

ALL SAINTS NEWS

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The Festival of Corpus Christi

The festival of Corpus Christi celebrates the Eucharist as the body of Christ and our relationship with the Sacrament. The name 'Corpus Christi' is Latin for 'the body of Christ'.

In many countries in the world, churches celebrate the festival, not only with a Mass, but also with a procession that often carries the consecrated wafer through the streets as a public statement that the sacrifice of Christ was for the salvation of the whole world.

Corpus Christi is a movable feast and falls between late May and the middle of June, on the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday (60 days after Easter). The feast is also known as the Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi).

It's worth noting that Christians already mark the Last Supper, when Christ instituted the Eucharist, on Maundy Thursday (the day before Good Friday). Because Maundy Thursday falls during the solemn period of Holy Week, it was thought necessary to have a separate festival of the Eucharist that would allow the celebration not to be muted by sadness.

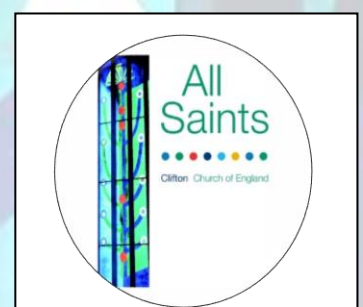


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The main feature of Corpus Christi celebrations is the triumphant liturgical procession in which the sacred host (the wafer that has been consecrated during the Mass) is carried out of the Church "for the Christian faithful to make public profession of faith and worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament".

According to legend, the dream was interpreted to her in a vision by Christ. The moon, she said, was the Church calendar of festivals and the black spot was the lack of a festival to celebrate the holiest element of the Church - the Eucharist.

Juliana shared this with her local bishop, who in 1246 issued a decree for such a festival to be celebrated in his territory.

The festival was instituted throughout the Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. Before that there had been no universal festival to mark the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Looking Back to a Good Lent.....

One of the great privileges of being part of the All-Saints community is the experience of Lent and Holy Week.

So, it was so good that Sandy Gale led us in 2024 in four sessions of Lectio Divina, giving us a chance to deepen our individual engagement with scripture by joining in this powerful technique of close reading of text.

The Early Worship Service has also recently engaged with Lectio Divino. So, what is it and what does it involve?

Lectio Divina is a slow and meditative reading, not for information but primarily to deepen our relationship with God: what the Orthodox nun, Mother Thekla (John Taverner's spiritual muse,) describes as "the opposite of mastering a text."

"You will probably only read a paragraph in, say three quarters of an hour, but you meditate on it and use that as a kind of springboard for prayer," she says.

"We believe that we hear God speaking to us through that reading: you wait for the word to speak to you – a phrase that will really arrest you and speak to your mind and your heart (simultaneously) – and that's when you stop and give yourself up to it.

"You are being asked to give up being in charge and mastering things and making progress, not to be hurried or distracted. It's a tremendous spiritual discipline."

Thank you Sandy for a most fruitful Lenten journey.

Fr Paul Tiernan

Volunteers needed for All Saints hosting sessions during Open Gardens weekend – are you free?



Clifton &
Hotwells
**OPEN
GARDENS**

Sat 8 & Sun 9 June
10:30am–5pm

GREEN
SQUARES
& secret
GARDENS



Visit the fascinating communal gardens hidden behind the elegant terraces of Clifton and Hotwells.

TICKETS

Tickets cover both days and are available in advance from Eventbrite (£8) and on the day (£7) from 10:30am under the archway on Boyce's Avenue in Clifton Village and from selected gardens listed on our website.

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The beautiful All Saints garden will be open as part of Clifton and Hotwells Open Gardens weekend on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th .

Last year we had a large number of visitors , many of whom also looked around the Church and took away information on events.

If you are able to act as an All Saints host for any period over the weekend , please sign up on the list in the porch.

Saturday June 8th – ASC Walks everyone, and their dog, welcome

Clifton & Hotwells Open Gardens

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy local gardens.

Do bring your friends to meet outside All Saints at 10.45. This walk will not be led.

And then set off for whichever gardens take your fancy.

Check out <https://gssg-bristol.com/> for maps, programmes, etc.

Any questions ask:

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'Transforming Church. Together' (TC.T) calls our Diocese to become a recognised force for Gospel change. To achieve this, we are committed to reaching people who do not have a faith in Jesus or who feel distant from the Church. We want to share all of the amazing things being done in and through our parishes. In doing so, we hope to challenge perceptions of the Church and its work, and cultivate a sense of welcome and belonging for greater numbers of people who can connect with the Church's mission.

But how will we know we have succeeded?

Whilst the Church of England nationally has a good grasp of the perceptions of the Church from within its existing communities, little research has taken place into public perceptions of the Church from the wider community, and at a local level.

That's why we are working with researchers at [Meaningful Measures](#) - to deepen our understanding of how the wider community perceives the Church, and inform how we can bravely and creatively communicate the transformative power of Jesus in our wider social contexts. This undertaking builds on the research carried out a few years ago, which formed the basis of the TC.T discernment process. That project rightly sought to engage seldom heard voices and underrepresented groups; however, our reach was limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We need to finish the job.

By conducting a survey across the Diocese, we aim to improve our understanding of public perceptions of the Church of England and inform future planning with concrete knowledge of attitudes towards the Church, its role in pioneering community and social action, and its relevance in contemporary times. This will enable us to create social connections with communities across the Diocese on matters that mean something to them.

We are sharing this survey in charity shops, cafés, leisure centres, doctors and dentist surgeries, as well as other spaces, such as job centres, shelters, and charities so that we can reach people across all segments of society.

 Meaningful Measures

HAVE YOUR SAY IN AN INDEPENDENT SURVEY

We want to...

- Understand the causes that matter to you
- Learn about the reasons why you do or don't use church spaces
- Hear your opinions on the Church of England in your local community

 Take part in the survey before **30TH JUNE 2024**

Complete for the chance to win a **£100 voucher** to spend in a supermarket of your choice

In partnership with the Diocese of Bristol



Friends Together
@ All Saints, Clifton

**Our next regular Friends Together Café
is on Thursday 6th June at 10.00am**

We'll be visited by Sarah Hale of Avon Community Therapists, who provide holistic Occupational Therapy services to patients in their own homes across Bristol, Bath, North Somerset, and surrounding areas. Sarah will give a brief introduction about what she does and then will be available to chat to everyone on an individual basis during the course of the Café.

Also on offer will be a **craft activity table** – which provides some stimulating dementia friendly activities, whilst carers can sit apart and take a bit of 'time out' for themselves.

We're also hoping to introduce a **'Men's Shed Activity Table'** at future Cafés, and are currently looking for second-hand/unwanted gadgets, tools, widgets, fidget toys and construction activity items such as:

- Meccano, Tinkertoy, LEGO
- Any sort of modular construction items – wooden, plastic, magnetic is great – and no need for whole sets; bits and bobs will do just fine!
- In fact, ANYTHING that can be taken apart then put back together again, would be brilliant!

All donations will be VERY gratefully received by Wendy in our Parish Office or contact Helen if items need to be collected: helen@helensutton.com THANK YOU SO MUCH! Helen

General Election Thursday 4th July 2024

Are you away from Bristol on Election day? Do you need to apply for a Postal vote?



You can apply on line via

[Apply for a postal vote - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

You will need to have a scanned signature to complete this process.

Paper copies of the application for a postal vote are available in the atrium.

If you would like to register, please complete this form and send it to Bristol City Council, Electoral Services, BCC, 5th Floor B Bond Warehouse, Smeaton Rd Bristol, BS1 6XN

You'll need to apply by 5pm on 19th June 2024 to get a postal vote for the General Election on 4th July 2024.



Pet Food donations for the Food Point

Pets are such an important part of everyone's life, please consider adding some sachets of pet food to your next donation at the All Saints Food Point.



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



The Funeral of Myra York
will be held at 11.30am on
Friday 14th June 2024
At All Saints, Clifton

The service will be followed by a reception in the Atrium.

Myra's family have requested that brightly coloured clothing is worn at Myra's funeral to represent her love of flowers and to celebrate her life and creativity.

All members of the All Saints congregation are warmly invited to attend.

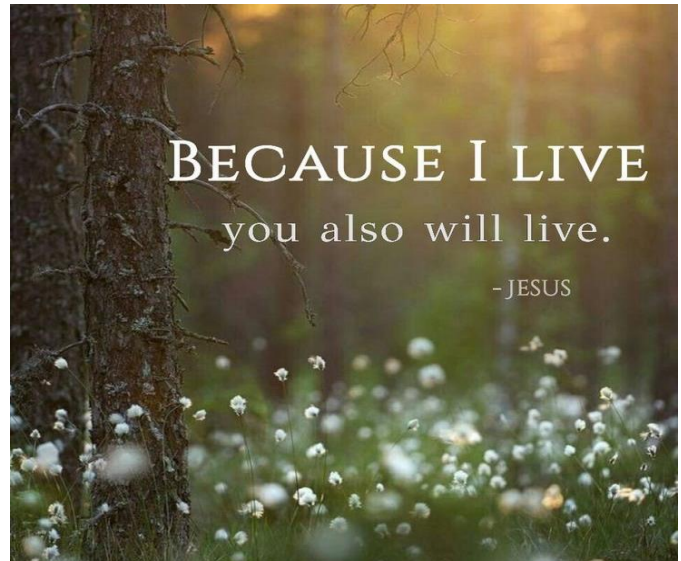
(Please confirm your attendance with the Parish office)

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 Keith Eltringham, Myra York, Sunny Gilheaney, Raymond Clarke

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Elizabeth Birch, Gwen Hutton, John Male, Gordon Williams, Richard Ndikumana, Rosemary Robinson, Lisa Mills, John Jefferies Lloyd, Gordon Pavey (Pr), Diane Wilkins

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 3	Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-1977 Pray for the nation of Uganda and for its Anglican Archbishop, Most Revd. Stanley Ntagali. Pray for the links that Bristol diocese has with the church in Uganda.
Tue 4	Petroc, abbot, 6th century Pray for Truro diocese and for stpetrocs.org.uk who work with the homeless across Cornwall.
Wed 5	Mass 10.00am Boniface/Wynfrith, bishop, martyr, 754. Pray for those working and campaigning to raise awareness of action which needs to be taken to protect our environment for future generations.
Thurs 6	Ini Kpuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945. The Melanesian brotherhood remains an Anglican order based in The Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Fiji and Papua New Guinea. Pray for the community who strive to live simply in their communities.
Fri 7	Mass 10.00am Pray for those who will lose loved ones today, for those who offer them immediate support in their grief, and for organisations like CRUSE, who do so on an ongoing basis.
Sat 8	Thomas Ken, bishop, non-juror, hymn writer, 1711 Pray for those who write and develop liturgy for use across the Church of England as they seek to both maintain tradition and offer material that is both relevant and pastoral for use in worship.
Sunday 9	Trinity 2 Pr 5 Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord 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.