ALL SAINTS NEWS

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Faith leaders unite against hatred and violence

Tuesday 6th August 2024

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster Cardinal Vincent Nichols have joined two of Britain's most prominent Sunni and Shia imams, Imam Dr Sayed Razawi, Chief Imam and Director General of Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society and Imam Qari Asim, Chairman of Mosques and Imams National Advisory Board in a letter to The Times to praise those who volunteered to repair damage caused by rioters, and to condemn the violence.

Sir, Over the last few days we have watched in horror as a small minority has brought hatred, violence and vandalism to towns and cities across the country. We have seen anti-Muslim hatred and the targeting of mosques; asylum seekers and refugees attacked; violence directed towards the police and private property, all of which are a stain on our national moral conscience.

Every British citizen has a right to be respected and a responsibility to respect others, so that together we can build a cohesive and harmonious society for all.

As faith leaders, we salute the many people who have stepped forward to repair damage and restore their neighbourhoods. We pledge to work with government and all sections of society towards a constructive and compassionate dialogue on immigration and social cohesion.

The Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis
The Most Rev Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
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As representatives of diverse faith and belief communities, as well as secular organisations from across Bristol, we are shocked and saddened by the violence and harassment that has taken place in Bristol and the rest of the UK over the last few days. We stand united in our condemnation of the actions of extremist groups. There is no place in our city for racism, anti-Muslim hate or violence against asylum seekers and refugees. We, the undersigned affirm our collective commitment to peace, compassion, and justice.

These extremist actions were sparked by mass disinformation being spread about a tragic incident in Southport. We hold the three children – Alice, Bebe and Elsie – who were killed in Southport, those who grieve them deeply, and all who have been affected by these events, in our heartfelt prayers and thoughts.

As a community, we were horrified by the scenes that unfolded last Saturday at Castle Park, outside the Mercure Hotel in Redcliffe and across other parts of Bristol. We stand in solidarity with the people who locked arms at the entrance to the hotel to protect the asylum seekers and refugees from violence. We stand together with thousands of people who gathered yesterday in Old Market to send a clear message that extremism is not welcome in our city.

These hate-filled acts of racism and intimidation towards Muslim and refugee and asylum seeker communities are a direct affront to the core values of love, compassion, justice, and the inherent dignity of every human being, that we uphold as a City of Sanctuary. In our rejection of hate and in our shared humanity and faith, we are united in solidarity with each other and in solidarity with the most vulnerable in our society.

We stand united with people of every ethnicity and belief. We share the conviction that there is one race, the human race. We stand united with asylum seekers and refugees, as those who are among the most vulnerable in our land. Each of our communities and faiths emphasises this duty of care and service through which we discover the beautiful gift that strangers and newcomers are to us.

In the face of it all, we stand firm together as the city of Bristol in all its diversity to reaffirm our commitment to a community where everyone can live free from fear and discrimination, as we look ahead with hope towards working together to heal the wounds of the past. We will overcome the forces that seek to divide us and we will continue to build a city marked by love, compassion, and hope.

Signed 8th August 2024 The Rt Revd Vivienne Faull, Bishop of Bristol

A list of all other signatories to this statement can be found on the Diocesan Website News - Diocese of Bristol (anglican.org)

Companion Voices

Companion Voices are singers based across UK who gather to learn songs and prepare themselves to sing for people at the end of life. We share our voices, compassion and loving presence, whether in person or virtually, when called upon to do so. Our deep and trusting community supports all Companions as well as those we gather to serve.



At Companion Voices we recognise that there are people who hold religious or spiritual beliefs and people who do not. We are here to serve everyone regardless of their belief system and our repertoire reflects this.

Companion Voices' songs are chosen to create a soundscape that will be comforting, relaxing and undemanding. To this end, they are mostly simple and repetitive, drawn from a wide range of traditions, and may have words in languages unknown to the listeners. This is to allow a sense of being able to 'go with the flow', not necessarily needing to engage with decoding meaning. When you contact us to invite us to sing, we will talk with you about any preferences or beliefs you — or the person you're inviting us to sing for — might have and choose songs from our repertoire accordingly, sharing in advance the meanings of any songs not in English on request if you'd like to be sure they are suitable.



Companions are trained to sing and respond intuitively in the moment. It's possible for more familiar songs to be woven in, but this is not our main purpose: the singing is not to entertain or 'cheer up', but to accompany and honour the person receiving it; not to pull them back towards life and the familiar but to allow them to progress forward knowing they are not alone. We aim to give them a sense that their experience is held and acknowledged by the singers and their voices as they take their leave

of life.

Companion Voices are really strong in Bristol! Companion Voices provide something which is 'extra special'!

- call on us to sing at a bedside
- ★ join us as a Companion to sing
- find out more and please contact us on bristol@companionvoices.org

If you feel moved by our work, we warmly invite you to become a Friend of Companion Voices, supporting us and becoming part of CV's community without joining a group.

Please visit our donations page for details.



Mother Nicola Stanley

Mthr Nicola was born and brought up in East Yorkshire. After leaving school she spent time in Italy and Germany, then moved to London where she became a member of the Chartered Institute for Personnel Development.

She worked for British Steel, followed by an Italian shipping company. Mthr Nicola is married to James, formerly an accountant, and they have two adult sons, a four year old grand-daughter and a grandson due in the autumn.

When her children were small Nicola worked from home for the Independent Group of Analytical Psychologists and the Guild of Pastoral Psychology. She trained for ordination on the STETS course in Salisbury and was ordained deacon in 2002 and priest in 2003. She served her title in Chiswick at St Michael and All Angels, Bedford Park and became an ADDO in the Kensington Episcopal Area of London.

In 2006 she was appointed as Vicar of All Hallows, Twickenham – yards from the rugby stadium! In 2014 Nicola was asked by the then Dean of Bristol, David Hoyle, to apply for the post of Canon Precentor, which she held until 2022. She then took a sideways step, becoming Canon Pastor and Vice Dean of the Cathedral, until her retirement in January this year.

Mthr Nicola enjoys gardening, she is interested in local history, she likes cooking and loves looking after her grand-daughter. The family have had Birman cats for many years and everyone is looking forward to the arrival of two kittens in September!

Mthr Nicola writes, 'It has been a great joy to get to know people at All Saints, Clifton over the past six months and the warm welcome I've received has helped enormously as I've made the transition into retirement. I'm particularly grateful to Fr Charles for including me in the worshipping life of the Church and I very much look forward to embarking on this new chapter of ministry.'



15th August 2024 7.30 pm

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Clifton Down Growing Space, Bristol City Growing, Alma Vale Road, Clifton, Bristol, Now starting on the weekend of 17th & 18th of August



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.

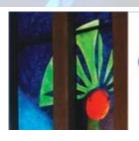
With a growing interest in food cultivation and a significant demand for allotments in Bristol, this project presents an opportunity to provide individuals with smaller plots to learn and develop their gardening skills while engaging with the community.

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 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 please contact Ro York at <ro@royork.com>



Friends Together All Saints, Clifton

Items for Friend Together Reminiscence Boxes

One of the exciting activities at Friends Together is Reminiscence work, recalling past experiences, events or memories.

Reminiscence activities improve self-esteem and provide people with a sense of fulfilment and comfort as they look back at their lives. Although reminiscing involves recalling past events, it also encourages communication and interaction with a listener in the present.

We are collecting items to make up some more boxes to give volunteers and families attending Friends Together wider opportunities to be involved in reminiscence activities.

The items need to be small enough to fit into a shoe box, from a time period that is relevant to the people who attend friends together, 1930 to 1970 and robust enough to be handled.

We are currently looking for items to fill the Car ownership and maintenance box, the Music box and the Gardening box .

These items might include;

- Manuals /leaflets
- Old keys
- AA/RAC membership cards
- Garage bills
- Seed catalogues
- Photographs of people working in their garden
- Pictures of tools
- Small tools does anyone have a dibber ?
- Sheet music of old songs
- Programmes from visits to concerts

And anything else that you can think of!
Donations to Helen, please or to the office when it reopens





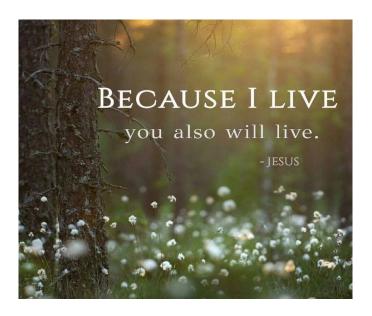


Prayers Requests

'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 Lymperopoulos 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:

Lucy Desenne Derek Baker John Bradley (Pr) Wilfred Gregory Nicholas Turnbull Dorothy Nockolds

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 12	Pray for young people – here in our parish and school. Also that all countries take an opportunity to assess their investment in and commitment to youth.
Tue 13	Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor 1667 Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace
Wed 14	Mass 10.00am Maximillian Kolbe, Friar 1941 Pray for those who sacrifice their life for another or for others. Sometimes the literal giving of life, but very often the sacrifice of health, wealth, pleasure or opportunity to allow others to benefit and grow.
Thurs	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 7.30pm
15	Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom
Fri	Mass 10.00am
16	Flying Ambulance Services. Pray for all those who work to deliver this life-saving service, pilots, medical specialists, volunteers, fundraisers. And those who have been (and will be) served by their dedication
Sat 17	Pray for the work of thrift shops – organizations and people who sell used goods to positively recycle goods, especially when donations are made to charities. Pray for the charity shops in our parish – Oxfam, St Peter's Hospice, British Heart Foundation, Sue Ryder, Cancer Research, Heart Foundation, Save the Children, DEBRA and MIND.
Sunday 18	12 th Sunday after Trinity Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give
	more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son 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.