

ALL SAINTS NEWS

3rd March 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent

Being a Local Church

Previously, we have talked about the importance of parish churches recognising their importance as, what is often termed as, 'anchor institutions'. In this sense worshipping communities and local communities work together to envisage connected and different ways of providing support and direction. This is a way forward that embraces the continuation of the sacred, prayerful and worshipful purpose whilst at the same time actively engaging with the local and wider community.

At All Saints we see this in a number of ways and we can see the evidence in the wide variety of organisations that use these buildings and with whom we have strong relationships.

One, in particular, is the Clifton Down Community Association.

Clifton Down Community Association and All Saints Clifton

A Welcome to Clifton Down! Greeting from the Chairperson for CDCA

Posh, leafy, full of students. That is probably the wider image of Clifton Down.

Whilst there is an element of truth here, as those of us who live here know, the reality is somewhat more complicated than that.

We really do live in a very diverse community with older and long-established residents who have been around for years, young professionals starting out as well as of course students. There are people living here from all corners of the globe too. And whilst many do live in very pleasant houses or flats, others are in poor quality rented flats or in crowded into houses in multiple occupation.

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Clifton Down Community Association aims to bring all these groups together and to try to make sure we can all enjoy living in this neighbourhood. We hold summer street parties, student welcome events, wildlife walks and organize monthly litter picks. We have “adopted” Clifton Down railway station and are currently developing a mini allotment scheme (if anyone is interested in this then get in touch!)

We have really appreciated working with All Saints Church over the last few years and thank Charles, Helen and others for this which we hope will continue in the future.

Do contact us via the email below to join our mailing list in order to be kept up-to-date with local events and activities. We also have a Facebook Group which you are also very welcome to join.

Working together, we can make Clifton Down an even more pleasant place to live!

David Jepson, Chair CDCA

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Three Focused CDCA Activities

The Wildlife Walks

We in Clifton Down may live in a densely populated urban area, but not so far away are a wide variety of open spaces, landscapes and wildlife. Many people live in flats or bedsits with limited access to open space. The pandemic especially underlined how important it is to get outdoors not just for health and interest but for general well-being.



So over the last couple of years CDCA has organized a series of wildlife walks with local expert Steve England who has a unique talent and enthusiasm in bringing landscapes to life. Steve has had us lighting fires with a flint, foraging for wild sea beats, spotting a wide range of bird life, explained the evolution of landscapes and even showed us a photo of a gigantic cod fish caught in the Bristol Channel (but sadly not on our walk!)

In part funded by the Community Rail Partnership we have travelled by train to Severn Beach which is a leading international location for migrating birds, to Backwell Lake where we enjoyed a pleasant and interesting walk around the water before a pub lunch, to Lamplighters Nature Reserve where the flat and metalled path allows even those with mobility problems to take part as well as walking up the Trym Valley from Sea Mills railway station.

The number of people joining us varies between 8 and more than 30. Has included older people, families with children, students and people from a wide range of backgrounds reflecting our diverse community. So the walks have an added benefit of helping to bring the community together.

Our walks are open to anyone who lives in the Clifton Down area and even beyond if numbers permit, so do join us!

The Litter Picks

Whilst the fox population does enjoy the fast-food containers that sometimes litter our streets (along with a lot of other packaging and rubbish) most of us do not. It looks unpleasant, can be a health hazard and a danger for those with walking problems.



The City Council / Bristol Waste Street cleaners do their best but have limited and declining resources, so CDCA runs a litter pick on the first Sunday of every month to help out. Equipped with grabbers, bags and other needed tools we take to the streets and clean up the area. Takeaway cartons, drink bottles and cans, plastic food containers are just some of the more commonly found items that need to be removed. The bags of collected litter are then taken away by Bristol Waste for disposal or recycling. Leaving Clifton Down looking just a little better!

We can always use an extra hand so do join us !

The Mini-Allotment Project



Following the successful adoption of Clifton Down Station which, apart from the Wildlife Walks, also has our Gardening Crew looking after the planters on the station platforms, we have embarked on an ambitious project to turn the unused car park behind Clifton Down Shopping Centre into a thriving Mini-Allotment site.

The Mini-Allotment will give between 11-44 people the opportunity to grow some of their own food close to their homes as well as giving everyone entering the Shopping Centre from Alma Vale Road a well-being boost seeing the site instead of an expanse of tarmac.

We are looking for sponsors – both corporate and individuals, and we will be launching a crowd funding site soon.

Each planter will measure 5.5m x 1m x 60cm. Plot holders will be able to apply for up to 4 planters. Water will be available on site via a dipping tank.

CDCA Coming Events

- ★ **Sunday 3rd March, CDCA Litter Picking**
Meet at 10:30am on the corner of St Johns and Chantry Roads
- ★ **Tuesday 5th March CDCA AGM,**
7pm (with drinks and nibbles from 6:30pm) All Saints Church, Pembroke Road
- ★ **Saturday 6th April, Wildlife Walk to Severn beach with Steve England**
Email cliftdownca@gmail.com to reserve a space



Friends Together

@ All Saints, Clifton

A Dementia accessible café – for all.
Support, guidance, information and friendship.
Tea, coffee and home-made cake included.

When? 1st Thursday of **every** month

Time? 10.00am-12.00pm

Where? The Randall Room, All Saints Church

Join us for...

- Reminiscence activities
- Support, guidance, and information
- Tea, coffee, cake
- Fun, laughter – and friendship!



Café Dates 2024

ALWAYS THE 1st THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

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| • THURSDAY 4 th January | • THURSDAY 4 th July |
| • THURSDAY 1 st February | • THURSDAY 1 st August |
| • THURSDAY 7 th March | • THURSDAY 5 th September |
| • THURSDAY 4 th April | • THURSDAY 3 rd October |
| • THURSDAY 2 nd May | • THURSDAY 7 th November |
| • THURSDAY 6 th June | • THURSDAY 5 th December |



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For further information, please call All Saints Parish Office
on 0117 974 1355 or see the website for latest updates.

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The next meeting of

Friends Together

will be held on

Thursday 7th March

at 10.00am

APCM and revising the Electoral Roll

The APCM will be held on Sunday 28th of April 2024
in the Randall Room.

A revision of the Electoral Roll is taking place in 2024.
Notice is given and Applications invited from
Sunday 10th of March 2024.

If you wish to be included on the Electoral Roll please complete an application form and return
it to the Parish Office.

All changes must be completed by Thursday 28th of March at 10.00am. The revised Roll will be
available for inspection from Sunday 7th of April for 14 days.



April
Roll revised



April
APCM

Sparkling for Easter

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!!



The poster for All Saints Parish Lunch features a central title 'Parish Lunch' in green. Above it is the church logo 'All Saints Clifton Church of England' with a row of colored dots. To the right are icons of a teapot and a crockery set. Below the title are three images: a wooden cheese board, a group of hands holding plates of food, and a plate of salad. The text below the images reads: 'Join us in the Randall Room after Mass for Mothering Sunday Parish Lunch Sunday 10th March @ 12.30pm'. It describes the meal as a 'delicious home-cooked 3-course meal (main, pudding, cheese & biscuits)' and notes that 'Vegetarian/gluten free can be accommodated if requested in advance'. It also mentions a 'Cash Bar', 'Tickets: £6 each', and that tickets are 'On sale in church from Sunday 18th February'. Contact information for Janice is provided as rjhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk. The bottom of the poster includes 'OR All Saints Parish Office 0117 974 1355; www.allsaintsclifton.org'.

All Saints
Clifton Church of England

Parish Lunch

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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

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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

- ‘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

- 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

- 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

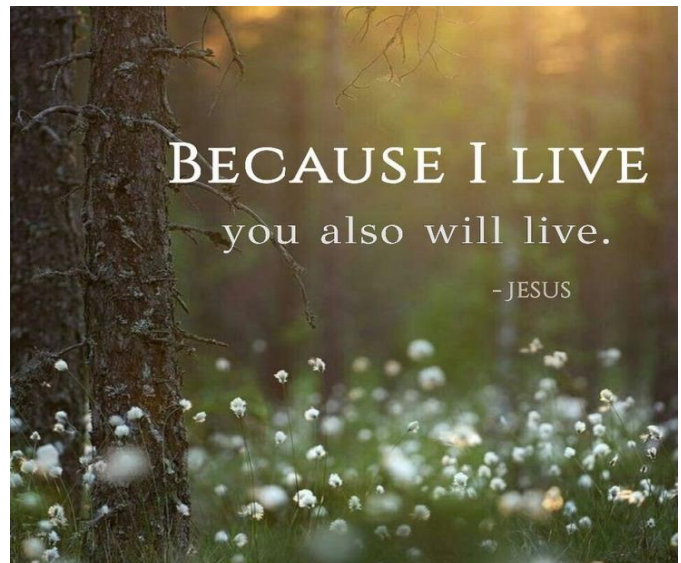
If you would like to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers and Lilies then please use the envelopes available and give to a Churchwarden.

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 Elisabeth Morgan Sathia Aruliah Ryan Lindsey Steve Cooper Jenny Rogers Sister Rosina Nicholas Parker Leonie Benn

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 Irene Cameron Toby Leathwood Eric Dee Lloyd-Davis
Nick Atkinson Mario Toffolo

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Jeanne Callow Neil Monro Frank Plaice Margaret Ostler Katherine Charnley
Christopher Baker Philip Bird Nina Florence Thorp

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 4	Pray for the Brownies who meet in the Randall Room. Pray for the Scouting Movement. Brownies, Guides, Scouts, Rangers – members, volunteers, organizations. Those who work to enable young people to play constructive roles in society.
Tue 5	Pray for the work and ministry of the Sisters of the Church – both globally and here in Bristol. Pray for the 'Loaves and Fishes' Project, the volunteers and the clients.
Wed 6	Mass 10.00am Pray for all who work as Domestic Engineers, in particular plumbers. Remember in prayer older people who live in fear of things going wrong in their houses, and who fear the visit of a stranger to put things right.
Thurs 7	Perpetua , Felicity and Companions 203 Pray for those who are willing to give their lives for what they believe, for Christian martyrs (especially women) in our world now. Pray for all Christians who are equal in the sight of God (high born Perpetua was martyred with slaves) Pray for the Brothers of the Society of St Francis and the Sisters of the Community of St Francis in the Anglican Community
Fri 8	Mass 10.00am Edward King Bp of Lincoln 1910 (Studdert Kennedy 1883) Pray for the work of Cuddesdon Theological College, and the continuing impact of Catholic Renewal in the CofE. (Edward King) Give thanks for the legacy of Studdart Kennedy (WW1 Padre on Western Front, who won an MC for working with the wounded) and was engaged with Christian Socialism and Pacifism.
Sat 9	Pray for all engaged in the tobacco industry. But especially those who work to help people break the habit, those working and researching for better health, smokers and those who are trying to give up.
Sunday 10	4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal 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 :
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