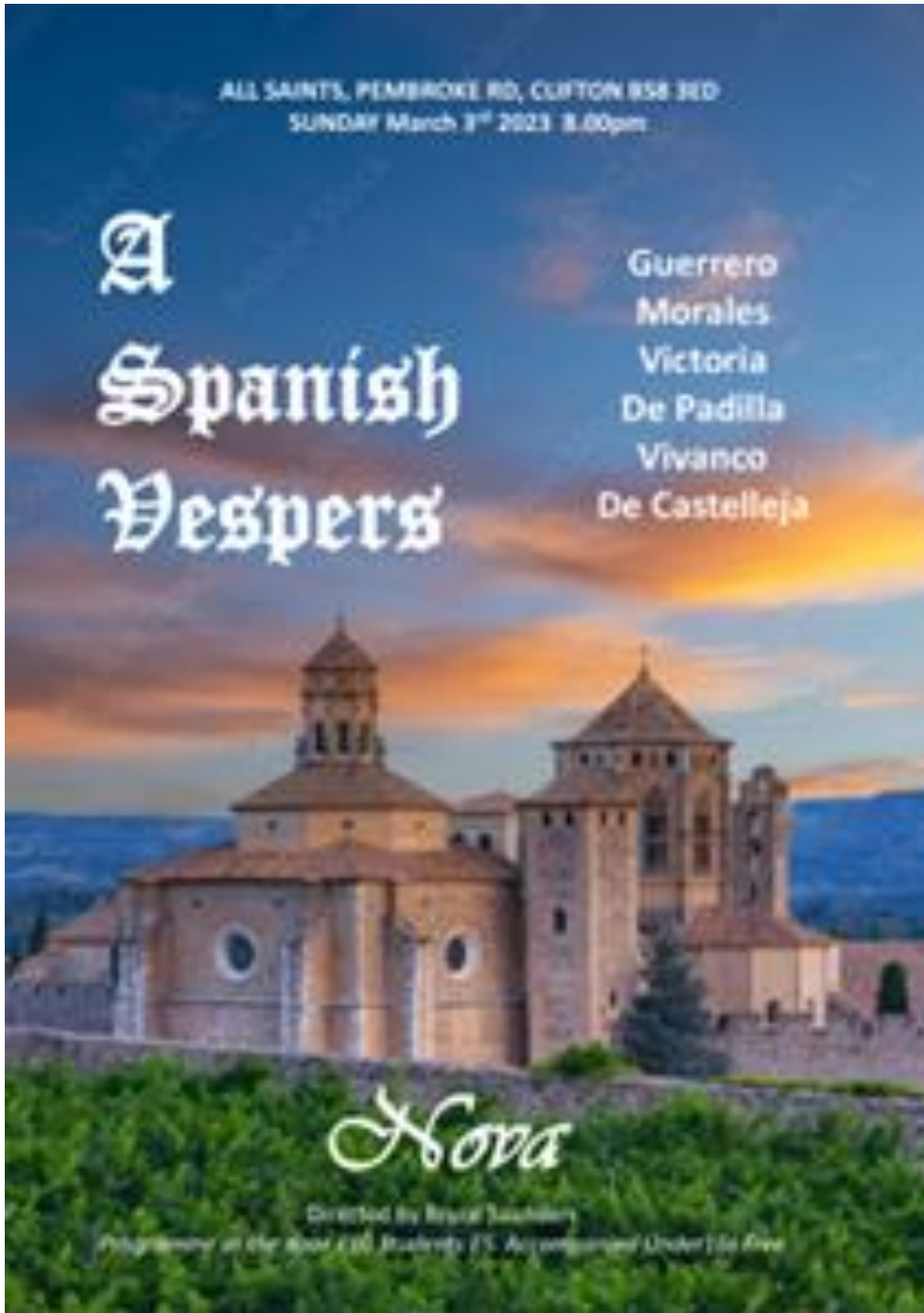


Llangasty Retreat House, Llangasty, Brecon, Wales

ALL SAINTS, PEMBROKE RD, CUFTON BS8 3ED
SUNDAY March 3rd 2023 8.00pm

A Spanish Vespers

Guerrero
Morales
Victoria
De Padilla
Vivanco
De Castelleja



Nova

Directed by Royal Academy

Programme at the cost of £10. Adults £5. Accompanied Under 16 Free



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.

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

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.

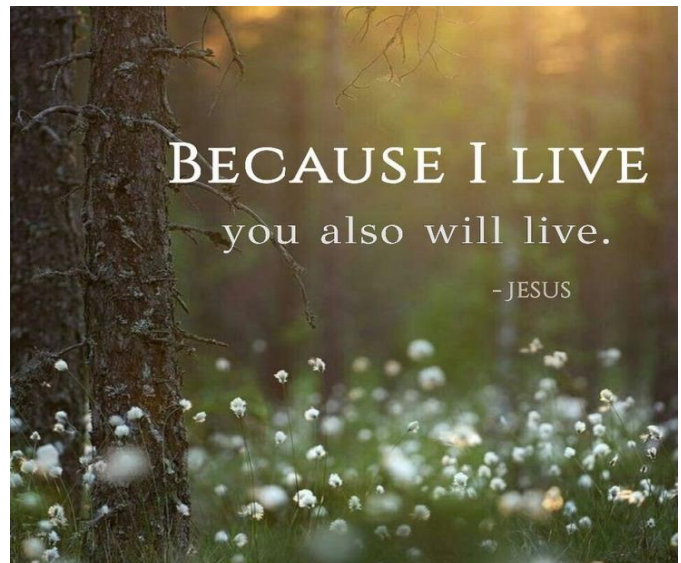


Prayers Requests

'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 Steve Cooper Jenny Rogers Sister Rosina Nicholas Parker

Monday

Tuesday.

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

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 Eric Dee Lloyd-Davis Nick Atkinson

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Patricia Spry Rani Kingman Mary Andrews Constance Kemp
Mike Saunders Jill Masefield

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 12	Pray that we may show acts of kindness in our lives. Remember that there are those who provide random act of kindness to/for others. May we take the opportunity to be kind today.
Tue 13	Pray for those working in the field of electronics. Remembering Thomas Edison pushing aside the veil of darkness to reveal modern electronics. Impact of media channels – TV and radio – for positive effect.
Wed 14	Mass 10.00am Ash Wednesday Mass 7.30am Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness;
Thurs 15	Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden Those who live alone – by choice or through circumstance. Especially those who would wish to share their lives with others.
Fri 16	Mass 10.00am Cardiac diseases are some of the leading causes of death around the world, and understanding the signs and symptoms of heart disease can be a big challenge. For those who suffer from heart disease, cardiac rehabilitation improves health and physical performance for those at risk. Pray for those who suffer from heart disease and for those who provide health care and engage in research.
Sat 17	Janani, Archbishop of Uganda Martyr 1977 Pray for Revd Jane Too-dera and the Bishop Janani Luwum Theological College. Pray for the church in Africa. Pray for understanding and agreement on questions of human sexuality and marriage. Pray for the Episcopal Church in the USA.
Sunday 18	The First Sunday of Lent Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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