ALL SAINTS NEWS

5th May 2024 6th Sunday of Easter



In Greek five letters make up the word for fish IXΘΥΣ (Ichthus) The letters stand for the words of one of the earliest creeds: Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour.

Early Worship

What we've been up to recently......

Before Easter, there were several 'Services of the Word' introducing different ways of worshipping – one Sunday it was a Taizé service, and another was a short Lectio Divina – the latter being in keeping with the Church Lent programme. Mothering Sunday included refreshments, on being the Bristol tradition of Mothering Buns. All the All Saints community were invited to join this. The highlight of the year, so far, was our Easter Saturday service and Blessing of the Easter Garden, with hot-cross buns and Easter eggs afterwards, of course.......!

Currently, our focus has gone right back to the core beliefs of our faith using the Church of England's publication The Pilgrim Way. This is a new Guide to the Christian faith.

We began by learning about the five letters that spell the Greek word for fish: *icthus*. Each is the first letter one of the earliest creeds spelling the declaration: Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour. The fish was used by early Christians as a symbol of their faith, and members of the congregation have contributed their own fish drawings to make the Early Worship logo, as above.

The CofE 'The Pilgrim Way' website highlights the key Christian core beliefs, which is our current teaching.

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Faith and Calling - the Pilgrim Way

- * The Apostles' Creed
- The Beatitudes
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Eucharist

All Saints Early Worship Service - a shorter service and relaxed atmosphere - suitable for everyone!

The pattern of Early Worship is regular: Eucharist on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Festival Sundays, and Service of The Word on other Sundays.

Do look at the Early Worship pages on the ASC Website for photographs and news!

The congregation varies quite a bit – sometimes 8 or 9, and sometimes up to 20 plus. On occasions it's just adults - old and young - and sometime there are children of all ages, as well as teenagers. This style of the service suits a wide variety of people – those visiting, those who come regularly, those who bring friends or relatives, and those who just happen to turn up. On one occasion we had four generations of the same family.

EVERYONE is, of course, most welcome!

The changing demographics of congregations

Mirroring the fall in the national birth rate, that of Bristol, and particularly Clifton has seen quite a sharp decline, particularly as the local house prices have risen. Indeed, only just over 11 per cent of the population of our Parish have dependent children, which tallies with the current national figure. The national picture is a 13 per cent drop in the number of children at primary school age.

The Early Worship service needs to cater for the whole age spectrum!

Conversely, the parish has a disproportionately large population of people in their late teens and early twenties. This is because of the number of students in student accommodation within this part of Bristol. It would be great to make every effort to engage with younger people who do come into church.

How many of us can name the wonderful students who this year have been singing in the choir? It's so important for us all - at Early Worship or Parish Mass - to engage with them, and indeed anyone new, or occasional visitors of all ages, who join us in our worship.

Please come along to Early Worship one Sunday
"Taste and see that the Lord is good"
Ps 34:8



The Bristol Early Music Festival begins on Friday 10th of May at 7.30pm with The Gesualdo Six - 'Queen Of Hearts'

Please see the Music Festival Leaflet or website for details of all the performances across the whole Festival.

www. bristolearlymusicfestival.uk

A Festival Pass gives admission to all events:

£55 if bought in advance and £60 if bought at the Festival.



Coming soon – a date for your diary

Do not miss the next Parish Lunch which will be held on 26th May, Trinity Sunday, at 12.30pm.

Tickets will be on sale from Sunday the 5th of May.

Always fun, always delicious and always good company!

There is still time to join the Parish Retreat



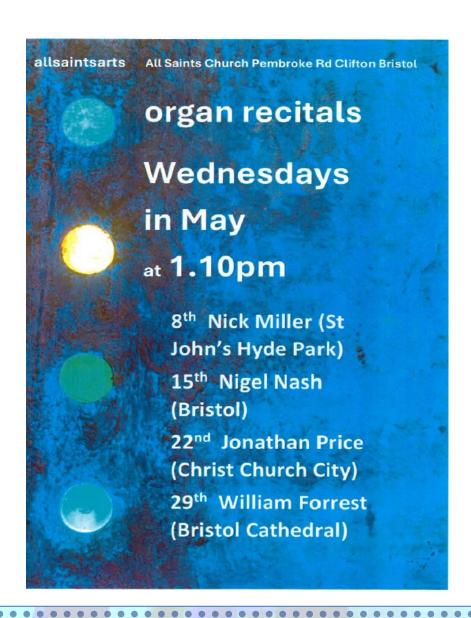
There are still a few places left for this year's ASC Parish Retreat to Llangasty from 17th -19th May.

The Retreat, in the heart of the Welsh countryside (yet only 1hr 20mins drive from Bristol) provides a unique opportunity to take stock, meditate, read, walk, pray or just rest, but above all, to live in the gift of the present moment and to gain a renewed sense of purpose and direction in life.

It's a very special event, not to be missed.

The whole weekend costs £210, is fully residential with comfortable rooms, shared toilet facilities and all meals provided.

If you would like to come along, then contact Liz Badman liz.badman@virginmedia.com; 07583 540825 or Helen Sutton helen@helensutton.com; 07802 256315











St. Mary's Church, Fairford & Kelmscott Manor

Saturday 25th May 2024, 10.30am-5.30pm

From medieval stained glass to iconic artworks and objects of the Arts & Crafts movement, this day excursion into the beautiful Gloucestershire countryside will encompass it all!

The morning consists of a visit to the beautiful market town of Fairford, Gloucestershire, including a guided tour of St. Mary's Church, notable for its complete set of 28 medieval stained-glass windows. In the afternoon a short drive away is the beautiful 16th Century Grade I listed Kelmscott Manor, which was the country home of William Morris, Father of the Arts & Crafts Movement. It's recently been fully refurbished and is full of iconic of artworks and objects, all owned and designed by Morris himself. As well as a visit to the house, you'll have time to stroll through the beautiful gardens, and visit the shop and café.

This day trip is not to be missed, and includes travel by luxury minibus (pick-up and dropoff from All Saints Church), a guided tour of St. Mary's Fairford and entrance to Kelmscott Manor and Gardens.

Cost: £85 booked in advance via BACS or cheque

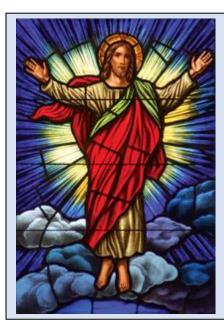
For more details, and to book your place, contact Helen Sutton:
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Thursday 9th May 2024

Festival Mass for Ascension Day

7.30pm





A Friends Together Café & BDAA **Activity Special for Dementia Action Week** 13-19 May 2024



'Flowers & Cupcakes'

When: Thursday 16th May 2024

Time: 10am-12pm

Where: The Randall Room, All Saints Church, Clifton



Come and try your hand at making a simple dried flower arrangement then ice your own cake to enjoy with a cup of tea or coffee All materials supplied!



An extra Friends Together gathering in May!

A Friends Together Café Activity Special -'Flowers and Cupcakes' will be held on Thursday 16th May at 10.00am

This is a joint event with Bristol Dementia Action Alliance in support of Alzheimer's Society 'Dementia Action Week', an annual event designed to raise people's awareness of dementia and encourage them to take action to improve the lives of all those living with the condition.



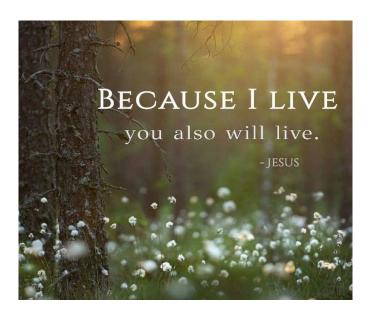


Prayers Requests

'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 Jack O'Sullivan and family Susie King Arthur Cleaver

Monday

Sue Hilliar Hugh Farry

Tuesday.

Ryan Lindsey George Lymperopoulos

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Steve Cooper Barbera Freeman

Friday

Charlotte Hopkins, Caroline Semon, Nicole Kaneza Nadine Benn

Saturday

Jenny Rogers

The Departed

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

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Miles Portman Mary Harris Dennis Neill Madeleine Prewett Joan Souter Vera Price Mary Rossetti

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

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Mon 6	Give thanks for all who work to maintain our water supplies, to keep our oceans clean and free of pollutants and who bring water to those who thirst. Pray for those who are short of water (especially in the Southern Sahara), pray for those who are afflicted by floods
Tue 7	Pray for: those obsessed with diet, for those who have problems with their body image, for those who suffer from eating disorders, for those who are obese or emaciated.
Wed 8	Mass 10.00am Julian of Norwich 1417 We ask you Father, to send your Holy Spirit to be with us so that we too may learn to draw good from evil (as described by St Julian; and in the works of TS Eliot "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well".
Thurs 9	Festival Mass 7.30pm Ascension Day O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before.
Fri 10	Mass 10.00am Give thanks for all who work to maintain our water supplies, to keep our oceans clean and free of pollutants and who bring water to those who thirst. Pray for those who are short of water (especially in the Southern Sahara), pray for those who are afflicted by floods.
Sat 11	Pray for those who have been made scapegoats, those who suffer unjust blame (individuals and groups); and also whistle-blowers.
Sunday 12	7 th Sunday of Easter O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before 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: The Parish Safeguarding Officer - Caroline Davenport c2davbristol@hotmail.com