

ALL SAINTS NEWS

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D-Day: Burials at high tide, June 1944

Eighty years ago, the Allied Forces were preparing for the largest seaborne invasion in history. The scale of the operation is staggering. By the end of D-Day (6 June 1944), 156,000 British, American, and Canadian troops had landed in Normandy. By 4 July, that figure had reached a million.



Accompanying the Allies were a significant number of chaplains. As Field Marshal Montgomery famously said in a speech in All Saints' Cathedral, Cairo: "I would soon as think of going into battle without my artillery as without my chaplains." For Montgomery, the son of a bishop, Christian values and patriotism went hand in hand. He believed that soldiers who were alert, tough, enthusiastic, and trained to kill could achieve anything provided they had faith in God and were properly led.

His Chaplain-General, the Revd Frederick Hughes, like Montgomery, had served in the First World War, and shared his vision. Speaking on the BBC Home Service on 15 June 1944, he observed: "Many, many thousands of men went forth for righteousness' sake and for no other reason. The chaplains were asked, and strongly asked, to make our men as Christian as we could."

Chaplains, unarmed, accompanied every division and unit, on land and sea, and in the air. While it is unclear how many took part in the Normandy landings, 3692 British chaplains served in the Second World War (in North Africa, the Middle East, and the Far East, as well as Europe), of whom 2869 were appointed to Emergency Commissions during the war. Ninety-six chaplains lost their lives in the war, 21 of them in Normandy between June and September 1944.

The part that they played was to administer the sacraments, conduct services, and help with morale. In practice, many chaplains assisted at regimental aid posts behind the Front, carrying wounded soldiers, cleaning wounds, and fetching supplies, besides ministering to the wounded and dying.

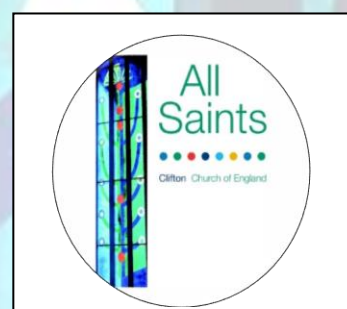
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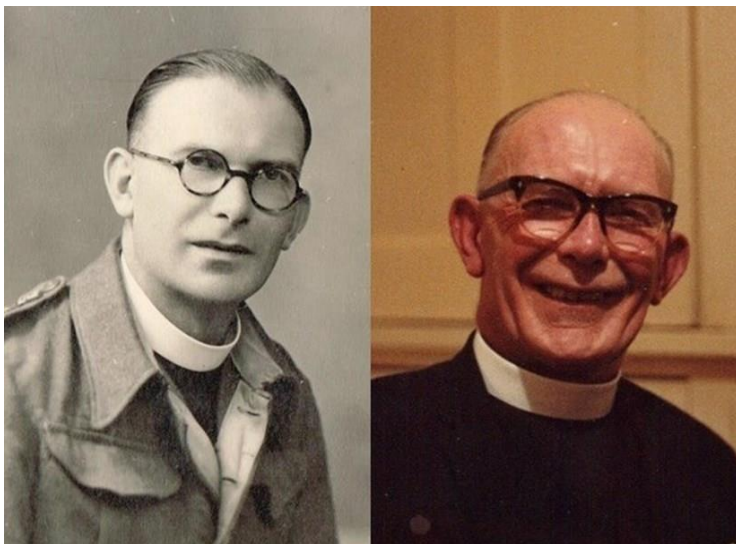
Some of the stories of these men are well-known. The Revd Leslie Skinner, a Methodist minister, was the first British chaplain to land on Sword Beach with the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry. His diary, *The Man Who Worked on Sundays*, paints an unflinching portrait of the reality of ministry under fire. He made it his duty to record precisely the burial site of each of the 153 men of the regiment killed in action during his time as their padre. He was well-known for retrieving the body parts of men who had died in tanks, so that their comrades did not have to encounter their charred remains.

Another was the Rt Revd Mark Green, later Bishop of Aston, who landed on 7 June with the 27th Lancers, and won the Military Cross for rescuing wounded men under heavy artillery fire. Then there is Padre George Parry, killed on 7 June after parachuting into Normandy with the 6th Airborne Division. His story was made into a radio documentary when a journalist stumbled across his suitcase in a junk shop.

Many more fascinating accounts are recorded in *No Guns, Just God's Glory* (OREP, 2018), by the Revd Dr Tom Wilson, who has attempted to record the stories of all the Allied chaplains killed in Normandy. He has a full list of the British and Canadian casualties, thanks to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, but the United States list remains incomplete. "Padres were a steadying influence on the men," he says. "Going into combat is a scary business. But they were highly respected because they were relatively low rank, and so not part of the administrative structure."

The chaplains who received the most respect were, unsurprisingly, those who trained with the men and worked alongside them. They did not always get it right; one of the earliest casualties was the Revd Derrick Williams, whose pre-invasion sermon to the men in his care on the night of 5 June was judged to be so inappropriate that he took his own life in shame.

The majority of the chaplains, no doubt, quietly got on with the job, and did not attract any particular attention. When I was researching *The Restless Wave*, which tells the story of a chaplain who served on D-Day, I was lucky enough to be given the unpublished memoir of one such man: the Revd Harry Treble. Born in 1906, Treble was Vicar of Epping Upland, in Chelmsford diocese, when he volunteered to serve as a chaplain.



The Revd Harry Treble as a Forces chaplain and in retirement

Harry Treble was 35 when he joined up.

"He told me he felt guilty at having been too young for the First World War and too old for the Second," his son Frank says. After various postings in Britain, Harry was deployed to D-Day, attached to a unit of medics and orderlies to serve on Sword Beach.

"It became . . . boring for the men, who had nothing to do except check their equipment and familiarise themselves with the one part of D-Day they were responsible for, after they got there, if they did," Harry wrote of the days beforehand.

"Tension increased and the Padres were busy taking services, counselling and keeping up morale. In fact, there developed a mini Religious Revival, prompted by fear, which evaporated when the . . . dangers of D-Day were over."

Sarah Meyrick looks at the diary entries of a D-Day chaplain Church Times

Dementia Awareness Training

Provided by Tony Hall, Bristol Dementia Action Alliance (BDAA)

When is the Awareness Training?

- ★ **Thursday 27th June, in the Randall Room at 10.00am.**
- ★ All are very welcome!

All Saints is a Dementia Aware Organization

ASC is also the proud holder of the BDAA Gold Award. Our aim is to raise dementia awareness and understanding wherever possible and to provide an inclusive and welcoming environment for all who live with dementia, their friends, family and carers.

What is Dementia?

If you, a friend or a relative have been diagnosed with Dementia, you may be feeling anxious or confused. It makes us ask a lot of questions, including what causes dementia and how it is diagnosed.

The term 'Dementia' describes a set of symptoms, which includes:

- **Loss of memory** – this particularly affects short term memory, e.g. forgetting what happened earlier in the day, not being able to recall conversations, being repetitive or forgetting the way home from the shops. Long term memory may still be quite good.
- **Mood changes** – people with dementia may be withdrawn, sad, anxious, frightened or angry about what is happening to them.
- **Communication problems** – including problems finding the right words for things, for example describing the function, instead of naming it.

These symptoms occur when the brain is damaged by diseases, including Alzheimer's Disease, or damage caused by a stroke or a series of small strokes.

Dementia is progressive, which means that the symptoms will gradually get worse. How fast Dementia progresses will depend on the individual and also what type of Dementia they have. Each person is unique and will experience Dementia in his/ her own way. It is often the case that the person's family and friends are more concerned about the symptoms than the person themselves!

However, you cannot catch Dementia!

BDAA Mission Statement

- ★ We aim to enable Bristol to become a "Dementia Aware Community"
- ★ We believe that people with dementia have the right to a good quality of life and to remain independent in their local community.
- ★ We believe that people with dementia have the right to live well, engage in and contribute to their local communities as long as they wish to do so.
- ★ We will address negative attitudes and raise awareness and understanding of dementia.

Bristol Early Music Festival

The Bristol Early Music Festival is looking for an enthusiastic person to join the organising committee in the role of treasurer, as our excellent current treasurer will be moving to a new job away from Bristol.

Experience in a financial role, or as the treasurer of another organisation, would be helpful but is not essential. A full role description is available, and the present treasurer will be happy to discuss what's involved, and to facilitate a handover period during the summer.

If you are interested, or think you might be, please reply to response@bristolearlymusicfestival.uk as soon as possible.

Please mention this opportunity to anyone who might seem suitable – they don't have to be a current BEMF supporter, though an interest in early music is obviously an advantage.

Many thanks! Clare Griffel (for BEMF)



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.

Please wear brightly coloured clothing to represent Myra's love of flowers and celebrate her life and creativity – by request of the family.



The Funeral
of
Raymond Clarke
will be held at 11.00am
on
Monday 24th June 2024
at
All Saints, Clifton

The service will be followed by a reception in the Atrium

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Windsor Castle, St. George's Chapel and Queen Mary's Dolls' House 100th Anniversary Small Group Private Tour

Thursday 20th June, 10.30am to c. 7.45pm

Enjoy a wonderful day out with a self-guided tour of Windsor Castle State Apartments and St. George's Chapel, followed by a small group private talk and viewing of Queen Mary's Dolls' House in its 100th Anniversary year.

We arrive in Windsor in time for lunch at one of the many restaurant, pubs and cafés, all within a short stroll from Windsor Castle. Our afternoon consists of a self-guided tour of the opulent State Apartments, and St. George's Chapel, followed by refreshments and a small-group private introductory talk then viewing of Queen Mary's Dolls' House, in its 100th Anniversary year.

Built between 1921 and 1924 for Queen Mary, the consort of King George V, the house was intended to showcase the best of British art and design after the First World War. You will be amazed at the attention to detail of this one of a kind royal town house, which is filled with hundreds of household objects, each reproduced at a 1:12 scale, including working lifts, electric lighting and running water. Its library contains tiny books specially written by the greatest authors of the day, and the wine cellar contains miniature bottles of wine and spirits, created to exacting standards. This part of the visit is for our group and a strictly limited number of other visitors only, which will enable us to admire in comfort the intricate details of the dolls house, and to marvel at the sheer scale of the project.



Cost: £105 paid in advance via BACS or cheque – *only a few places left, so book now!*

For more details, and to book your place, contact Helen Sutton:

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m: 07802 256315



Atrium development

There is good news. It has been over a year and a half since we made our planning application but, with the support of senior representatives of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (the DAC), we now at last have permission. As usual it is accompanied by conditions but they should not cause us any great problems.

The next stage is to secure a faculty and then put the project out to tender. A faculty is the form of ecclesiastical permission required before any substantial work can be carried out to church buildings. There is a degree of overlap between the planning and ecclesiastical jurisdictions but broadly planning is concerned with the external effect of the scheme on the surrounding neighbourhood (in our case a Conservation Area) whereas a faculty also involves in-depth consideration of the effect of the proposal on the interior. Particular scrutiny is necessary where, as with All Saints, the scheme concerns a listed building; detailed drawings are required. Applications are considered by the DAC, a committee of experts in their field, who give advice to the Chancellor of the diocese, the authority legally responsible for the grant of faculties.

We have the services of a Marcus Chantrey, a well-respected, award-winning conservation architect who is a specialist in sustainable heritage projects. His clients include St Mary Redcliffe, Lincoln's Inn and Sherborne and Glastonbury Abbeys. Moving forward with this exciting project we can be reasonably confident of securing a faculty within the next few months.



All Saints' Friends Together dementia friendly café is 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 the All Saints Parish Office (Tues-Fri 10am-4pm: Pembroke Rd, Clifton, BS8 3ED) or contact Helen if items need to be collected: helen@helensutton.com

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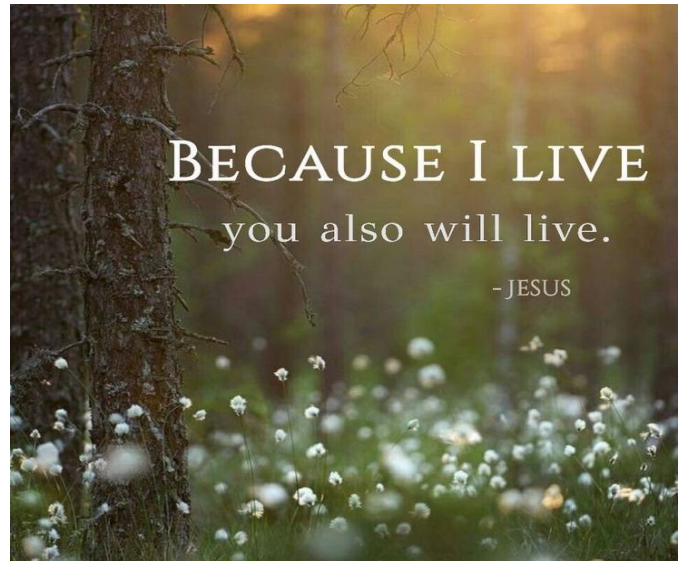


Prayers Requests

'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 Pam Parker

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Steve Cooper Barbera Freeman Remi Clarke

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 David Reed

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

John Dixon Monty Beacham Dee Cirdland Alan Rundle Patricia Handford Brian Callow Molly Gapes

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 10	Pray for the many thousands of young people who will be attending music festivals this summer. Pray for Christians who offer a place to be, friendship and support in “ Spirit/Faith Zones” during these events.
Tue 11	Barnabas the Apostle Pray that the example of Barnabas “the encourager” will inspire us to encourage those around us, that they may have a sense of value and worth, both in their unique gifts and in themselves
Wed 12	Mass 10.00am Many of us take our food and its variety for granted, pray for those working to ensure food production for the poorest areas of the world in a way which encourages self-sufficiency and healthy eating.
Thurs 13	Pray for those who today will visit a church, perhaps for the first time, with a sense of curiosity, a heavy heart or a sincere desire to find God. Pray that they will find welcome and encouragement in their first steps of faith.
Fri 14	Mass 10.00am Richard Baxter, puritan divine 1691. Today is the anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire in North Kensington, London. Pray for those who live in and with the aftermath of the fire, in grief, loss and anger, and those who support them.
Sat 15	Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941 Pray for children and young people who will go into Care today: for courts, social workers, parents and foster parents as they strive to put vulnerable children first.
Sunday 16	Trinity 3 Pr 6 Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God. 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.