

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

1<sup>st</sup> September 2024  
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## St Aidan of Lindisfarne

Festival 31<sup>st</sup> August



### The First Recorded Inhabitant:

The first person whose name we know who lived on the island was St. Aidan. He was not the first human being to live on the island: Middle Stone Age Man was there from about 8000BC and New Stone Age Man from 3000BC and they left some of their unwanted rubbish behind. During the Roman Empire Britons probably had a village on the island. They had a name for the Island: Medcaut - a Celtic word of unknown meaning. In 635AD, when Aidan chose the Island for the site of his monastery, the location moved from prehistory into history.

### Who was Aidan?

Aidan was an Irish monk from the monastery that St. Columba had founded on the island of Iona. The Britons had been Christian before the Irish, since Britain, though not Ireland, was part of the Roman Empire. Some of the missionaries who first took the faith to Ireland were British: St. Patrick (the patron saint of Ireland) was the most famous but not the only one. But when the power of Rome declined the English (from North Germany) began to infiltrate into Britain and gradually turned it into England. These incoming English were pagans. Up in the north the kingdom of Northumbria was largely created by the English warrior-leader Aethelfrith but when he was killed in battle (616AD) his children fled into exile and some of these children found their way to what is now South-West Scotland. Where they met the Irish monks of Iona and accepted the the Christian faith.

Oswald, the second son of Aethelfrith, grew up determined to re-gain the throne of Northumbria and to let the pagans among his people hear about Christianity. In 633 he fought a successful battle and established himself as king, choosing Bamburgh, a natural outcrop of rock on the North-East coast, as his main fortress. He then invited the monks of Iona to send a mission and eventually Aidan arrived with 12 other monks and chose to settle on the island the English had renamed Lindisfarne.

On Lindasfarne Aidan established an Irish-type monastery of wooden buildings: a small church, small, circular dwelling huts, perhaps one larger building for communal purposes and in time, workshops etc as needed.

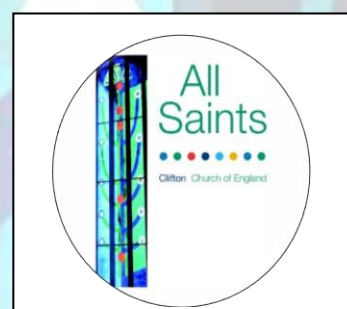
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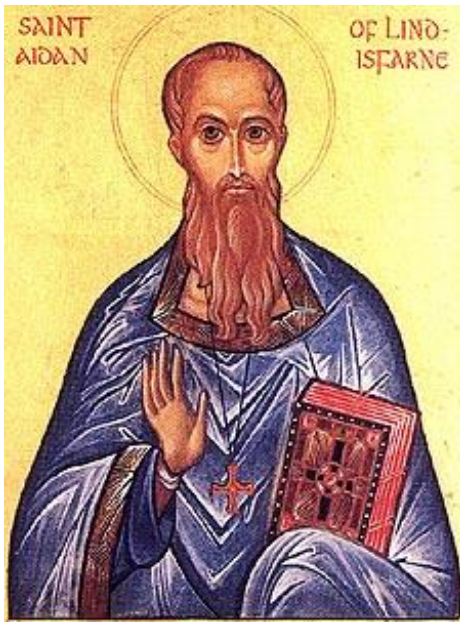
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The monks lived a life of prayer, study and austerity (although in this Aidan was said to be moderate - by Irish standards!). From Lindisfarne they went out on mission. First they needed to learn the English language and their English king, Oswald, who had learnt Irish in his boyhood in exile, helped them. Then they went out, using Aidan's only method as a missionary, which was to walk the lanes, talk to all the people he met and interest them in the faith if he could. His monks visited and revisited the villages where he sowed the seeds and in time local Christian communities were formed. One story tells that the king, worried that bishop Aidan would walk like a peasant, gave him a horse but Aidan gave it away to a beggar. He wanted to walk, to be on the same level as the people he met and no doubt to vary his approach when he discovered something of their background and attitudes.



Aidan had to ensure that his efforts did not die with himself and his Ionian monks. What was needed was an English leadership of the English church. He had to educate the next generation of leaders. Irish monks were very keen on Christian education, which required the new skills of book-learning, reading and writing and Latin - the language in which all the books they could obtain were written. Once the essentials of literacy had been grasped the expansion of mental horizons must have been amazing. Books could bridge the natural restrictions of time and space! They began with the 150 psalms (in Latin) and then went on to the four gospels (in Latin). These were the essentials; then they could master as much as their library offered and their minds could hold.

Such education at this time could be obtained only in monastic schools. Aidan began with 12 boys, who of course would learn the practical work of being monks, priests and missionaries by observing and working with the older monks. It seems to have been a good system.

The monastery on the Island was for men and boys only. This was not true everywhere. As the Christian faith spread in England double monasteries became popular; under the rule of an Abbess monks and nuns, girls and boys, lived and worked in the same establishment, though not necessarily in close contact! But Lindisfarne was different in that it had been founded specifically to be the centre for mission. It would not have been appropriate to have nuns on the island, since they could not do the same work: public opinion at the time would not have understood or permitted women to walk the lanes and speak to people they did not know. Yet many of the nuns became very learned and their contribution to the success of the mission was great, for everywhere that Christianity spread books were required and many of these were copied by the nuns in their monasteries. Aidan himself had made sure that it was possible in Northumbria for women to become nuns if they so wished. He had "discovered" the woman who was to become the most famous Abbess of her day, Hild, who was to be in turn the Abbess of Hartlepool and Whitby. Her contribution to the church was great: at least five of her (male) students became bishops.



After 16 years as bishop Aidan died at Bamburgh in 651AD. We do not know his age. What he had achieved may not have been clear to him at death but subsequent history showed the strong foundations and lasting success of his mission. The missionaries trained in his school went out and worked for the conversion of much of Anglo-Saxon England.



The Tenebrae Choir are coming to Bristol Cathedral next month to perform one of our favourite programmes, a Hymn of Heavenly Beauty.

It includes choral gems such as Allegri's *Miserere Mei, Deus*, and Hold's incredible *Nunc Dimittis*.

Our director, Nigel Short, will be giving a workshop on 14th September from 2pm, and I thought the choir and congregation of All Saints Clifton might be interested.

Anyone who attends the workshop will get 10% off concert tickets, and we are also offering £10 student tickets. You can find more details about the workshop at [www.tenebrae-choir.com](http://www.tenebrae-choir.com)



**Open Day**  
**14<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10 – 4**

The Night Shelter is open during the week 8.00pm-9.30pm (not Thursdays), for hot food, showers, and clothes. We offer 12 beds that are filled via nominations from St Mungos Outreach Team. Our service is completely free of charge for our guests. All welcome.

If you would like to find out more about our work please come to the Open Day  
at

16 Little Bishop Street, St Pauls, Bristol, BS2 9JF

## Friends Together - Dementia Friendly Café Thursday 5th September 10:00am – 12:00pm

A dementia accessible Café where *everyone* is welcome.

Support, guidance, information and friendship - Tea, coffee and delicious home-made cake!



### Friends Together

@ All Saints, Clifton

A Dementia accessible café – for all.  
Support, guidance, information and friendship.  
Tea, coffee and home-made cake included.

**When?** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month  
**Time?** 10.00am-12.00pm  
**Where?** The Randall Room, All Saints Church

Join us for...

- Reminiscence activities
- Support, guidance, and information
- Tea, coffee, cake
- Fun, laughter – and friendship!

**Café Dates 2024** ALWAYS THE 1<sup>st</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

• THURSDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> January	• THURSDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> July
• THURSDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> February	• THURSDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> August
• THURSDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> March	• THURSDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> September
• THURSDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> April	• THURSDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> October
• THURSDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	• THURSDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> November
• THURSDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> June	• THURSDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> December

 **A PROUD DEMENTIA AWARE ORGANISATION**

For further information, please call All Saints Parish Office on 0117 974 1355 or see the website for latest updates.

[www.allsaintsclifton.org](http://www.allsaintsclifton.org)

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"we always leave the Friends Together Café feeling better!"

"my husband always receives a supportive and sympathetic welcome"

"a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere and a delightful group of volunteers"

"a great way to meet other carers and share thoughts and experiences"

 **A PROUD DEMENTIA AWARE ORGANISATION**

All Saints, Clifton has achieved Bristol Dementia Action Alliance Gold Award status in 2023

**900k** | there are over 900,000 people living with dementia in the UK

**5000** | an estimated 5,000 of which are living in Bristol

**5%** | of people under 65 years old have young-onset dementia

**Friends Together Café**  
First Thursday of every month: 10am-12pm  
**All Saints Church** Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol B8 3ED  
**ADMISSION FREE** | [allsaintsclifton.org](http://allsaintsclifton.org)

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## CROWDFUNDING OPEN DAY!

Help us make our Growing Space Project come to life



Saturday,  
7th September  
10:00 - 15:00  
behind Sainsbury's  
on Alma Vale Road

Find out more on: [cliftdowngrowingspace.com](http://cliftdowngrowingspace.com)



## Green Shoots !

The All Saints planter already has green shoots and will be growing produce for the local community .

The 57<sup>th</sup> Brownies, based in the Randall Room will be planting their box when they return at the start of the autumn term.

If you are interested in the Clifton Down Growing Space please come along to the

**Open Day**  
on  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.00am to 3.00pm**

Behind Sainsbury's at the end of Alma Vale Road

Our next walk will be .....

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Ashton Court

Led by Georgina Harford

Georgina will take us on a walk through Ashton Court, looking at  
Repton's work, and the Family Trees.



We'll set off promptly at 10:45 from outside All Saints Church,  
Pembroke Rd, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3ED, returning c. 13:00

Any questions, contact: [georginaharford@hotmail.com](mailto:georginaharford@hotmail.com) 07767 746168

All Saints  
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Thursday evenings  
At 8.00pm

Our popular Thursday evenings at  
The Alma Tavern **ARE BACK!!**  
Join us at the 'All Saints table' for a  
drink and a chat  
Every Thursday from 8pm

All Saints Parish Office  
0117 974 1355; [www.allsaintsclifton.org](http://www.allsaintsclifton.org)

The Alma Tavern & Theatre  
18-20 Alma Vale Road, Clifton, BS8 2HY  
0117 973 5171  
[www.almatavernandtheatre.co.uk](http://www.almatavernandtheatre.co.uk)



The All Saints Food Point is used by a wide variety of people from our community.

Please consider donating a few items regularly or some fresh fruit and vegetables, if you have any to spare.

Thank you.

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

concert matinée

**Saturday**

**Sept 7th**

**4pm**

**Richard Leigh-Harris**

**piano**

*Fanny Mendelssohn Robert Schumann Clara Schumann Johannes Brahms Felix Mendelssohn*



tea and cake

retiring collection

**allsaintsarts**

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

**organ recitals**

**Wednesdays**

**in September**

**at 1.10pm**

**11<sup>th</sup> Isaac Powell**

**(St Paul's Clifton)**

**18<sup>th</sup> Dewi Rees**

**(Bath Abbey)**

**25<sup>th</sup> Simon Gibson**

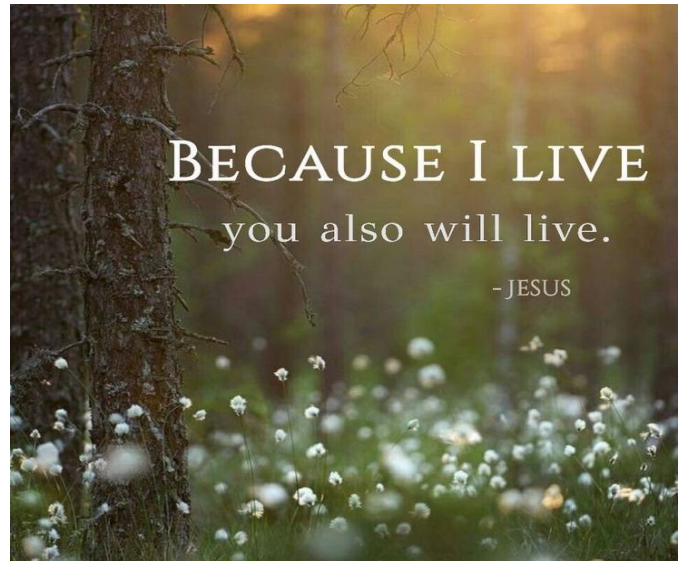
**(Tewkesbury)**

## 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 Sebastian Kloss

### 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 Maria Gingell Christopher Trelawney Ross

## Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Kenneth Smith Margaret Shatford Bryony Cronney Denie Howard Mark Rogers

# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 2	<b>Martyrs of Papua New Guinea 1901 and 1942</b> Pray for those struck by sudden and unexpected misery. For those who face trauma and grief that makes them want to hide from this world.
Tue 3	<b>Gregory the Great, Bp of Rome 604</b> Pray for all who maintain the tradition of liturgy and yet keep it relevant for the time. Gregory was known as the 'father of Christian worship' because of his revision of worship in his day. Pray for all those worshippers across the world and of different denominations that use the same readings and forms of worship each and every day.
Wed 4	<b>Mass 10.00am Birinus , Bishop of Dorchester</b> Pray for those who live in 'new' towns and communities. Places without history that have become established villages or towns. In 1960 Berinsfield (after today's commemorated Saint) was the first English village built on virgin land for 200 years. Berinsfield became the 'dumping ground' for those considered difficult by Oxford City Council. Pray also for challenged and challenging families.
Thurs 5	<b>International Day of Charity.</b> Pray for the work of charities, their foundation, employees, volunteers and donors. Remember their causes. In particular pray for a charity of your own choice. First day of term. Pray for students, staff and teachers at all our schools – especially St John's Primary School.
Fri 6	Mass 10.00am Allen Gardiner 1851 Sailor, Missionary and Martyr. Before his death he wrote in prayer " <i>Lord, at your feet I humbly fall, And I give you all I have, All that your love requires. To lack is best, For all is yours, Take care of me in this hour of test. Do not let me have the thoughts of a Complainer. Make me feel your power which gives life And I will learn to praise you while carrying your cross.</i> "
Sat 7	For all associated with the writing, editing, publication, marketing and retailing of books. For readers, especially those who find books (written and recorded) as their only means of escape and entertainment.
Sunday 8	<b>15th Trinity Pr 18</b>  God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service.  <b>Early Worship 9.00am</b> <b>Mass 10.30am</b>

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](mailto: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](mailto:c2davbristol@hotmail.com)  
Janice Callow – [office@allsaintsclifton.org](mailto:office@allsaintsclifton.org) mark for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.