

ALL SAINTS NEWS

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Facts about Refugees and Asylum Seekers British Red Cross

Refugee Week in the UK – 17th to 23rd June 2024



Right now, over 100 million people have been forced to flee their homes according to the UN Refugee Agency. The number of displaced persons exceeded 100 million for the first time in 2022.

This has more than doubled compared to ten years ago and 35 per cent of this group are children.

Most displaced people, 74 per cent, are hosted in low- and middle-income countries. And 69 per cent are in neighbouring countries or places close to the country they have fled.

What's the difference between asylum seekers and refugees?

There's often confusion around what asylum seekers, refugees and migrants are and the labels used to describe them, which can be unhelpful.

Below, we look at the most common terms used to describe people who leave their countries for different reasons.

What's an asylum seeker?

A person seeking asylum:

- flees their home
- arrives in another country, whichever way they can
- makes themselves known to the authorities
- submits an asylum application
- has a legal right to stay in the country while waiting for a decision.

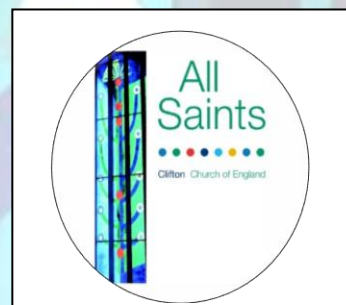
How many asylum seekers are in the UK?

In 2022, the UK received applications for asylum for 89,398 people (including dependants). This is far fewer people applying for asylum in the UK compared to other countries. It's around three times less than the number of applications received by Germany (243,835), and considerably less than France (156,455) and Spain (117,945).

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What's a refugee?

A refugee:

- has proven that they'd be at risk if returned to their home country
- has had their claim for asylum accepted by the government
- has permission to stay in the UK either long term or indefinitely.

Refugees have a right under UK and international law to bring their immediate family members to join them.



Refused asylum seekers

A refused asylum seeker:

- hasn't been able to prove that they would face persecution back home
- has been denied protection by the authorities
- must now leave the country – unless they want to appeal the decision or it isn't safe or practical for them to return home (for example, they have a serious health condition or can't get the documents they need to travel).

What is a migrant?

A migrant:

- has moved to another country, for example to work, study or join family members
- may be living there temporarily or permanently depending on their situation.

LOVE > PRAY > VOTE

I am, and have long been, a Christian Socialist because I believe it offers the best pathway to live out my faith in the modern affluent Western world. In the light of a fraught and upcoming general election, it might be useful to explore what this allegiance entails (as it was taught to me during my training at Mirfield. – Fr. Anthony Grant C.R. tells the story of one of the brethren, some years ago, hitch-hiking home when a passing motorist stopped to give a lift, but upon recognising a 'Mirfield monk' said 'Your community stands for the two things I despise most in this world: Catholicism and Communism.' And drove off.)

Firstly, a Christian Socialist is a democratic socialist: not a Marxist or Communist. We believe in and accept free markets (with government. managed safe-guards and safety nets for the poorest and most powerless in the community) while seeking to restrain the more self-destructive excesses of Capitalism. This means safeguarding disability and other benefits while deploying and enhancing the taxation structures to create opportunities for everyone. Christian socialists believe that society should be ordered, and the economy run not simply from a profit motive, but democratically to meet human need, so we support moves to end the two-child benefit cap, and to roll out free school meals.

There will be a redistributive tool element to this, but more fundamentally it means underpinning and enhancing the NHS, - not privatising by the front or back doors, and extending it to encompass social care that is properly funded and remunerated – as well as strengthening and promoting endearing excellence in state education. Here there are lessons to be learned from the systems of Wales, Scotland, Canada and Finland. A priority must also be to end student debt, abolish fees, and restore student grants. We believe that it is advantageous for the state to manage the infrastructure of the country directly: especially utilities.

Christian socialists work to re-establish fairness in the workplace: we look for an end to "Fire and rehire" and "Fixed term contracts" After all, the Left came into existence, all those years ago, in order to fight for working people.

We also believe in holding all Parties to all the green pledges they have ever made, and that this can be done economically in the future without penalising the less well-off. Similarly, all plans involving further reliance on fossil fuels (e.g. Rosebank) should be re-examined. Finally, we need to address the adequate funding of our armed forces. Finally, and internationally, it seems appropriate to support the Leader of the Free World's policy on Ukraine, as well as his plan for peace with justice in Gaza and the West Bank.

Fr Paul Tiernan.

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Sophie Chung
Violin
accompanied by
James Willshire

with musicians from
Clifton College

Wednesday
July 3rd
7.30pm

Schubert
Brahms
Bartok
Brahms Piano Quintet

A CONCERT IN AID OF
REGO
ACTION AGAINST HUNGER



Puccini's Trilogy

You are warmly invited to WNO Friends' talk on Wednesday 19 June in The Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral at 7.15 pm

Il trittico (*The Triptych*) comprises three short(ish) operas by Puccini. When all three are performed together, they make for a very diverse experience. ***Il tabarro*** (*The Cloak*) is a typical verismo opera about jealousy and revenge whilst ***Suor Angelica*** (*Sister Angelica*) is a tragedy set in a convent. The third opera, ***Gianni Schicchi***, is the most often performed opera and Puccini's only comedy. Ian Cartwright will introduce us to these three operas, illustrating how Puccini utilised such contrasting styles of composition which display his talent for versatility and concision. **NB** The evening will begin with a very short AGM
Easy parking, bar, Friends £8, Visitors £10. Further information from Melanie David, Tel: 01934 842014
email: melaniej david@btinternet.com

Dementia Awareness Training

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

When is the Awareness Training?

- ★ Thursday 27 June, in the Randall Room at 10.00am.
- ★ Contact Helen to book a place

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 understand 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. 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.

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.

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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.

THE ALL SAINTS' PARISH RETREAT 17-19 MAY 2024

On Friday 17th May, thirteen of us descended on Llangasty Retreat House, by the shores of Llangorse Lake, for our annual weekend retreat, led this year by Fr Paul Hawkins.



The theme of the retreat was **'Questioning God: God's questions to us / our questions to God'**. Interspersed by the Daily Offices, Fr Paul gave five thought provoking addresses, exploring the following questions:

'Where are you; where is your brother?': The word of Joy is at the heart of our faith, God is always seeking us and asking 'Where are you? Do not hide from me, don't be afraid'. Fr Paul told us a story of a boy in Auschwitz whose only place of solitude was a dung heap. All he could say sitting there was "God, I hate you". After a while he was astonished to feel an overwhelming sense of God's loving presence. Even in the darkest of times, God comes with a gentle, loving invitation to come to him.

Then Fr Paul addressed the question **'Please tell me your name', 'have you seen him whom my heart loves?', 'what kind of being are you, who are you?'**: We should accept we are unconditionally loved by God and lift our false images of God. The Song of Songs is an allegory of us seeking after God – God waits for us to be ready.

'Do not humans have a hard service on earth?': Here Fr Paul spoke of an incident from Dostoevsky's *The Brother's Karamasov* where he imagines Christ meeting with the Grand Inquisitor where the Grand Inquisitor asks why Christ didn't accept the temptations in the wilderness. Christ says nothing, but kisses the Grand Inquisitor – the answer being that God's love allows our free will. Fr Paul also focused on how much The Psalms help us in our conversations with God.

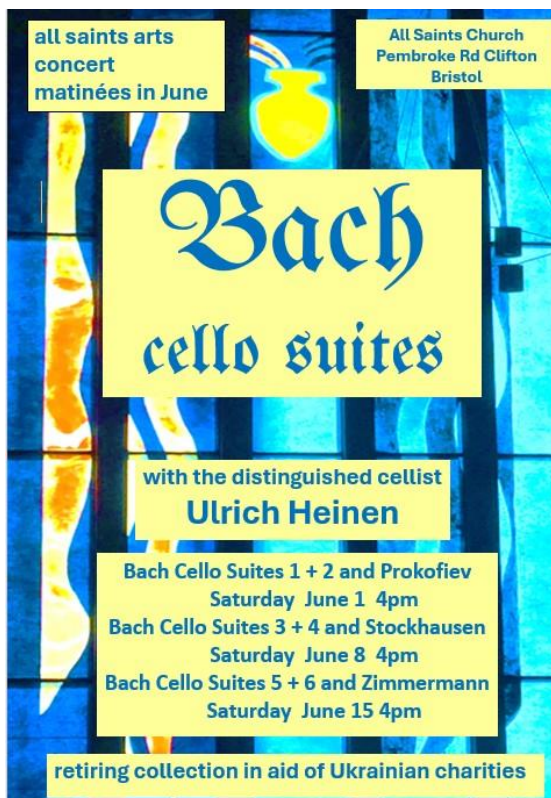
'Is it right for you to be angry?': Unrighteous anger destroys us and leads to depression and anxiety. Christ on the cross absorbs our anger.

'How will this happen?' The Virgin Mary questions the Angel Gabriel, who in the Annunciation has just told her that she will be the mother of Jesus Christ. In doing this, God brings the divine world and the human world together. The overwhelming love of God – the coming together of divine and human will – is bound up in Mary's response: "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said".

The whole weekend was a joy and a rest with beautiful weather so that we could sit in the sun and listen to the gentle sounds of the sheep, cows and horses in the field between us and the lake. When anyone wanted to talk they did so, outside away from those of us who wished to remain silent. The retreat house is comfortable and we're well looked after. It's set in a beautiful spot with glorious views of the lake and the mountains, and we returned to Bristol refreshed – physically, mentally and spiritually.

Next year's retreat is provisionally booked for the third weekend of May, **Friday 16th to Sunday 18th May 2025**, so do pencil the dates in your diaries – more information will be circulated at the beginning of next year.





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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

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



The Funeral of

David Reed
will be held at 2.00pm
on
Wednesday 26th June 2024
at
All Saints, Clifton

The service will be followed by a reception in the Atrium

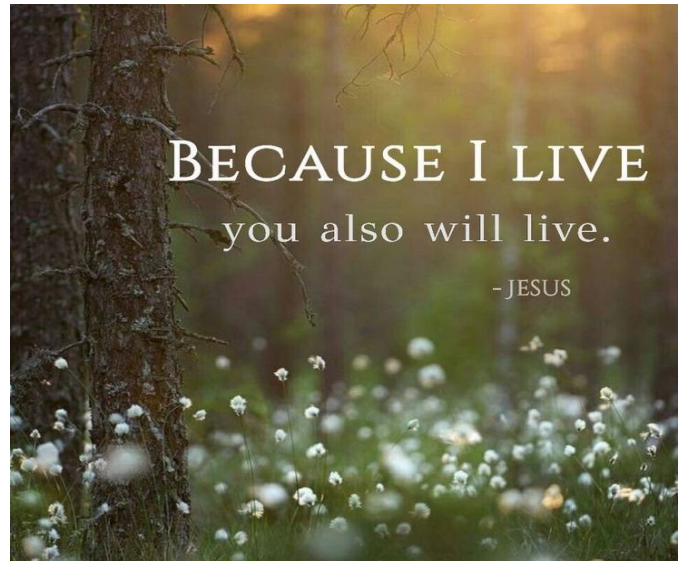
RIP

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:

Diane Clover Max Cameron Mary Barty John Sanders

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 17	Samuel and Henrietta Barnet, Social reformers 1913, 1936. Pray for those who continue to work for social reform: for individuals, agencies and charities working with the very poorest in our communities. Remember Sisters Teresa and Rosie and their work here in St.Pauls.
Tue 18	Today, or during this week, many young people will reach the end of their GCSE and A Level exams. Pray that they will gain a balanced and healthy perspective. Pray too for those young people who have known little parental support in their efforts and for teachers and others who strive to offer it.
Wed 19	Mass 10.00am Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man) evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929. Pray for the people of Tibet. Sundar Singh (Anglican Priest) made his final trip to work in Tibet in 1929 - he was a widely known and respected Christian accepted across all denominations – globally and in India.
Thurs 20	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 21	Mass 10.00am Biro brothers bought and established the 'bic' pen. 774 Million adults are unable to write (2/3 are women) – literacy sits at the heart of learning, personal empowerment and social progress – it is a fundamental human right. Pray for those working for international literacy.
Sat 22	Alban, first martyr of Britain Pray for the Diocese of St. Albans and for the work of the cathedral community .
Sunday 23	Trinity 4 Pr 7 O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we may lose not our hold on things eternal; 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.