

ALL SAINTS NEWS

21st April 2024
4th Sunday of Easter

Introducing; 'The Acts of The Apostles'

Continuing our thoughts on the readings from Acts throughout the Easter Season.

Who wrote the book?



The title of the book of Acts comes from the Greek word *praxis*, a word often used in early Christian literature to describe the great deeds of the apostles or other significant believers. This title accurately reflects the contents of the book, which is a series of vignettes chronicling the lives of key apostles (especially Peter and Paul) in the decades immediately following Christ's ascension into heaven.

Luke's identification as the author of this work was unquestioned throughout ancient times. It shows a clear progression from the gospel according to Luke, picking up just where that book left off.

An ancient prologue to Luke's gospel indicates that Luke was first a follower of the apostles and then became close with Paul. This is exactly how the book of Acts unfolds, beginning with Peter and ending with Paul. Luke even began to speak in the first person plural in the latter portion of Acts, as he travelled the Roman Empire alongside Paul ([Acts 16:10](#)).

Where are we?

Acts ends abruptly with Paul imprisoned in Rome, waiting to bring his appeal before Caesar. It is worth noting that in this history of the early Christian church, Luke mentioned neither Paul's death (AD 64–68) nor the persecution of Christians that broke out under Nero (AD 64). More than likely, Luke completed the book before either of these events occurred, sometime between AD 60 and AD 62, while Paul sat in prison, awaiting the resolution of his appeal.

Why is Acts so important?

Acts is the book that chronicles the history of the church immediately after Jesus's ascension. As such, it provides us with a valuable account of how the church was able to grow and spread out from Jerusalem into the rest of the Roman Empire. In only three decades, a small group of frightened believers in Jerusalem transformed into an empire-wide movement of people who had committed their lives to Jesus Christ, ending on a high note with Paul on the verge of taking the gospel to the highest government official in the land—the Emperor of Rome.

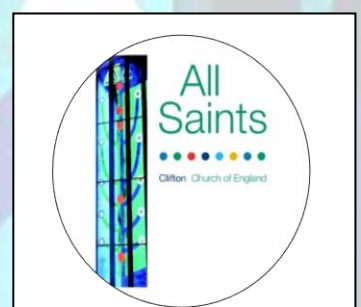
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APCM

All Saints APCM is on 28th April at 12 noon in the Randall Room

**‘Traditional’ APCM lunch (sandwiches and grapes) will be provided
The Bar will be open**

All documents required for the APCM are available now on the [ASC Website](#) click here or go to the ASC home page and click through to the News Page.

For those unable to digitally download, these documents may also be requested from the All Saints Office.

Documents available are:

- ★ APCM Agenda
- ★ All Saints Annual Report for 2023
- ★ APCM Minutes for Sunday 30 April 2023
- ★ 2024 Parish Conference – Actions for 2024 and 2025
- ★ 2023 Deanery Synod Report for 2023
- ★ 2023 Deanery Synod Appendices (outputs)

Voice from the Pulpit

An excellent evening on Thursday 18th April! Thank you to all who put some time aside for this and a huge thank you to Magnus for giving us the benefit of his experience and skills on stage and screen.

Some key learning points for all who read and speak from Pulpit and Lectern.....

- ★ The sound system is for support only, it doesn't do the work for you – the quality depends upon the work of the reader/speaker
- ★ Stand upright, in confident posture, with face toward the people (head up - not turned down to the lectern, reading, notes)
- ★ Project voice toward the 'imaginary person' who stands behind the choir
- ★ Speak slowly, enunciate carefully, modulate appropriately
- ★ Read in advance and practice (feel free to arrive early and speak from the pulpit)

Thank you Magnus!

exploring
music from the
medieval to the
early baroque

THE BRISTOL EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL first took place in 2019, and aims to provide opportunities for exploring music from Medieval to early Baroque and for contemporary audiences to hear it performed. The three-day 2024 festival features internationally-renowned performers, with the chance for local singers and players to participate in workshops led by experts in their field. Notable this year are events for people who sing by ear, or don't read music well, to explore songs from the Middle Ages, and the chance for pianists to meet and make friends with the harpsichord under expert tuition. Young musicians are particularly welcome.

10TH-12TH MAY

Bristol Early Music Festival

FRIDAY 10TH MAY

- Queen Of Hearts THE GOSWOLD ORG 7.30^{PM}
- Byrd's Mercy 8.45^{PM}

SATURDAY 11TH MAY

- Exhibition of Early Instruments 10.00^{AM}-5.00^{PM}
- Come and Sing Medieval! 10.00^{AM}-12.30^{PM}
- The Waits 12.30-1.30^{PM}
- Workshop for Voices & Instruments 1.45-4.45^{PM}
- Songs From A Divine Pen 7.30^{PM}

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SUNDAY 12TH MAY

- Choral Eucharist 10.30^{AM}
- Recorder Workshops
 - For less experienced players 1.30-3.00^{PM}
 - For experienced players 3.15-4.45^{PM}
- Meet The Harpsichord 1.30-4.00^{PM}
- Britain's Orpheus 5.00-5.45^{PM}
- Early Music Cabaret 8.00^{PM}

All events @ All Saints. Tickets and full booking information for these events can be found at www.bristolearlymusicfestival.uk

www.allsaintsclifton.org

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Father Charles and Family

Are taking a post-Easter break next week.

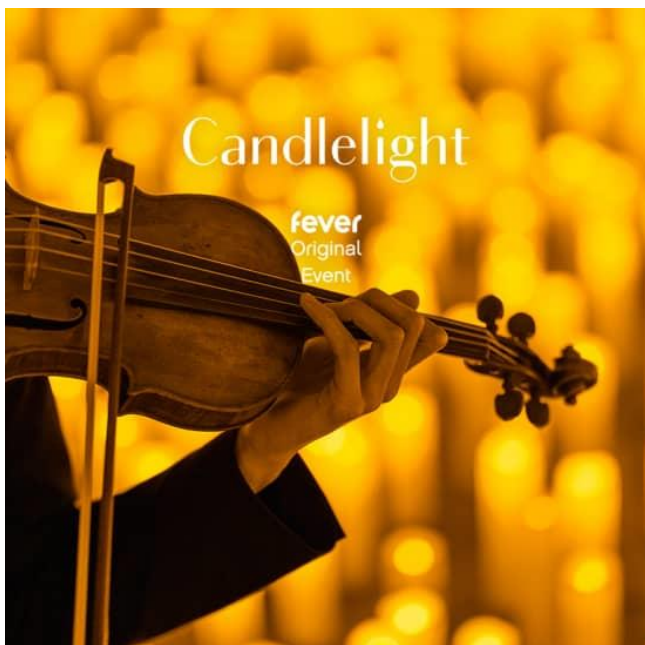
The Development of All Saints Atrium.

There was a large turnout for the Atrium Development 'walk through' on Tuesday. Fr Charles explained the three objectives that drove the project: accessibility, sustainability and community. Then Adam explained some of the detail of what is proposed and the procedures involved. Questions were answered and refreshments were provided.

A hand-out summary sheet on the proposals is available in the office and everyone is invited to look at the photomontages in the atrium

EASTERTIDE CHURCH CRAWL

The Church Crawl to Herefordshire has now been postponed until late summer/early autumn



Candlelight Concerts at All Saints

Friday 26th April - Tickets still available from
www.feverup.com

Film Scores and Hollywood Epics 7.00pm

Queen vs. ABBA 9pm

allsaintsarts concert matinée

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

Saturday
May 4th
4pm

Cantadissa



European Vocal Ensemble

**Works by Thomas Tallis
and his contemporaries**

retiring collection tea & cake

Good News from the All Saints Society



At the well attended Bar AGM recently we noted that to bar continues to play an important part in the social life of All Saints, with a healthy £1005 surplus (profit) for the year. Having taken into account of our bank deposits, we agreed to donate £1250 to All Saints.



The other good news is that due to prudent purchasing, we are able to keep bar prices the same. We also now stock a small amount of 0% alcohol drinks and will see how they sell over the year.



Don't forget, the bar is open in the Randall Room after Mass every Sunday. All are welcome. The annual subscription for new members is £1.50.

Janice Hopkins, Bar Steward



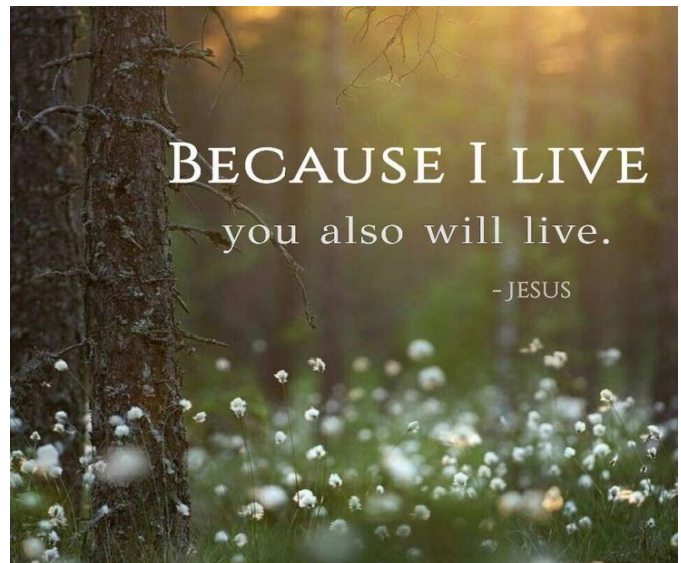
At the recent Eco Fayre held at the Alma Church Ro and Jenny York, with some of the members of the All Saints Flower Team and the Henleaze Flower Club, showcased the work they have been doing to use foam free methods of creating flower arrangements for the church. They also celebrated our Silver Eco Award and the wide range of events at All Saints including concerts and Walks for All. Jenny demonstrated foam free arrangements and Ro offered dried flower arrangements for sale, raising £35 for the Food Point. Thank you to everyone for your hard work at the ECO fayre.

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 of the parish and our hearts whom we remember in our Prayers:

Sunday

Tabitha Clark, Ruth and Richard Harding, Katie Norman, Neal Gordon, Joyce Shepherd, Cynthia Ashford Elisabeth Morgan Sathia Aruliah Sister Rosina Jean Detheridge Nicholas Parker John Badman

Monday

Sue Hilliar Hugh Farry

Tuesday.

Ryan Lindsey George Lympelopoulos

Wednesday

Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, Diana Verity, Samantha Tucker, Maureen Mumford

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

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Marguerite Walker Helen Roberts Bunny Vile Mary Oakley Barbara Biggs Pat Fenley

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 22	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.
Tue 23	George, Martyr, Patron of England 304 A soldier of Palestinian/Greek origins and member of the Praetorian Guard. Sentenced to death for his Christian faith. Venerated by Christians and Muslims (commonly known as El Khudder and possibly buried in the mosque of Nabi Jurjis). Became an heroic figure in England during and after the Crusades and established by Edward III with the 'Most Noble Order of the Garter'
Wed 24	Mass 10.00 am 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 25	Mark The Evangelist Mark's identity not clear. But, putting authorship aside, the power of the first Gospel and the symbol of the Lion – roaring out the Good News. Pray that we at All Saints may 'Roar out the Gospel'
Fri 26	Mass 10.00 am 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 earthquakes (and the after effects).
Sat 27	Christina Rossetti 1894 Anglo catholic poet . 'A Better Resurrection' <i>I have no wit, no words, no tears; My heart within me like a stone Is numb'd too much for hopes or fears; Look right, look left, I dwell alone; I lift mine eyes, but dimm'd with grief No everlasting hills I see; My life is in the falling leaf: O Jesus, quicken me.</i>
Sunday 28	5th Sunday of Easter Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; Early Worship 9.00am Mass 10.30am

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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stephen.c.okeefe@gmail.com and Caroline Davenport
c2davbristol@hotmail.com