

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

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Michael and All Angels

## Saints Michael and All Angels: Feast day 29<sup>th</sup> September

In Christian theology, angels are pure spiritual, non-corporeal, intellectual beings who act as intermediaries between God and humanity. The word angel is derived from the Greek for 'messenger'. And so the angels are God's messengers to us and also guide, help and protect us in this life and also in the life to come. The word saint is derived from the Latin word for holy, and applies to angels as they are set apart for the tasks God assigns them. Angels have no material being and no gender. But that has not stopped them being depicted in art and iconography. Daniel 8:15 describes Gabriel as appearing in the "likeness of man" and in Daniel 9:21 he is referred to as "the man Gabriel." Raphael too, in the Book of Tobit appears as a young man, companion to Tobias. Perhaps because of these verses angels have been usually depicted in the form of young men, but with wings to indicate their non-human status.

While three archangels are explicitly named in scripture, (Saint Michael the patron saint of soldiers, Saint Gabriel the patron of messengers, Saint Raphael the patron of travellers, the blind and physicians), the Church has recognised that there are seven archangels, eg Tobit 12:15 "I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand in the glorious presence of the Lord, ready to serve him." The names given to the others not named in the Bible have varied.



An Eastern Orthodox icon of the "Seven Archangels." From left to right: Jegudiel, Gabriel, Selaphiel, Michael, Uriel, Raphael, Barachiel.

Beneath the mandorla of Christ Emanuel are representations of Cherubim (blue) and Seraphim (red).

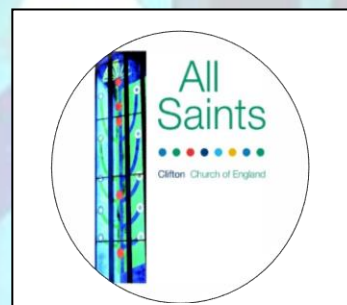
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*From a Sermon of Pope Saint Gregory the Great*

You should be aware that the word “angel” denotes a function rather than a nature. Those holy spirits of heaven have indeed always been spirits. They can only be called angels when they deliver some message. Moreover, those who deliver messages of lesser importance are called angels; and those who proclaim messages of supreme importance are called archangels. And so it was that not merely an angel but the archangel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary. It was only fitting that the highest angel should come to announce the greatest of all messages.

Some angels are given proper names to denote the service they are empowered to perform. In that holy city where perfect knowledge flows from the vision of almighty God, those who have no names may easily be known. But personal names are assigned to some, not because they could not be known without them, but rather to denote their ministry when they came among us. Thus Michael means “Who is like God”; Gabriel is “The Strength of God”; and Raphael is “God’s Remedy.”

Whenever some act of wondrous power must be performed, Michael is sent, so that his action and his name may make it clear that no one can do what God does by his superior power. So also our ancient foe desired in his pride to be like God, saying: *I will exalt my throne above the states of heaven; I will be like the Most High.* He will be allowed to remain in power until the end of the world when he will be destroyed in the final punishment. Then, he will fight with the archangel Michael, as we are told by John: *A battle was fought with Michael the archangel.*

So too Gabriel, who is called God’s strength, was sent to Mary. He came to announce the One who appeared as a humble man to quell the cosmic powers. Thus God’s strength announced the coming of the Lord of the heavenly powers, mighty in battle.

Raphael means, as I have said, God’s remedy, for when he touched Tobit’s eyes in order to cure him, he banished the darkness of his blindness. Thus, since he is to heal, he is rightly called God’s remedy.



Windows at Holy Trinity, Kingston upon Hull, depicting Gabriel, Michael, Raphael, Uriel.

Apart from the seven archangels, there are countless other ranks of angels, including the guardian angels, individual to each of us, and the whole life of the Church benefits from the help and worship of angels. At mass we join in the eternal praise offered to God by the angels when we say or sing the Sanctus: “Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.” From the moment of our conception we are surrounded by their watchful care. It was J. R. R. Tolkien who described the Guardian Angel as “God’s very attention itself, personalised.”

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

**Sunday**  
**October 6th**  
**5 pm**

An orchestral  
concert by  
**All Saints Players**

**Schumann**  
**Konzertstück for Four Horns**  
**and Orchestra**

soloists

Claire Fraser-Tytler : Alison Harris  
Paul Tomlinson : Dave Ransom

**Mozart 'Magic Flute' Overture**  
**Beethoven 1st Symphony**

Admission free

Tea and cake available before the concert from 4 pm

# Rise In Song

for Climate Justice

tickets available  
at Headfirst  
£12/£8 concession



**climate choir movement**  
in concert

11.10.24, 7pm @ All Saints Clifton

## Pilgrimage Walk, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Our parish walks to date have lasted fewer than two hours and there has been some interest expressed in having a day-long walk, perhaps as a pilgrimage. Pilgrimage has three parts:

- the journey away from home and the leaving behind of the usual
- the destination which is usually a holy place
- the going home to live life more fully after the experience.

The October walk will thus be a pilgrimage taking a circular walk from Severn Beach to Aust. Why Aust? St Augustine of Canterbury is said to have met the British (including Welsh) bishops on the bank of the Severn at St Augustine's Oak in the early C7. In the absence of surviving cartography, we don't not know quite where this was, but it is believed to have been at Aust which is thus our holy place. The walks will follow the new reinforced sea wall beside the Severn, a metalled path for most of the way, to Aust where we will try to get in to the church of St John. We will then call at the Boar's Head for the intake and release of fluids before walking back to Aust through the meadows and over the rhynes.

### Details

- 10 am train from Clifton Down to Severn Beach, ASLEF permitting
- Bring packed lunch as the Boar's Head is very popular and getting a group fed will take a considerable time
- Wear boots as it may be muddy and slippery particularly on the way back
- Trousers as some bits of the path are slightly brambly
- Distance about 12 km – recce took c. 2 hrs each way at a reasonable pace
- Bring binoculars if a birder; the migrants will be arriving
- Probably the 4.01pm train home
- A map and sign-up sheet will appear in the porch



The poster features a photograph of several people working in a field of green crops. A woman in the foreground wears a yellow shirt and a patterned skirt. In the background, other workers are visible. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

**BRING US CLOSER TO A FUTURE WHERE HUNGER IS NO LONGER A REALITY**

**YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS HARVEST APPEAL WILL ENSURE MORE FAMILIES CAN MOVE TOWARDS SELF SUFFICIENCY AND SECURITY**

In the heart of South Africa, the community of Zululand faces huge challenges to their day-to-day life. While the land is fertile, the lack of resources and infrastructure have left many unable to feed their families or sustain their livelihoods. The "Harvesting Hope in Zululand" initiative in partnership with the **Diocese of Zululand** is making strides towards change, but we urgently need your support to expand our impact.

Find out more today at [harvest.uspg.org.uk](http://harvest.uspg.org.uk)

    
**USPG GLOBAL**

Your action today means a better tomorrow for families in Zululand. Thank you for standing with us during this critical time.

Registered Charity No. 234518



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Solemn Evensong for**

**St Michael and All Angels  
6pm**

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of  
Walsingham 30th June- 3rd July 2025**

Holy Trinity Horfield and the Union of Catholic Mothers' are once again travelling together to England's Nazareth next summer. If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with Caroline Plaice on 07714 255670 or email: [cjplaice@gmail.com](mailto:cjplaice@gmail.com) by 6th November.

**BDP CREATIVE COMMUNITIES  
10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY GALA**

**FRIDAY 11TH  
OCTOBER  
7:30PM AT  
CIRCOMEDIA**



**CHALLENGING STIGMA,  
CREATING ACCESS TO THE  
ARTS AND BUILDING  
POSITIVE CREATIVE  
RECOVERY COMMUNITIES**



**CELEBRATING  
10 YEARS OF  
RECOVERY  
THROUGH  
THE ARTS**



**TICKETS AVAILABLE  
ON HEADFIRST**

Showcasing all six Creative Communities groups for people with lived experience of alcohol &/or drug use. Expect spine tingling acapella singing, orchestral arrangements of familiar epic songs & a co-written show stopping finale featuring spoken word & movement.

With Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra | Fitzhardinge Consort | Gasworks Choir

Bristol Sober Spaces DJs in our non-alcoholic bar

Raffle prizes from local businesses

**CREATIVE  
COMMUNITIES**

7.30pm | 11/10/2024 | Circomedia BS2 8SJ | [www.bdp.org.uk](http://www.bdp.org.uk)

*Wayfarer Productions presents*

**THE BELOVED SON**

A NEW PLAY BY MURRAY WATTS

WRITTEN AND PERFORMED  
DIRECTED BY Murray Watts BY Andrew Harrison

*From the creators of the acclaimed Mr Darwin's Tree and Fire From Heaven comes a remarkable new play inspired by the life of Henri Nouwen (80mins duration)*

**7.30PM | THURSDAY | OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**COTHAM PARISH CHURCH | COTHAM RD | BRISTOL | BS6 6DR**

TICKETS £12, PLUS BOOKING FEE  
BOOKING LINK: [www.hdfst.uk/e112590](http://www.hdfst.uk/e112590)

*(Doors open at 7pm, unreserved seating. Bar available)*

[WWW.COTHAMPARISHCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.COTHAMPARISHCHURCH.ORG)





# All Saints



Clifton Church of England



## Parish Harvest Supper



Join us in the Randall Room for the

### Parish Harvest Supper

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October @ 07.30pm

Raffle, Quiz & Cash Bar

Tickets: £6 each

*On sale in church from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October*

Contact Janice: [rjhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rjhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk) OR All Saints Parish Office 0117 974 1355

*Vegetarian/gluten free can be accommodated if requested in advance*

All profits divided between the USPG Harvest Appeal and supporting the education of the ASC Sudanese Students



A PROUD DEMENTIA  
AWARE ORGANISATION

## Friends Together Café at All Saints

Our dementia friendly café where **everyone** is welcome!

Come along to our warm, welcoming Cafe, **OPEN TO EVERYONE**, and offering **FREE** hot drinks and delicious home-made cakes. It's a warm, welcoming space, providing friendship and support, and we particularly welcome those with dementia, their friends, family and carers.

**Our next Friends Together Cafe will be on....**

**Thursday 3rd October, 10am-12pm**

All Saints gets Gold !!

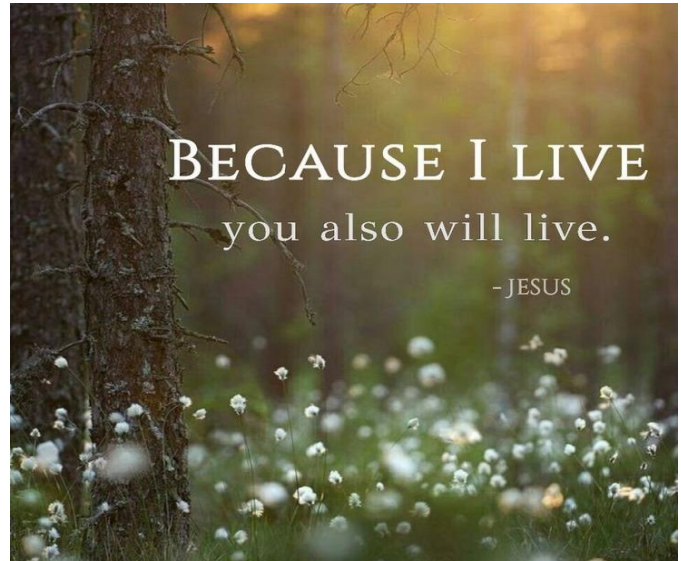
For it's work supporting people living with dementia and their families, All Saints has received the BDAA prestigious GOLD Award.

## 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 Vyard Angel Wray

### 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 Trelawny Ross Elizabeth McKie Cher Maximen

## Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Barbara Gay Lorna Day Cyril Parker Frank Powell Bill Fry

# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 30	<b>Jerome Translator of Scriptures, Teacher 420</b> Pray for the translators of scripture and for all those who work to help us understand the place of scripture in our lives and faith. Jerome (347 – 420) translated the Bible into Latin (the Vulgate) and wrote commentaries on the Gospels.
Tue Oct 1	<b>Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks 533; Anthony Ashley Cooper, Lord Shaftesbury.Social Reformer 1885</b> Saint Remigius, or Remy was Bishop of Reims and Apostle of the Franks. On Christmas Day 496 he baptised Clovis I, King of the Franks, which turned his people to the Christian faith. Today we also remember Lord Shaftesbury, the “ Poor Man’s Earl” who campaigned tirelessly for the poor, especially in the area of education and welfare. His work establishing Ragged Schools became The Shaftesbury Society.
Wed 2	<b>Mass 10.00 am</b> Pray for those who worked through the night last night and will sleep today in order to do so again tonight: those working in hospitals, prisons, in hospitality and in industries demanding twenty-four hour working. Pray for their families and relationships, their safety, well-being and flourishing, in a challenging work schedule.
Thurs 3	<b>Bp George Bell, Chichester Peacemaker 1958</b> Friend of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and opponent of area bombing. Pray for civilians caught in wars and conflict, for the unthinking use of violence against civilian populations; remembering where this has happened in the past (Germany, Britain, Japan and Spain) and where it’s happening now (in so many parts of the world, Syria and Sudan).
Fri 4	<b>Mass 10.00 am Francis of Assisi 1226</b> Pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life; for farmers and agricultural workers, for packers, distributors and company boards; for all engaged in research to safeguard crops against disease, and to produce abundant life among those who hunger and whose lives are at risk. Prosper the work of their hands and the searching of their minds, that their labour may be for the welfare of all. Pray for Franciscan religious houses – Brothers and Sisters (Poor Clares) – in particular Glasshampton SSF. Pray for those who care for creation and who work for the good of our environment
Sat 5	Pray for those in medical profession working to halt, cure and care for breast cancer sufferers. Pray for those who suffer from the condition and who fear the condition. Pray for those who survive (more than 80%)
<b>Sunday 6</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Trinity Pr 22</b>  O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts  <b>Early Worship 9.00am      Parish 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.