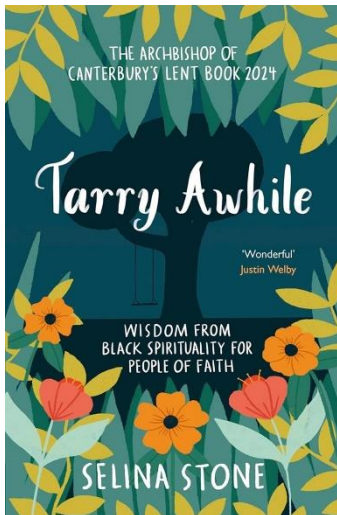


ALL SAINTS NEWS

18th February 2024
1st Sunday of Lent

‘Tarry Awhile’: A Review

TARRY AWHILE by Selina Stone, the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book, is one of the most profound and beautifully written Lent books that I have ever read. The overarching theme is given in the subtitle *Wisdom from Black spirituality for people of faith*. Dr Stone has penetrating, wise insights for all Christian traditions from her being embedded in Black Pentecostal worship and spirituality, a deep academic and inclusive understanding of scripture, and great experience of community development among the poor and excluded.



To “tarry”, a word taken from the Authorised Version, means to linger in expectation, to abide. It is a Black Pentecostal spiritual discipline to give time to wait on and with God, concern for those in need, and a spiritual care of oneself.

This book would be excellent, if one just wanted to read on one’s own. But also, because Stone has divided it into seven main themes, it would work well for a Lent study group. Sadly, even some good Lent books have questions for discussion which are singularly banal, but her questions for reflection are challenging and compelling. The themes begin with an exploration of “Darkness”. Stone opens up the scriptural ambiguities of light and dark, as well as white and black.

The next theme, “One”, calls for a holistic reconciling all things and an escape from “either/or” thinking. “Movement” imaginatively uses Abraham as a model for belonging in hostile environments.

The fourth theme of “Spirit” shares the Charismatic and Pentecostal insight of Spirit as a force for holy disruption, leading to the Spirit of justice. “Quiet” is a key theme discussing how in embracing quiet, out of the silence, one can find God and oneself. The “Healing” theme uses the story of the woman with the haemorrhage to show that healing is not just about individual suffering, but about shared pain and about community, healing together. From this, Stone offers brilliant insights into the HIV/AIDS experiences in the UK and Africa.

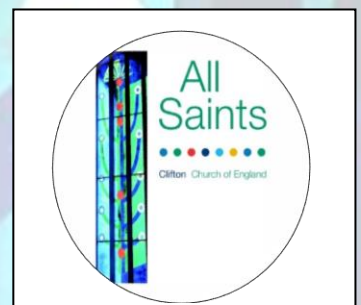
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I found that the theme about “Weeping” was one of the most powerful in the book. Stone writes: “Disappointment is often the source of our grief and our weeping in this life.” Deeply, she opens up this insight and helps with how to cope with disappointment, by using the contrasting biblical models of Judas, Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Jesus. On this “Weeping” theme, one of the most beautiful passages is on tarrying with Mary, Mother of the Crucified. After her own mother’s death, Stone, terribly grieving, took a break in Rome. Entering a church, she saw a painting of Mary holding the dead, crucified Jesus. Then she had the unforgettable experience of feeling Mary holding her. Abide with me; tarry awhile.

The Ven. Dr Lyle Dennen is a former Archdeacon of Hackney, in London



The Season of Lent

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

The key programmes and activities are:

★ **Lent Programme: Faith Creation and Climate Change**

- Climate Justice and the Church – Dr Ruth Valerio. All Saints on 22 February 7.30pm (refreshments at 7.00pm).
- Curlews, Conservation and Faith – Mary Colwell. Clifton Cathedral on 27 February 7.30pm (refreshments at 7.00pm).
- ‘Now My Eyes Have Seen You’; Seeing God in creation – Revd Dave Gregory. Tyndale Baptist Church on 5 March 7.30pm (refreshments at 7.00pm).
- ‘Ensoiled Spirituality’; living out an earthed faith – Revd Dr Al Barrett. Cotham Parish Church on 11 March 7.30pm (refreshments at 7.00pm).

★ **Lent Reflection: weekly Lectio Divina on the Lent Gospel Readings**

- 21 February; 28 February; 6 March; 13 March all at 3.00pm in the Richard Chapel

★ **Recommended reading**

- Tarry Awhile – the Lent Book for 2024
- Watch and Pray – the Lent Bible Reading guide for 2024

★ **Evening Lenten Said Mass**

- 20 February, 29 February, 7 March, 19 March all at 7.00pm in Richard Chapel

★ **Additional Acts of Worship and Reflection** As in previous years we enter Passiontide with:

- 14 March Thursday Stations of the Cross, in Atrium (**NB** 6.00pm)
- 17 March Sunday Music and Readings for Passiontide (**NB** 6.00pm)

Flower Gifts at Easter



Easter is the holiest day of the Christian calendar, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. At Easter flowers are frequently used in abundance to express the joy and triumph of the holiday. And are all the more striking following the season of Lent when flowers have not been used inside church.

Several flowers are traditionally associated with Easter, having acquired symbolic meaning over the years.

Easter lilies: Easter lilies, with their large white trumpet-shaped blooms and lovely fragrance, are the most well-known flower used at Easter. There are many meanings associated with this flower: for example, the white hue represents Jesus's purity, and the shape of the trumpet recalls the trumpet of the angel Gabriel. Also, the flower grows from a bulb buried in the ground, which is considered symbolic of Christ's resurrection.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers and Lilies then please use the envelopes available and give to a Churchwarden.

Flowers in Lent

During the long period of Lent, preceding the Easter celebrations, we observe a time of reflection and fasting and most churches avoid using flowers within the church as this reflects the solemnity of the season. We will continue to have a small arrangement within the Tower, and not in church, as part of the welcome to all visitors and users of our rental spaces. It is also an opportunity to appreciate the gift that our flower team give us throughout the year with their creative work which connects with the seasons and liturgy.

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



Sparkling for Easter

Each week a very large number of people come through All Saints, both the church and all our other spaces. We are always open to worshippers and visitors, and we host a wide variety of events. All this is very much part of our tradition and our missional focus.

This great level of welcome has an impact on cleaning and condition – it's a tough task, staying on top of the demand!

Traditionally, prior to Easter, we have a cleaning day when people volunteer to give some time and participate in 'cleaning activities' (and drink coffee, eat cake and engage in everyday chit-chat).

This year the Cleaning Day will be: **Saturday 16th March between 10.00am and 12 noon.**

There are loads of opportunities:

- ★ Join the silver team in the Sacristy
- ★ Vacuum with purpose – Atrium, Church, Richard Chapel
- ★ Wipe down pews, railings and other items
- ★ Polish glass and de-web windows
- ★ Waxless Sanctuary floor (old credit card is very useful!)

The more the merrier and the more efficient the outcome.

Please feel free to sign-up on the list under the Tower if you're able to give some time for this activity.

Many Thanks one and all!!



Bristol Friends of WNO warmly invite you to a talk at The Apostle Room , Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 21st February: 6.45 for 7.15 start

An Evening with Kate Baylis

Kate Baylis, Director of Artistic Administration at WNO, discusses the challenges of her role in conversation with Andrew Borkowski and chooses some of her favourite music. (postponed from November)

Easy parking, bar, Friends £8, Visitors £10

Further information from Melanie David,

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All Saints



Clifton Church of England



Parish Lunch



Join us in the Randall Room after Mass for
Mothering Sunday Parish Lunch

Sunday 10th March @ 12.30pm

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

Vegetarian/gluten free can be accommodated if requested in advance

Cash Bar

Tickets: £6 each

On sale in church from Sunday 18th February

Contact Janice: rjhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk

OR

All Saints Parish Office
0117 974 1355; www.allsaintsclifton.org





allsaintsarts concert matinée
All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

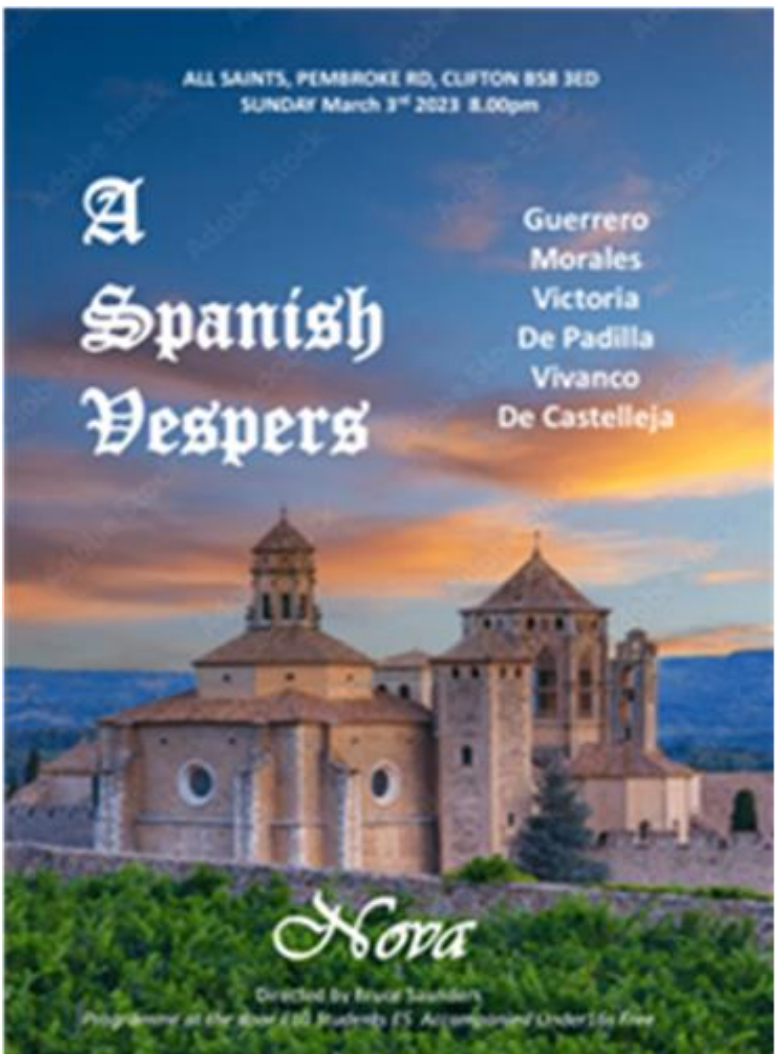
**Saturday
March 2nd
4pm**

Allan Schiller & John Humphreys

Piano Duets

- Mozart Sonata in B flat
- Schubert Fantasie in F Minor
- Ireland 'Mi Dun'
- Poulenc Sonata
- Brahms Hungarian Dances

retiring collection tea & cakes



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

**A
Spanish
Vespers**

Guerrero
Morales
Victoria
De Padilla
Vivanco
De Castelleja

Nova

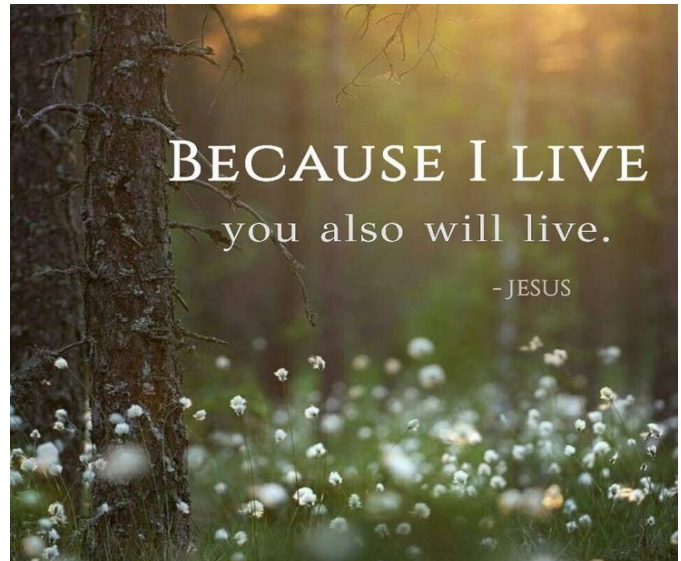
Directed by Bruce Sawhden
Programme at the Royal College of Music £5. Accompanied Under 16s Free

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 Mario Toffolo

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Bernice McCabe Camilla Laszlo

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 18	Pray for those who are on the outside of society. Physical, mental and/or emotional reasons cause people to be cut-off from society (or 'shut-in'). Pray for them and those who visit to make a difference.
Tue 19	Give thanks for the joy and care of domestic animals, in particular house pets. Giving thanks for the friendship they bring to the lonely and help to the needy.
Wed 20	Mass 10.00am Pray for a world that has no need of weapons of mass destruction (nuclear, chemical, biological or radiological). Praying for those who campaign against their existence/use, for those who suffer because of their use (Syria) and for those who have responsibility for them
Thurs 21	Pray for astronomers – academic and amateur, observational and theoretical. Those who work to develop our knowledge beyond our earth, to help us understand creation and time. Pray for those who work on the land, especially arable farmers and cultivators of spices and herbs, that are used for culinary or health practices. Pray for those who use or work with plants to the good effect of humankind. Giving thanks for the richness of creation
Fri 22	Mass 10.00am Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna 155 Born in about 69, disciple of John the Apostle (probably) and knew those who had known Jesus. Pray that we may know Jesus in Scripture and through the Holy Spirit, and that we may find Him in the Eucharist (as did Polycarp).
Sat 23	Fairtrade, as a charity organization, encourages people to donate on this day and help raise awareness of the injustices of the trade system. Try to purchase ethically produced food and pray for an increasingly just world.
Sunday 24	The Second Sunday of Lent Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; 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