

ALL SAINTS NEWS

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Mary Sumner, Commemoration 9th August

Mary Sumner's mother was a woman of personal piety who held mothers' meetings in her home in Herefordshire, England. Her mother's faith, women's meetings and the loss of her infant son at six weeks may have all inspired Mary Sumner decades later to begin the Mothers' Union.

Educated at home, Mary Sumner, née Heywood, learned to speak three foreign languages and sing well. She travelled to Rome to complete her musical education where she met her future husband, George Sumner. George was ordained and in 1851 received the 'living' (that is a parish appointment) of Old Arlesford, Hampshire where Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and helping her husband in his ministry by providing music and Bible classes.



In 1876, when her eldest daughter Margaret gave birth, she felt it would be beneficial for young mothers in the parish to be offered support. She reflected on the importance of motherhood and envisaged calling women of all social classes to support one another. Mary was nervous at first, but soon gathered the courage to put her plans into action, calling a meeting in the Old Alresford Rectory where George Sumner spoke about giving religious teaching and leadership in the home

The Mothers' Union was limited to her parish until 1885, when she was asked to address the Portsmouth Church Congress by the Bishop of Newcastle.

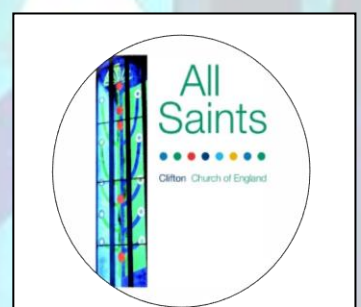
She spoke passionately of national morality and the importance of women's vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better.

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She focused on the two ideas central to her Mothers' Union group: being a good example to children and keeping prayer central to the life of the family. This led to a number of women going on to found mothers' meetings in their own parishes, and soon the Bishop of Winchester made the Mothers' Union a Diocesan organisation.

On 9th August 1921 Mary died at the age of 92. She is buried with her husband in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral. She is commemorated in the liturgical calendars of the Church of England, the Church in Wales, the Anglican Church of Australia and other provinces on the date of her death. In 1925 a central headquarters for the worldwide organisation was established in London known as Mary Sumner House, adjacent to Westminster Abbey. The integrity and social responsibility of The Mothers' Union has always been highly regarded and in 1926 at the 50th Jubilee, The Mothers' Union was granted a Royal Charter by His Majesty King George V.

Mothers' Union remains the greatest memorial to Mary Sumner, although the range and depth of the movement's work far exceeds Mary Sumner's original vision of a circle of prayer upholding family life. The rapidly changing face of society brought great changes within the Anglican Church, such as the ordination of women, the call to end gender-based violence, increased awareness of acute poverty in the developing world and our global responsibilities to address the inequalities within both developed and developing world societies. Mothers' Union has survived for more than 140 years, and grown especially in developing countries, adapting to a changing world without losing sight of Mary Sumner's vision.

Mothers' Union now has more than four million members in 84 countries. Members continue to promote family life through parents' group work, marriage support and advocating for family-supportive policies whilst at the same time upholding families affected by homelessness, imprisonment and relationship breakdown.

Importantly, prayer continues to be at the heart of the organisation, as members maintain a constant chain of intercession across a global membership.

Mary Sumner's personal prayer:

***All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live. Amen.***

And one Connection:



The Rectory at Old Arlesford was the home to a religious community, the Sisters of Bethany, between 1964 and 1982.

It was here that Fr Charles went through the process of selection to the priesthood – during the 1970's.

At that time the process was managed by ACCM (Advisory Council for the Churches Ministry).

Two distinct memories he holds are (1) that the Sisters' were pretty much invisible, the whole house and meals were efficiently run with not a Sister in sight! And (2) watercress! The watercress beds created by the chalk stream and ditches make this one of the main watercress producing areas in the UK.

Fr Charles seems to think that every meal was accompanied by a huge bowl of watercress – including breakfast.



The Transfiguration

Tuesday 6th Of August

Mass 7.30 pm

The Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. Please take time to reflect on the meaning of this in the way we live our Christian lives.

Clifton Down Growing Space , Bristol City Growing , Alma Vale Road, Clifton, Bristol,



This project has come about with the aim to transform the under utilised space at the end of Alma Vale Road into a thriving site for growing food.

With a growing interest in food cultivation and a significant demand for allotments in Bristol, this project presents an opportunity to provide individuals with smaller plots to learn and develop their gardening skills while engaging with the community.

The project will include 46 new raised bed planters with small plots comprising of 1-4 planters each (5.5m x 1m x 60cm) for individuals to cultivate their own produce. Clifton Down Growing space is based in the old Sainsbury's car park at the end of Alma Vale Road.

The project starts on the weekend of 9th to 11th August with filling the first two showcase planters one for the Clifton Down Community Association and one for All Saints.

The decision about what and when to plant will then be made with the help of the Flower Team.

One of the planters will be planted and looked after by the 57th Brownies, who meet in the Randall Room, as part of their community involvement pledge.

If you are able to help next weekend please contact Ro York at <ro@royork.com>



By building 46 mini-raised beds, each offering 5,5 sq meters of growing space, we hope to give a group of local people the opportunity to start growing their own food. Each plot holder will be responsible for 1-4 raised beds. Like any allotment site, they will form a new community group - sharing their growing experiences and collaborating in maintaining the site. In addition, they will help to develop the local ecosystem, support pollinators and improve our communal wellbeing.

ASC Walks – September.

Following last week's ASC News focusing on Trees, **our 7 September Walk** will be in Ashton Court, where the trees are some of the finest in Britain.

We might visit the Domesday Oak, (if I can find it!) with a girth of 9.19m, it is one of England's 50 oldest trees. Or perhaps the Fattest Oak. Oaks are a haven for a colossal 2,300 wildlife species, providing vital spaces to eat, shelter and breed.



We might find a Sweet Chestnut, hunkering down in the undergrowth, with an even bigger girth of about 2m. Or we might spot the crookednest, most battered-looking Hawthorn, where the fairies are said to live. Then there are the newbies - the towering Redwoods, planted in the 19th century. Along with a remarkable 'Catalpa bignonioides', like the one growing in the All Saints Garden. It is in terrific flower just now. If you hurry, you can find just outside the far end of the Rose Garden.



Alongside actual trees, we'll also look at the fascinating, illustrated, Family Tree of the Smythe family. We will also drop in on Humfrey Repton as his designs for Ashton Court are not carried out to his specification.

Times and meeting places for 7th September walk will be in the News at the end of August.

There is no walk in August.

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Jackie Marsh, Legacy and In Memory Officer at The Macular Society writes :

I am writing to thank you again for choosing the Macular Society to receive donations in memory of Myra. I can see the donations made on Myra's Just Giving page have now reached £520; thank you so much. These generous donations will help to fund vital research to find a cure for macular disease, like Dr Bridgeen Callan's research into delivering anti-VEGF drugs for wet age-related macular degeneration by eye drop instead of injections. If successful, patients may potentially be able to administer the drops at home, avoiding the need for time-consuming trips to the clinic, and the potential discomfort and side effects of injections.

If you would like to know more about the ground-breaking work of the Macular Society please look at their website at www.macularsociety.org

15th August 2024

7.30 pm

**The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

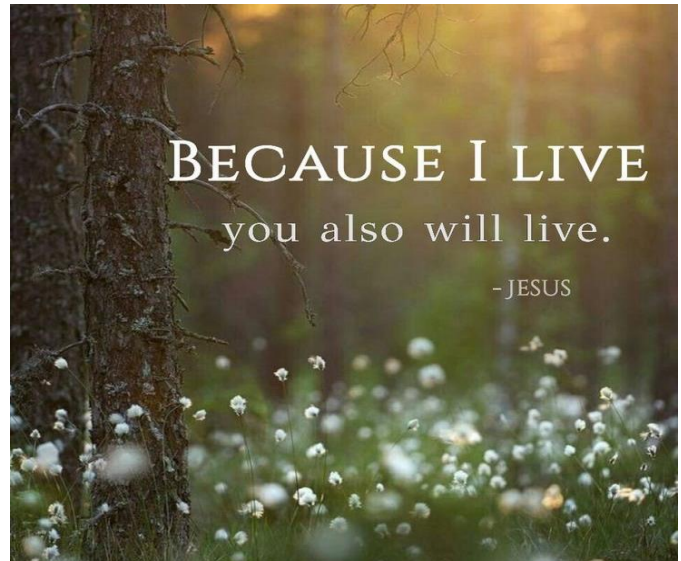


Prayers Requests

'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 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 John Badman

Saturday

The Departed

Myra York Raymond Clarke David Reed

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Roger Ayscough Betty Taylor Hilda Durham Lois Atherden Gordon Richards Jessie Bowery Mary Ensor Francisca Tandy

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Mon 5	Oswald, King of Northumbria, 642 Pray for all who are involved in the training and provision of Assistance Dogs. For those charities engaged in the fundraising and for those for whom these dogs change the quality of life.
Tue 6	The Transfiguration Mass 7.30pm The Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. Please take time to reflect on the meaning of this in the way we live our Christian lives. Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is.
Wed 7	Mass 10.00am John Mason Neale, Priest 1866 Fr Neale was part of the catholic renewal at a time when many in the Anglican Church were suspicious of anything suggestive of Roman Catholicism. He was attacked and stoned by protestant crowds. Pray that we can overcome the ignorance and suspicion that continues to linger in the hearts and minds of different divisions within the church.
Thurs 8	Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221 Pray for all Brother and Sister members of the Dominican Order (Order of Preachers) and for the Dominican houses throughout the world. Pray for all who work to preach and teach the 'Word' – "Only say the Word and my servant will be healed" Mt 8:8
Fri 9	Mass 10.00am Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921 Pray for the Mothers' Union, an international Christian membership charity that aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action through the transformation of communities of all faiths and none throughout the world. Pray for its work and the 4 million members who try to bring Christian care to families of all kinds.
Sat 10	Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258 Laurence served God with 'Deeds of Love'. Pray for all who "serve the sick, aged, poor, widows and orphans of the congregation". Acts for which he was martyred.
Sunday 11	11th Sunday after Trinity Pr 14 O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure Early Worship 9.00am Parish 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 :
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Janice Callow – office@allsaintsclifton.org mark for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.