

ALL SAINTS NEWS

19th May 2024
Pentecost

'The Gift of the Holy Spirit'

This Sunday, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church. Here's what you need to know about the feast day.

The timing and origins of Pentecost

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus and 10 days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13.

The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the Great Novena — nine days of prayer — because in Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together “continuously” for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost.

The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word “pentecoste,” meaning 50th. There is a parallel Jewish holiday, Shavu'ot, which falls 50 days after Passover. Shavu'ot is sometimes called the festival of weeks, referring to the seven weeks since Passover.

Originally a harvest feast, Shavu'ot now commemorates the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai, when the Lord revealed the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Every year, the Jewish people renew their acceptance of the gift of the Torah on this feast.



What happens at Pentecost?

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.

A “strong, driving” wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other.

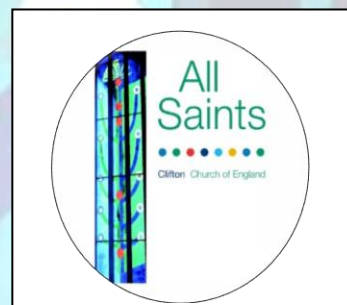
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It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk — but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfil the great commission — to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfils the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

‘Rock and Stone’

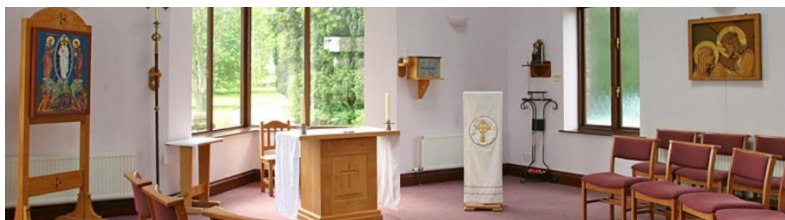


Several pictures are exhibited within the Atrium. They follow the theme of ‘Rock and Stone’.

Three depict natural formations created over time due to erosion and the changing eons. Three capture locations in which people have placed stones in particular formations to recognise and respond to powers inexplicable and beyond human understanding.

‘Ancient and Modern’ attempts to capture these various thoughts in ancient stones, placed or built, at Stanton Drew -the ‘Great Circle’.

Parish Retreat to Llangasty 17th – 19th May 2024



This weekend the Parish Retreat is taking place in the outstanding Retreat Centre of Llangasty. This means that Fr Charles and Fr Paul (Retreat Leader), and the Retreatants are away.



The Revd Laura Doe



Laura Doe will be Licenced to the United Benefice of Abbots Leigh and Leigh Woods on Thursday 30 May at 2.00pm at Holy Trinity Abbots Leigh, and will commence her ministry on 1 June 2024. Please attend the Licensing if you would like to do so. Whilst her focus will primarily be Abbots Leigh and Leigh Woods we will share a small part of her ministry here at All Saints.

Laura writes to us in introduction:

Dear All,

I am very happy and excited to introduce myself to you all. I'm Laura: Wife, Mum, Rev, lover of the Theatre, flat walks and long lunches in the sunshine. For the past few years I have been doing my curacy at a church in central Bristol called St Nicholas, while also completing two maternity leaves in the process. My little girls, Isla and Cici, are the joy of my life. They are full of chaotic, hilarious energy, bringing so much fun to those they meet. Matt, my husband, is a doctor in Bath, when he is not cycling up hills or climbing mountains! We will continue to live in our Vicarage in East Bristol, while I complete this Curate in Charge post.

I am really looking forward to starting at St Mary's, Leigh Woods & Holy Trinity, Abbots Leigh as Curate in Charge. When I was praying about this new position, I brought the girls up to the beautiful playground next to Holy Trinity one sunny afternoon to get a feel for the place and to pray. As we sat eating cheese sandwiches looking out over the beautiful view, I felt a sense that this would be a season of Blessing.

One of my favourite bible passages is Isaiah 61. When reading it the other day, I was struck by verse 3: "They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD, for the display of his splendour." As I read this verse I was reminded of that beautiful view and the stunning surroundings in Leigh Woods and Abbots Leigh. I know they are a blessing to so many people living there and also to those throughout Bristol.

I have much to learn in a church tradition that is very new to me in many ways, but my prayer is that I will be a blessing to that community. And I am also really looking forward to all I can learn from the clergy and team at All Saints Clifton. Thank you already for the wonderful welcome you have given me so far. I already feel very blessed by those I have met and the kindness I have received.

Laura Doe



Just two photographs from the amazingly successful Early Music Festival which filled All Saints with musicians of every kind and attracted large and very appreciative audiences last weekend. An article and more photographs will appear very soon.



All Saints

Clifton Church of England





Parish Lunch







Join us in the Randall Room after Mass for

Trinity Sunday Parish Lunch

Sunday 26th May @ 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 5th May

Contact Janice: rjhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk

OR

All Saints Parish Office
0117 974 1355; www.allsaintsclifton.org




Coming soon

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 !



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 drop-off 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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CONCERT AT ST. MARYS CHURCH, HENBURY, BS10 7QF

3PM SUNDAY 23 JUNE

Please invite your family, friends and neighbours to our annual FREE concert, just one hour long. Our organist, James, will play a variety of music including musicals, TV, film and classical music and do his best to make it a truly HAPPY HOUR. 3pm on Sunday 23 June, followed by cakes in the village hall. All welcome.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Tuesday 21st May, 1.00pm
All Saints Church, Pembroke Road

Featuring soloists from Year 10 and 12

Open to parents, staff and the public

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

 Clifton
High School



allsaintsarts All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton

organ recitals

Wednesdays

in May

at 1.10pm

22nd Jonathan Price
(Christ Church City)

29th William Forrest
(Bristol Cathedral)

all saints arts
concert
matinées in June

All Saints Church
Pembroke Rd Clifton
Bristol

Bach cello suites

with the distinguished cellist
Ulrich Heinen

Bach Cello Suites 1 + 2 and Prokofiev
Saturday June 1 4pm
Bach Cello Suites 3 + 4 and Stockhausen
Saturday June 8 4pm
Bach Cello Suites 5 + 6 and Zimmermann
Saturday June 15 4pm

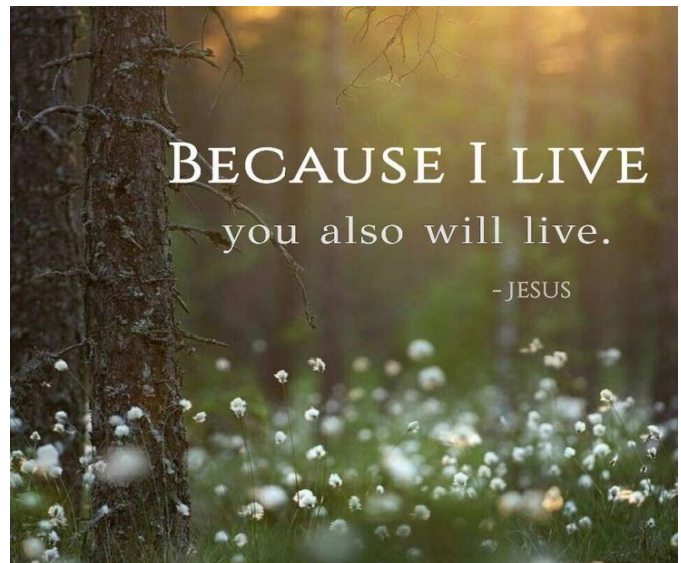
retiring collection in aid of Ukrainian charities

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 Lympelopoulos

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, William Eltringham

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Rita Perrot, Christopher Langford Savery, Winifred Babb, Gwen Mason, Geraldine Bell, Terence Heller, Eric Bird, Maurice Tucker (Pr), Elizabeth Davies

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 20	Alcuin of York 804 Pray for those who, often reluctantly, engage with others for the common good. As Alcuin joined the court of Charlemagne for the greater benefit of others
Tue 21	Pray for those who work on the sea – Royal Navy, fleet auxiliary, merchant navy, commercial and liners, fishermen, coast guard and all who find a living connected to the sea.
Wed 22	Mass 10.00am Pray for the Senior Citizens in our community. Many are vulnerable, some are at risk from the virus, some are isolated in our communities. However, very many serve the community and society in extraordinary ways – giving so much to life and health – often shaping and working at the heart of community and on the front-line of volunteering.
Thurs 23	Pray for those who work on the sea – royal Navy, fleet auxiliary, merchant navy, commercial and liners, fishermen, coast guard and all who find a living connected to the sea. Maritime Day. Give thanks for the teeming life of the Oceans, their role in the cycles of our planet that enables all life. For those whose lives are connected to the sea – in shipping, fishing, ports and scientists.
Fri 24	Mass 10.00am John and Charles Wesley (1791 & 1788) Pray for our brother and sister Methodists who live and worship in this community.
Sat 25	Venerable Bede 735 O Christ, our Morning Star, Splendour of Light Eternal, shining with the glory of the rainbow, come and waken us from the greyness of our apathy, and renew in us your gift of hope. Amen (The Venerable Bede)
Sunday 26	Trinity Sunday On this Trinity Sunday, pray for a deeper embrace of the mystery of the Trinity in churches and an outworking of that embrace in terms of the offer of love and grace in local communities. 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
Janice Callow – office@allsaintsclifton.org mark for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.