

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024  
Easter Sunday



## He is Risen...

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## Loneliness

### John Betjeman

The last year's leaves are on the beech:  
The twigs are black; the cold is dry;  
To deeps beyond the deepest reach  
The Easter bells enlarge the sky.  
O ordered metal clatter-clang!  
Is yours the song the angels sang?  
You fill my heart with joy and grief -  
Belief! Belief! And unbelief.  
And, though you tell me I shall die,  
You say not how or when or why.

Indifferent the finches sing,  
Unheeding roll the lorries past:  
What misery will this year bring  
Now spring is in the air at last?  
For, sure as blackthorn bursts to snow,  
Cancer in some of us will grow,  
The tasteful crematorium door  
Shuts out for some the furnace roar;  
But church-bells open on the blast  
Our loneliness, so long and vast.

#### Reflection:

This poem explores the existential themes of loneliness, mortality, and the search for meaning amidst life's uncertainties. The speaker observes the cyclical change of seasons, juxtaposing the beauty of nature with the inevitability of death. The chimes of Easter bells evoke both joy and doubt, symbolizing the tension between faith and scepticism.

Betjeman's use of imagery is stark and precise, capturing the coldness of the beech leaves and the clang of church bells. The contrast between the organized sound of the bells and the indifference of nature highlights the isolation of the individual.

Stylistically, "Loneliness" departs from Betjeman's earlier architectural poems, with its focus on introspective emotions rather than external observations. Its existential themes resonate with the post-war era, where the horrors of the Holocaust and the threat of nuclear war had profoundly impacted society.

## All invited!

Please be aware of two dates for your diary.

On **Tuesday 16 April at 7pm** there will be a 'walk through' of the scheme for the redevelopment of the atrium. Plans of what is intended will be available along with the computer-generated images that have previously been displayed. Adam Chivers will explain what is intended, the present position with our planning application and the processes that are to be followed in securing a faculty and putting the project out to tender. The churchwardens will be providing drinks at the event.

Later that week on **Thursday 18 April at 6pm** there will be a voice training session. This is primarily intended for those using the pulpit for readings, intercessions and sermons and will concentrate on voice projection and modulation but all with an interest in public speaking are very welcome to attend. We are very fortunate that our resident thespian Magnus Gordon has kindly offered to provide the training.



### APCM and Presentation of the Revised Electoral Roll

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



The Electoral Roll has been revised for 2024. Applications are now closed. The new Roll will be available for viewing from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 for 14 days.

Please contact the Electoral Roll Officer via the Parish Office if any corrections are required.

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

[liz.badman@virginmedia.com](mailto:liz.badman@virginmedia.com)

### All Saints Society

#### THE BAR AGM



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**12.15pm**

**in the Randall Room**

All members welcome

***Election of officers***

**Reports & Accounts**

**Prices**

**Donations from profits**

***Come along and take part in the running of this important part of All Saints life***



# Friends Together

@ All Saints, Clifton

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

**When?** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

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

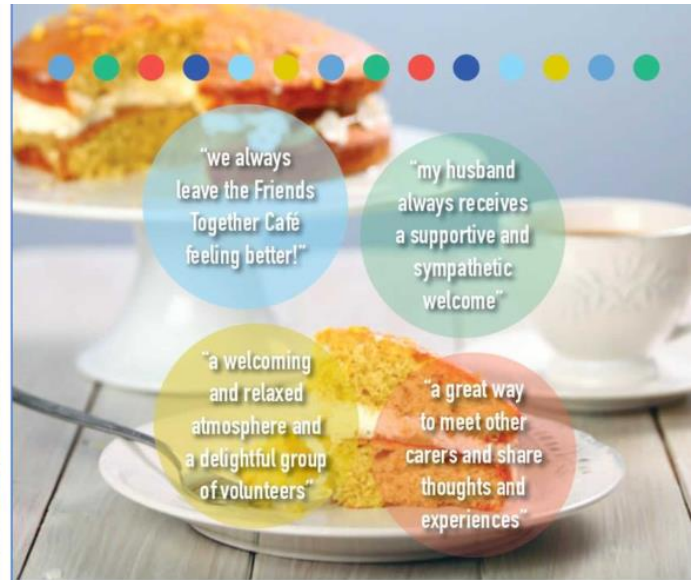


For further information, please call All Saints Parish Office on 0117 974 1355 or see the website for latest updates.

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"we always leave the Friends Together Café feeling better!"

"my husband always receives a supportive and sympathetic welcome"

"a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere and a delightful group of volunteers"

"a great way to meet other carers and share thoughts and experiences"



All Saints, Clifton has achieved Bristol Dementia Action Alliance Gold Award status in 2023

**900k** | there are over 900,000 people living with dementia in the UK

**5000** | an estimated 5,000 of which are living in Bristol

**5%** | of people under 65 years old have young-onset dementia

## Friends Together Café

First Thursday of every month: 10am-12pm

All Saints Church, Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3ED  
ADMISSION FREE | [allsaintsclifton.org](http://allsaintsclifton.org)

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The next Friends Together will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00am

## Take a Moment...

Sunday Service

9am:

Early Worship



- Simple and short-30 minutes, even when there is Communion
- Structured but informal
- Live music and 4 minute reflection
- Suitable for families, and anyone who likes a shorter, simpler service
- Friendly, community feel

*A moment of reflection to start the week*



## The 2024 Parish Retreat – Final two places available !

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 17th to Sunday 19th 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. The cost has been confirmed as £210 for one's room and all meals.

Please add your name to the list on the church noticeboard in the Tower and Helen and Liz will be in touch to confirm call 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 arts** **concert matinée**  
All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton

**Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> 4pm**

**Cotham Ensemble**

**Richard Strauss**  
**Metamorphosen**

**Imogen Holst**  
**Phantasy Quartet**

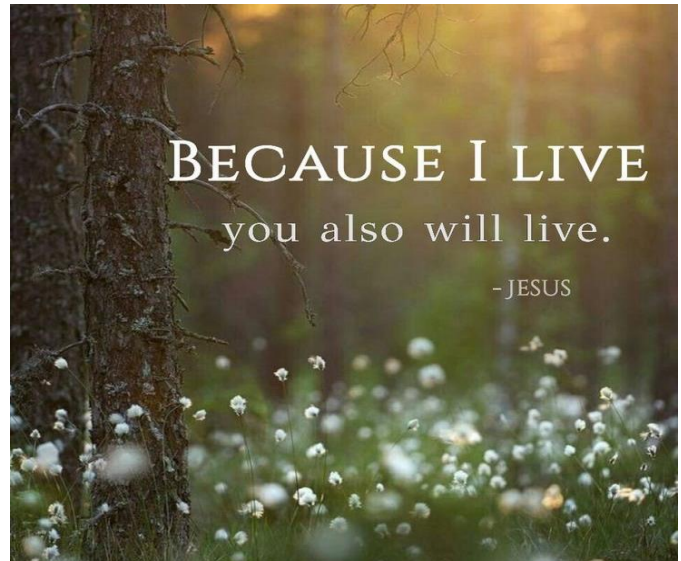
retiring collection    tea & cake

## 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 Elisabeth Morgan Sathia Aruliah Ryan Lindsey Sister Rosina Nicholas Parker John Badman

**Monday** Sue Hilliar

**Tuesday.** Ryan Lindsey

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

**Thursday** Steve Cooper Barbera Freeman

**Friday** Charlotte Hopkins, Andy & Gina Ford, Caroline Semon, Nicole Kaneza Nadine Benn

**Saturday** Jenny Rogers Leonie Benn

## The Departed

Toby Leathwood Eric Dee Lloyd-Davis Nick Atkinson Mario Toffolo Mary Greenacre Sholto MacTurk Peter Firth (Bp) Margaret Denmead

## Years' Minds - this week we remember

Roy Ross Jenny Bell Annette Roberts Esme Davis Simon Andrews Sophie Marriott Ella Wheeler



# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon April 1	<b>Monday of Easter Week</b> Pray for our planet. In particular all those who work to positively impact on the environmental and ecological issues we face at local and global levels (Earth Day)
Tue 2	<b>Tuesday of Easter Week</b> <i>"What a piece of work is man, How noble in reason, how infinite in faculty, In form and moving how express and admirable, In action how like an Angel, In apprehension how like a god, The beauty of the world, The paragon of animals."</i> (Talk like Shakespeare Day – and reflect on the wonder of humankind).
Wed 3	<b>Wednesday of Easter Week Mass 10.00am</b> Pray that the Church may 'rise up' (Isaiah 60:1) and take a positive lead in promoting reconciliation, both within communities where needed and between the nations of the UK that in these uncertain times, especially at this moment of economic uncertainty.
Thurs 4	<b>Thursday of Easter Week</b> Malaria is a mosquito-borne infectious disease that affects humans and other animals. Malaria causes symptoms that typically include fever, tiredness, vomiting, and headaches. In severe cases it can cause yellow skin, seizures, coma, or death. Symptoms usually begin ten to fifteen days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.
Fri 5	<b>Friday of Easter Week Mass 10.00am</b> Give thanks for the work of Earth Scientists (Charles Richter) in enabling us to understand our planet and its rhythms. Especially we pray for all those living in or caught up in what we term as 'natural disasters' (and their after effects).
Sat 6	<b>Saturday of Easter Week</b> Books have Power. Not simply to influence thinking and opinion but to increase awareness, excite and explore, communicate meaning and truth, shape a culture and so much more. Pray for authors and booksellers (especially our Independent book shops)
Sunday 7	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth  <b>Early Worship 9.00am</b> <b>Mass 10.30am</b>

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](mailto: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](mailto:stephen.c.okeefe@gmail.com) and Caroline Davenport  
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