

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

27<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Last after Trinity  
Bible Sunday

## Bible Sunday helps us remember how the stories Jesus told can still relate to us today

This Sunday, 27 October, the Bible Society celebrates its annual Bible Sunday. The inspiration for the foundation of a Bible Society came from a 15 year old Welsh girl called Mary Jones. She went to her local chapel weekly and was so enthralled by the stories that she heard from the Bible that at nine years of age she decided to save up her money until she had enough to buy her own bible. It took her six years and then she had to walk 26 miles to Bala to be able to purchase it from the Rev'd Thomas Charles, who on the advice of her teacher she was assured would be able to sell her a Bible in Welsh. Arriving in Bala after the long journey, she was saddened to hear that Charles had no bibles to sell that day but he arranged for her to stay the night in Bala until more bibles came. He was so impressed by Mary's passion to own a bible that he sold her one and gave her two extra bibles to take back home and share.

Mary's story came to the notice of Rev'd Joseph Hughes, a Welsh pastor. Hearing the story he realised that there was a need for Bibles that were accessible, not only for a reasonable price but also in the local language and so he along with others including William Wilberforce, inaugurated the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1804.

Today the Bible Society may be most well known in ecumenical circles for "[Open the Book](#)". This is a structured programme of bible stories to share in schools. The stories are acted out both by trained volunteers and the children and then there is an invitation to consider certain aspects of the story. In story 55, The Calling of the Disciples, the children are asked to imagine throwing out the nets upon the sea like the disciples. It will echo with those who are familiar with Ignatian spirituality of placing yourself in a story and listening to God through the words of the scripture. Then when the story has been told, there is space to reflect upon what has been heard. Using the phrase, "I wonder", children are asked to ponder upon the feelings invoked in the story: "After a long night of fishing and catching nothing, I wonder how it felt to catch so many fish when they threw their nets back in, as Jesus asked them to".

One of the statements of the Bible society is that they exist to translate the Bible to "make it accessible in people's heart languages". It suggests not only the importance of being able to read scripture in a native language but also to be stirred in heart and spirit by what is being read. Pope Francis indicated a

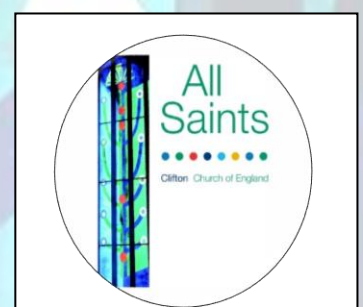
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similar desire for Catholics to feel more at home with the Bible when he instituted in his Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis* in 2019 on the annual celebration of [Sunday of the Word of God](#), on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, as an occasion to focus on how the “Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.” To facilitate this the Bible Society partnered with the Catholic Church in England and Wales to promote resources under the banner “The God Who Speaks”. Whilst many more resources are now available via the internet, still Christians can lack confidence in their own ability to share stories.

At a recent bible study course for Anglicans and Catholics, participants were asked to tell a bible story that they remembered, to two other people. Each person in the triplet had to share a story. When asked afterwards what that experience was like, there were comments such as “I wasn’t sure I had remembered it correctly” and “I was nervous telling others the story in case they didn’t want to listen to me”. When it was noted that the early disciples probably had similar feelings, the group were amazed. Surely the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and could speak boldly, they pondered. As the weeks went by, the group recognised that their response to the Scriptures were valid. It empowered them as they were asked to share a bible story with a family member or friend outside of the group.

Placing Scripture alongside our own experiences can open up all sorts of connections and lead to a deeper prayer life with a sense that if God is in the big stories, God might also be in our own small stories. To enable this to happen, Scriptural language also matters and translations need to be as inclusive as possible. Recent debates about whether “adelphoi” means brothers and sisters or only brothers now seems to have been resolved as reported by *The Tablet* in 2021: “The translation of the Bible to be used in the new edition of the lectionary for Mass in England and Wales is being amended to use gender-inclusive language where contextually appropriate.” This matters hugely. If women in congregations today cannot hear that their sisters were important in the churches at Philippi, Corinth and Galatia, why we would expect them to have confidence in sharing Scriptures in their own communities today. Finding ourselves in Scripture through language and story is what will deepen our own spiritual lives and empower us to share stories with others.

A man who came to the hospice for pain relief had spent much of his life in prison. He was concerned that he could not possibly go to heaven because of his crime. I shared with him the story of the Prodigal Son noting that the Father was looking out each day for his son to return to him. I said that is how God has been with him, waiting for this moment when he had turned around and found his way back to God. We prayed and he said he felt a weight had been lifted from him. Returning the next day to see him, he asked me if I was sure God would accept him. We talked a bit more and he said a cleaner at a hostel he lived in had once taken him to church where they “did this thing with bread and wine”. He asked if we could do that again sometime. I went off to the chapel for the Blessed Sacrament and laid the host and filled the tiny chalice and then I told him the second part of the story. The Father is so pleased that his son has returned that he gives a party and sets a feast. And then I said, that is what God has done here today. He has given us a feast because you have returned to him. His eyes widened and in surprise he said, “Wow! Are we all in the Bible?”

Yes. We are all in the Bible in various stories at different times of our lives. We are all invited to find ourselves in the Scriptures and then to share those stories with others.

*Rev’d Caroline Worsfold is an Anglican priest who worked as a chaplain in the NHS for over 30 years.*

## Can you help ?

Lora who works with a member of the congregation is looking for a sponsor in Bristol under the Homes for Ukraine scheme . <https://www.gov.uk/register-interest-homes-ukraine>

She is due to move out of her house at the end of October as the old lady she was living with has sadly passed away. If you have a room available or can help in anyway please contact the Parish office or

Sophie Gordon <sophiegrordon93@hotmail.co.uk>

## Remembrance at All Saints 2024

### Flowers & Music for Remembrance

Enjoy watching the creation of Remembrance themed flower arrangements by a skilled floral artist whilst listening to beautiful music and singing in the unique setting of All Saints Church. As well as enjoying the stunning sustainable designs you can use the ideas in your own arrangements

**9TH NOVEMBER 2.00-3.00PM**

After the demonstration there's the opportunity to talk to the artists, visit the stalls to find out more, and enjoy complimentary tea or coffee and cake.  
*Tickets £10 on the door.*



All Saints Clifton working in partnership with Henleaze & District Flower Club and Bristol Homes for Veterans run by Alabaré Christian Care & Support, to support vulnerable ex-service personnel at risk of homelessness, with all profits from the day going to support work with veterans.

## NOVEMBER 2024

### Remember, Remember in November...

**November is traditionally a month of remembrance.**

Requiem Masses will be held at 10.00<sup>am</sup> on 8<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November. At each Mass participants can offer - silently or through the prayer of the priest - the names and lives of those who have passed into the nearer presence of God. Those we have loved; for whom we cared and those who cared for us; those who have changed our lives.

### REMEMBRANCE EVENTS 2024

#### SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

- **Flowers and Music for Remembrance** 2.00-3.00pm  
Enjoy watching a skilled floral artist create Remembrance themed flower arrangements whilst listening to beautiful music and singing in the unique setting of All Saints Church. *Tickets £10 on the door. FREE tea, coffee and cake. See overleaf for full details.*

#### SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

- **Remembrance Sunday Parish Mass** 10.15am  
This is a time we remember all who have given their lives for the lives and freedom of others. We remember the uniformed services and non-combatants killed here in Clifton in World War One and Two.
- **Nova Concert** 8.00pm  
Voices and instruments directed by Bruce Saunders  
**All The World's A Stage:** Music with theatrical associations from the Middle Ages, the Renaissance and the early Baroque. 10th Century. dramatised chant, excerpts from the 13th Century. Play of Daniel, music from the time of Shakespeare by Johnson, Weelkes, Vecchi, Gibbons, and from the Restoration theatre by Purcell. *Programmes £10 at the door. Students £5. Accompanied under 16s FREE.*

#### MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

- **Whiteladies Rd St John's Memorial** REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10.45am  
A time when we remember all those who gave their lives and had their lives irreparably damaged in the Great Wars and in conflicts across this world since then.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024**



**ALL SAINTS DAY**

**FEAST OF TITLE**

**7.30 pm**

**PROCESSION  
&  
FESTIVAL MASS**



**All Souls Day**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November**

**Said Mass  
at  
12 mid day**

Requiem Masses will be held on :

**All Souls Day, 2nd November at 12 mid day and at  
the 10.00am Mass on  
Friday 8th November, Wednesday 20th November  
and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Please add the names of anyone that you would like to be remembered during the Requiem services to the lists in the Atrium.



concert matinée

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

**Sunday  
November 3rd  
5.00 pm**

# Bach afternoon

Concerto for Two Violins in D minor

**Simon Kodurand & Nina Sarnath - Violins**

Cantata 199 – 'Mein Herze schwimmt im Blut'

**Caroline Halls soprano**

Accompanied by Period Instruments

admission free - retiring collection    tea and cake at 4.15pm



**Daylight saving ends this Sunday.**

The clocks go back  
this Sunday morning  
at 2.00am !



## Blanket Appeal !!

The winter is coming and temperatures are dropping and the Julian Trust is short of blankets.

If you have blankets of any age or description please donate them to help us with our work.

Blankets can be left in the Parish Office.

Thank you.



# All Saints

Clifton Church of England

## Parish Lunch



Join us in the Randall Room after Mass for  
**Parish Lunch**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November @ 12.30pm**  
**A delicious home-cooked 3-course meal**  
*(main, pudding, cheese & biscuits)*  
**Cash Bar**  
*Vegetarian/gluten free can be accommodated if requested by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November*  
**Tickets on sale in church from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov**  
**£6 each**

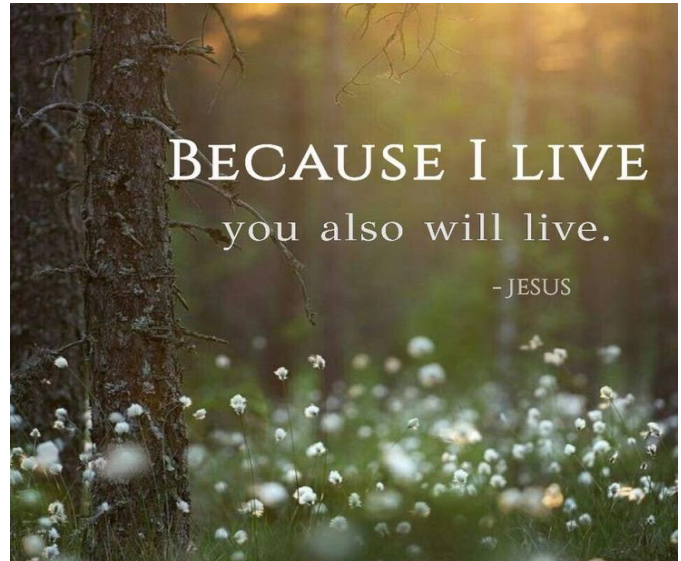
For more information, please call All Saints Parish Office on  
0117 974 1355; [www.allsaintsclifton.org](http://www.allsaintsclifton.org)

## 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 Jack O'Sullivan and family Susie King Arthur Cleaver Sebastian Kloss Vyard Angel Wray Nic Epinay Oussama and Claire Sader

### 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 Christopher Trelawny Ross Elizabeth McKie Cher Maximen Nicholas Parker

## Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Sylvia Racy Oliver Tomkins ( Bp) Winifred Axtell Betty Florey Peggy Portman Nobby Davis

# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 28	<b>Simon and Jude Apostles</b> Neither Simon nor Jude stand out like their namesakes, but both stuck faithfully to Jesus in his ministry. Pray for all who quietly live their faith.
Tue 29	Pray for families on Half Term Break this week or next week. Especially those families for whom children at home for the week presents childcare or economic difficulties. Pray for local and charity initiatives which aim to “bridge the gap” to support parents by providing child-care or meals
Wed 30	<b>Mass 10.00 am</b> Pray for those who will be moving house today-through choice or necessity- and for those who are homeless or face losing their home. Give thanks for your own home and the security and comfort it gives. Pray for charities like Shelter and Centrepont who offer support and advice to those who are homeless.
Thurs 31	<b>Martin Luther 1546</b> “Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbour. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.” Martin Luther
Fri Nov 1	<b>Mass 10.00 am</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>All Saints Day Mass 7.30pm</b></span> The communion of Saints and all those ‘living saints’ who work for the Kingdom – silently and unknown. Pray for all those who ‘use’ this church and its rooms for meetings, events, workshops, dancing, music, concerts, health and so many other purposes.
Sat 2	<b>All Souls Day Mass 12 mid day</b> Commemorate the faithful departed – of this parish, among our families and friends. Remember those you have loved but are now numbered amongst the Saints. Remember in your prayers all those who have been bereaved this year and held funerals at ASC.
Sunday 3	<b>4 before Advent</b>  Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  <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 :  
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 Janice Callow – [office@allsaintsclifton.org](mailto:office@allsaintsclifton.org) mark for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.