

ALL SAINTS NEWS

10th March 2024
4th Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

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Mothering Sunday Reflection (Exodus 2:1-19 and Matthew 23:1-39)

We are aware that for some of us Mothering Sunday is a day of celebration, while for others of us it is a very difficult day. So, while some of us who are mothers, and have mothers with us, can look forward to a good day; those of us whose mother has died, is otherwise absent, and those who are not mothers, not necessarily by choice, may wish the day over.

Typically, the Biblical stories used in churches are of motherhood; of the birth story of Moses, and how a family, in a dangerous situation use their intelligence to ensure that a beloved son is kept safe and well and in touch with his birth family. How his mother is willing to take a big risk, we don't know what happened to the other baby boys at this time, how many were slaughtered and whose parents never got over the trauma, how many were set adrift, but were never found, whose parents lived with the guilt. This son was saved, as was his brother Aaron, and they both, with sister Miriam, have played a large part in history.

The story of a mother setting her son adrift is often contrasted with Jesus in Luke's gospel, he is lamenting over Jerusalem, and how hostile it is to anyone who do good and to those who suffer; yet the establishment does nothing about any of this. Jesus likens his ministry to a mother hen gathering her chicks, to keep them safe, warm, nourished and out of danger from predators. This creates a sense of Jesus as a beacon of light bringing people together, to bring them to a safe place, where all is seen and all are loved, healed physically, mentally and spiritually, without fear or favour. Yet, instead, the rulers make him a target, because he upsets people, doesn't play their game, shows them up for what they are, and lifts up those who are demonized, blamed, poor, outcast.

In a toxic human world, where we seem so far from a heavenly realm, we see many 'rulers' demonizing and blaming those who have a different world view to themselves. Those who speak up for the poor, the marginalised, those who are disadvantaged for no reason apart from another's prejudice, are put down, ridiculed and, in some cases killed. We look to Jesus in Jerusalem and long to be gathered to the mother hen, nurtured and cared for, until we are brave enough to step back into the world to resume seeking to gather all who are lost, who need care and compassion.

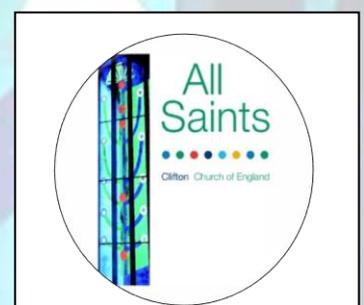
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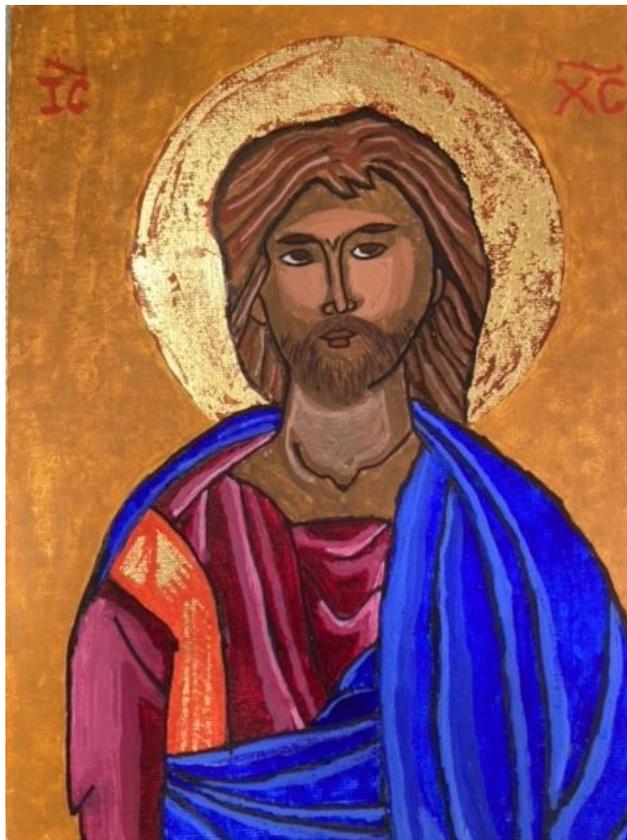


There will always be people who do not understand how human love and care, risk-taking and bravery are more valuable than money, status and power. But today, of all days, we remember what a 'mothering instinct' can be like, how it can allow us to be ourselves, to grow and learn in security, and to be enabled to go into the world with confidence, knowing that there is always a safe haven in Jesus Christ when our wellbeing requires a recharge.

Mothering is an interesting concept, today we remind ourselves that it speaks to each one of us.

Lent Retreats and Pilgrimages

One of the activities that is often included within the preparation for Easter and during the Season of Lent is that of taking a Retreat. This year members of the congregation have embarked on retreats to Glasshampton Friary, Mucknell Abbey and Sheldon Retreat Centre, as well as taking time for Prayerful Pilgrimage.



One such retreat has included the opportunity to explore the techniques of Icon Writing. This was attended by Susan Glew who created this magnificent icon whilst at a workshop at the Sheldon Retreat Centre in Devon. Thank you, Susan, for sharing this with us all.

In the Orthodox tradition icons are said to be written not painted and are more a form of prayer than art. But they are not just for Orthodox Christians and Sheldon (which is also well known as a specialist resource for people in ministry) provides hands-on training for icon-painting using gold leaf along with associated prayer practices culminating in a Eucharist.

We are planning to have an exhibition of Icons and talk on the subject of Icons and Icon writing later this year



LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 13th March, 1.00pm
All Saints Church, Pembroke Road

Featuring soloists from Year 10 to 13

Open to parents, staff and the public

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

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



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APCM

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton

Sunday 17 March 6.00pm

Journey to the Cross



**A Devotional Sequence
in Words and Music**

All Saints Choir

**Music by Tallis, Purcell,
Handel
Pergolesi & Bruckner**

LOOKING FORWARD, A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

EASTERTIDE CHURCH CRAWL

Saturday 27 April 2024

Leave All Saints at 9.15am

Arrive back around 5.30pm

Visiting St Catherine's Hoarwithy; All Saints Brockhampton; St Mary's Kempley; St Edward the Confessor Kempley. These are four interesting and very different churches.

Tea at Valerie's Tea Rooms Monmouth

We have booked a 17 seater minibus which we hope to fill!

Cost £25-£30 depending how many sign up!

Please sign list on porch notice board

Further details from Liz Badman

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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!!

Holy Week Events
@ All Saints, Clifton
25TH-31ST MARCH

MONDAY 25TH MARCH	Mass	7.00^{PM}
TUESDAY 26TH MARCH	Mass	7.00^{PM}
WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH	Mass	7.00^{PM}
THURSDAY 28TH MARCH	Maundy Thursday	
	• Liturgy of the Lord's Supper	7.00^{PM}
	• Followed by Vigil until Midnight	8.30^{PM}
FRIDAY 29TH MARCH	Good Friday	
	• Good Friday All Ages Service	10.00^{AM}
	• Devotion – an hour of reflection on The Passion of The Lord	12.00^{PM}
	• Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of The Lord	1.30^{PM}
SATURDAY 30TH MARCH	Holy Saturday	
	• Blessing of the Easter Garden	3.00^{PM}
	• Great Easter Vigil & the First Mass of Easter	8.00^{PM}
SUNDAY 31ST MARCH	Easter Day	
	• Early Worship Easter Festival	9.00^{AM}
	• Easter Day Festival Mass	10.30^{AM}

All services, events and exhibitions are held in All Saints Church unless otherwise stated. ALL INFORMATION IS CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINT.

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

- ‘Ensoiled Spirituality’; living out an earthed faith – Revd Dr Al Barrett. Cotham Parish Church on 11th March 7.30pm (refreshments at 7.00pm).

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

- 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

- Tuesday 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

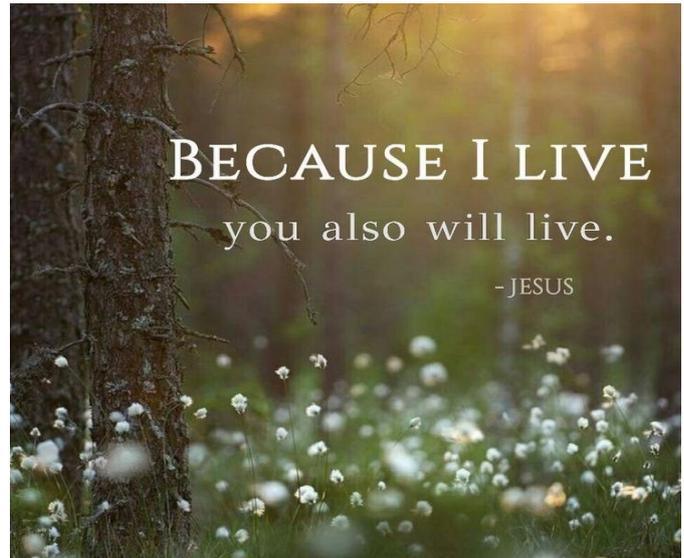
If you would like to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers and Lilies then please use the envelopes available and give to a Churchwarden.

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 Barbera Freeman

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 Irene Cameron Toby Leathwood Eric Dee Lloyd-Davis
Nick Atkinson Mario Toffolo Mary Greenacre Sholto MacTurk

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Kim Pople Nigel Mead (Pr) Stella Shute Pat Coole Jill Symonds

