

ALL SAINTS NEWS

17th November 2024
2nd Sunday before
Advent

Safeguarding Sunday on November 17th

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY



Churches across the country are encouraged to mark Safeguarding Sunday on November 17. This important initiative is a chance for congregations to use their regular Sunday service to listen and talk together about how spaces can be created that are safer for everyone and thank those working behind the scenes to make our churches safer for all.

The theme and focus for this year is: **'Let's talk about it'** so as to encourage churches to talk about how communities can work together to prevent abuse and create a world where every child and adult can feel and be safe.

The ecumenical initiative from specialist safeguarding charity **thirtyone:eight** provides bespoke resources including films and animations, prayers, preaching notes, children's activity sheets, hymns and songs and a safeguarding pledge.

"Protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message."

"Safeguarding Sunday is about every person in the church knowing why we do what we do and knowing what part they can contribute to that."

"It is a chance to recognise the role of the parish as the front line of safeguarding and for parishes to show their communities the support they can offer to those who attend church, and those who don't."
Said Bishop Joanne Grenfell, the Church of England's lead safeguarding bishop.

The Church of England

The Church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adult. As such, the Church has robust policies, procedures and guidelines in place, to ensure good practice throughout the central organisation, its 42 dioceses and other Church bodies.

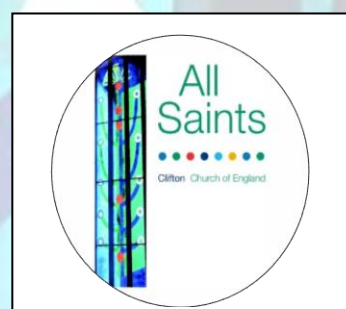
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The Church of England will:

- Promote a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruit and support all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults within the Church
- Respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Care pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
- Care pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Respond to those that may pose a present risk to others

Letter from Bishop Viv 14th November 2024 In Response to the Makin Report

Dear friends,

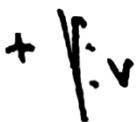
Following the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury in response to the findings of the Makin Report, I want to reiterate my profound shame that the Church harboured an abuser and, once the abuse became known, failed to act to prevent further appalling harm. This report, along with the Archbishop's resignation, recognises the deep failures of the Church to protect those in its care.

While we remember the Archbishop's leadership in pivotal moments for our nation, as well as his leadership within the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion, today it is the survivors of abuse who must be foremost in our thoughts and prayers. My heart is with the victims who with remarkable courage came forward and shared their stories despite the pain it brought. We owe them a commitment to real, lasting change within the Church.

The report's findings are a stark reminder that none of us can ignore or downplay the realities survivors have brought to light. These truths of horrific abuse and failure to act must challenge us, leading us to take responsibility, learn from these mistakes, and rebuild trust. The voices of those who have been wronged must not only be heard but be central to the actions we take moving forward. I am committed to ensuring that safeguarding continues to be at the heart of all we do here in the Diocese of Bristol, and I am grateful for the work of our Parish Safeguarding Officers, clergy, and volunteers who labour tirelessly to make our churches places of true sanctuary.

I recognise that the report and recent media coverage may have stirred traumatic memories of abuse in its various forms, including memories of corporal punishment in school, home, or youth group. Please know that several organisations, listed below, stand ready and willing to listen to, believe, and support you. I continue holding all survivors in my heart and prayers and am fully committed to implementing the recommendations of the Makin Report both locally and in my national roles, working to strengthen safeguards and improve transparency.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vivienne Faulk', with a small cross symbol to the left.

**The Rt Revd Vivienne Faulk
Bishop of Bristol**

Finding support

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England or the Catholic Church of England and Wales.

NAPAC – National Association for People Abused in Childhood - provides support to adults who have been abused in any way as children.

NSPCC – National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children - working to prevent child abuse and neglect, and support children and families.

Full list of organisations providing support to victims and survivors of abuse.

All Saints' Safeguarding

All Saints with St John's has a very clear Safeguarding Policy. You can read it on the website and under the Tower. Review of policy and actions is a Standing Item at every Standing Committee Meeting and PCC Meeting. Behind the scenes, our 'Parish Safeguarding Officers' (PSOs), are very much in action – keeping us safe, and keeping vulnerable children and adults safe. Because of the sensitivity of many of these issues we, the worshipping community will, rightly, be completely unaware.

Thank you all PSOs, at ASC, in the Deanery and in the Diocese, for the work you do!

This week, the lens has focused much more acutely on Safeguarding. Do read Bishop Viv's letter. However, here, a huge thankyou to:

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Janice Callow janicecallow@yahoo.co.uk

Our Safeguarding Officers! Contact details are available on the ASC Website.

Fr Charles is at Abbots Leigh on Sunday



Harvest Donations

A magnificent total of £801 was raised for the harvest charities from donations and the Parish Harvest Lunch.


The All Saints Trustees have kindly offered to match fund the total raised making £1602, which will be shared between the Harvest Charities - USPG and the All Saints Sudanese students.

Thank you to everyone for your donations and for supporting and organising the Parish Lunch. These donations will have a significant impact on the lives of the recipients.



Requiem Masses will be held at the 10.00am Mass on
**Wednesday 20th November and Friday 29th
November**


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



Sing Mediaeval Vespers

Encounter the oral practices of plainchant from a variety of traditions, written and unwritten, singing from original sources of the 11th-14thC.


Join ensemble & music education charity Circle of Animals in experiments with the performance practice of medieval Christian liturgy. Regular rehearsals will lead to the performance of Vespers, throughout 2025. As an educational charity, rehearsals, materials and performances are free of charge.



Circle of Animals operates as an educational charity, committed to providing tuition and learning resources, free of charge. Its point of departure is "Ars Musica"; the practical and theoretical traditions of the late middle ages. As a vocal ensemble, Circle of Animals specializes in the liturgical repertoire of the same period.

To participate in these workshops or to sing with Circle of Animals:

<p>For More Info Write to info@kosmolove.com Visit www.kosmolove.com Cost Free or Donation Welcome</p>	<p>Rehearsals on Alternate Wednesdays, 6-8 pm Nov 13th & 27th Dec 4th & 18th Jan 8th & 22nd</p>	<p>Location Church of All Saints 68 Pembroke Road Clifton Bristol BS8 3ED</p>
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Friends of the Welsh National Opera

Wednesday 20 November: 6.45 for 7.15pm - Dr. David Bednall

"With that Racket I Built my Villa" Thus said Richard Strauss of Salome after his own Father complained about the work. Strauss's early works had indicated an immense talent in the offing, but it was to be with the scandalous success of Salome that he hit the opera scene as a major presence. The following tragedy, Elektra, took his harmonic language to the brink of the atonal abyss, before seemingly pulling back into the nostalgic world of Rosenkavalier.

These three works have never strayed far from the repertoire of any opera house. This talk, illustrated with plentiful musical examples, will look at these and the later operas which have not acquired quite such a foothold.

Clifton Cathedral Apostle Room,- entrance £8/£10/£1.00

MECHTILD OF MAGDEBURG

The Anglican Communion celebrates Mechtild of Magdeburg on 19 November.

Mechtild was born around 1207 in East Germany. She joined a community of Beguines in Magdeburg when she was 23 and was a Beguine for almost 40 years. As an old woman she entered the Cistercian convent of Helfta in around 1270.

The thirteenth century was a time of spiritual awakening, of a sense of joy in natural beauty transfused with religious longing. It was a time when young noblemen went off to the Crusades, while their womenfolk stayed at home, and unmarried women, in particular, wrote of their overpowering devotion to Christ. It was the time of the Cult of Courtly Love in the secular world, and of the Cult of the Virgin Mary, which had reached excessive levels in the Church.

Mechtild began experiencing visions around the age of twelve. At this time she was aware of such an overpowering sense of the Holy Spirit that she said she 'could no longer have given away to daily sins' and from then on the centre of her direction changed. However, she was never austere, she was aware of beauty and was not withdrawn from others. She saw God in all things. When she was about 23 her longing for a more spiritual life made her leave home and join the Beguines in Magdeburg. She wrote most of her mystical visions before she joined the convent at Helfta, and there are seven books which make up the whole book which is called 'The Flowing Light of the Godhead. Mechtild introduces the whole work with the following,

'This book is to be joyfully welcomed for God Himself speaks in it All who would understand this book should read it nine times.'

Mechtild asks God,

'What shall this book be called?'

God replies, 'It shall be called the "Flowing Light of the Godhead" into all hearts which shall dwell therein without falseness.'

Her spiritual imagery is quite often erotic and is expressed through the amorous imagery of the Courtly Love lyric. She talks of 'flowing' and of 'fusion' and in her experiences she feels united with God and there is a mystical interchange of possessing and being possessed by God who is her Beloved. There are two directions in her book – prophetic and contemplative. However her main theme is that of Love.

It would seem that Mechtild came from a noble or well-born family as her visions are graphically described in terms of white robed maidens in rose coloured cloaks and handsome young men with gifts of flowers. Christ's suffering was central to her and her intense need to suffer with him through loneliness, illness and persecution. Her image of Mary is that of Mother and Mediator (which is a very medieval image), but more frequently she uses Mary as a symbol for the Soul. She sees God as Lover and Spouse and with God we are ravished with delight.

She spent 15 years writing down her visions. She criticised the State and the Church because the clergy were neglecting their duties and the convents were being run in a very slack manner. For this she was banned from Communion.

She had a great love for the Church, but it was not so necessary to her as her experience of God's love and the union of the Soul with God. She felt exiled when she was banned from communion and complained to God, but he gave her comfort and said 'thou art in me and I in thee'.

It is unclear when Mechtild died. 1282 is a commonly cited date, but some scholars believe she lived into the 1290s.^[12]

Beguines were lay women who lived in communities in northern European cities during the Middle Ages. They were known for their prayer, charitable works, and apostolic life. They lived a simple lifestyle, but owned property individually and communally. They were free to leave the community at any time. They continued in diminishing numbers through the centuries. The last Beguine, Marcella Pattyn, died on April 14, 2013 in Kortrijk, Belgium at the age of 92

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All Saints



Clifton Church of England



Parish Lunch



Join us in the Randall Room after Mass for
Parish Lunch

Sunday 24th 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 17th November

Tickets on sale in church from Sunday 3rd Nov

£6 each

For more information, please call All Saints Parish Office on
0117 974 1355; www.allsaintsclifton.org

concert matinée

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

**Saturday
December 7th
4pm**

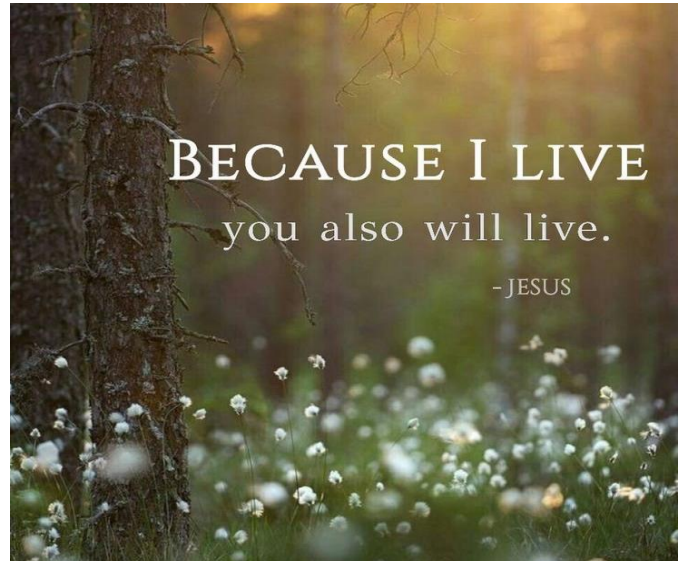
**The Brandon Quartet
with Stephen Browne - piano**

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 Sarah

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 Stephen Jordon Sister Teresa Kane John Temple

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Dorothy Ching Roy Morris Jeremy Winston (Pr) Mike Lindsey Fredrick Anthony Ray Racy

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 18	Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia 1231 Pray for those children who are adopted or are in the process of being adopted. Give thanks and pray for the families who are willing and able to adopt children. This is a life-changing event for the children and the families. (International Adoption Day)
Tue 19	Pray for the work of Bristol Zoo project – education, research and conservation. Pray for those who work with animals in our community, vets and their staff
Wed 20	Requiem Mass 10.00 am Pray for the organization of this Diocese, and in particular the work and ministry of our Archdeacons .The work of Diocesan House in support of the work and ministry of those who are ordained, licensed and disciples.
Thurs 21	Pray for members of the Daily Office Team. Each day at 8am and 6pm the Daily Office is said at ASC, sometimes by one person, sometimes with others from our community, often joined by ‘unknown people’ who simple walk in and join in. We pray for them all and those who visit this church.
Fri 22	Mass 10.00 am Cecilia, Martyr of Rome 230 Pray that our Church may find ways to effectively respond to the advance of nationalism and secularism.
Sat 23	Clement Bishop of Rome 100 Pray for the worship and work of the Cathedral Church of Peter and Paul here in Clifton, the Bishop (Bp Declan) Dean (Fr Bosco), clergy and staff and all those who worship there. May we increasingly find ways to work together to the benefit of Christ’s Church here on earth.
Sunday 24	Christ The King The Sunday Next before Advent Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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 :
 The Parish Safeguarding Officer - Caroline Davenport
c2davbristol@hotmail.com
 Janice Callow – office@allsaintsclifton.org mark for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.