

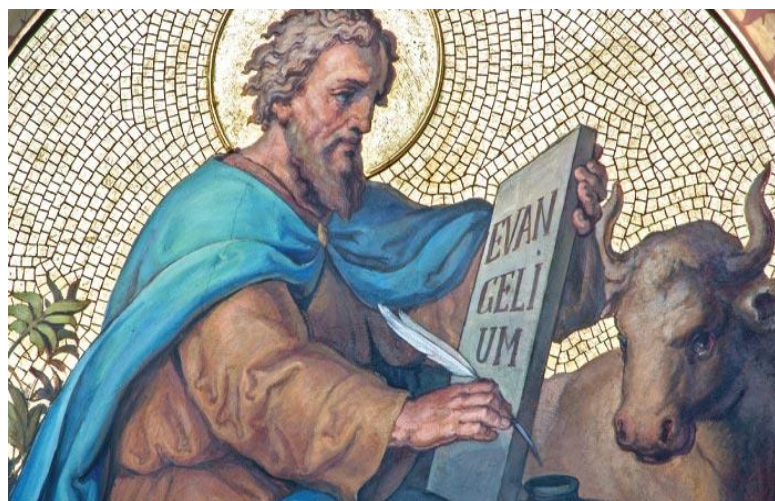
ALL SAINTS NEWS

1st December 2024
Advent Sunday

Advent Sunday – Year C

The Strength to Endure the Trouble of This World

This is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.



In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke is the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. .

This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

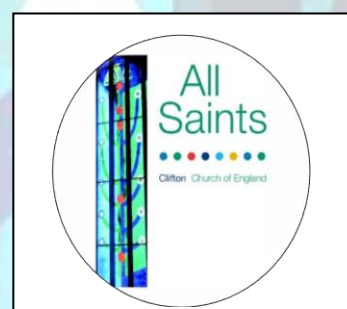
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Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

Lenten and Advent Flowers

In general, churches use flowers to indicate the importance of occasions and to signify the season. In Judeo-Christian traditions, flowers symbolise the glory of the Garden of Eden and are considered to be among God's most beautiful creations. As is so often remarked, we are very fortunate to have such quality arrangements at All Saints.

During Lent and Advent the general catholic instruction is:

“Moderation should be observed when decorating the Sanctuary and church interior.

During Advent the floral decoration of the Sanctuary should be marked by a moderation that reflects the character of this season, but nevertheless, does not anticipate the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord.

During Lent the Sanctuary is not to be decorated with flowers.

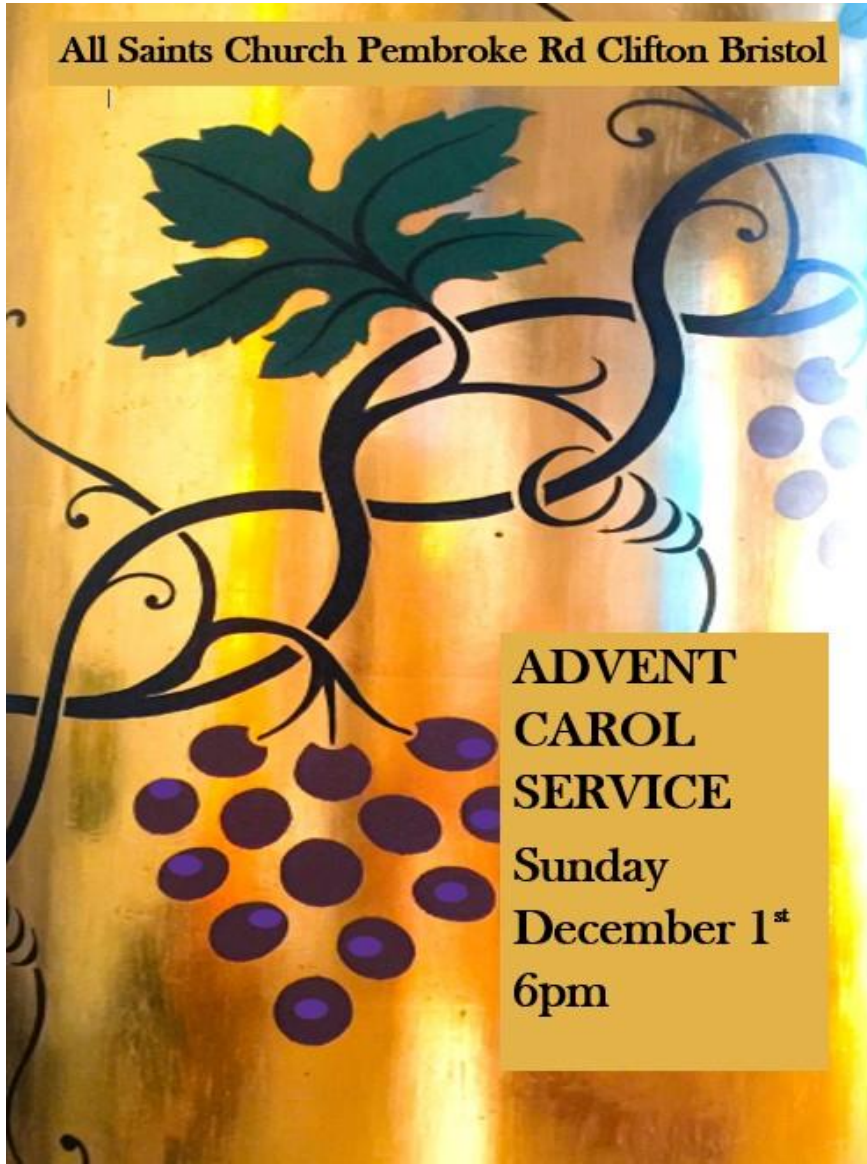
Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), occasional offices, solemnities and feasts are exceptions to this rule.”

This means no flowers in church during Lent – apart from the exceptions described above. Advent is slightly different in that any church decorations have a more penitential feeling, hence the greenery surrounding the Advent Wreath. As with Lent, Gaudete Sunday (third of Advent) and other exceptions are accepted.

At All Saints, within the Entrance to the Atrium, under the Tower, during Lent, there will often be a Lenten Display using products from the natural world and following a Lenten Theme. We usually provide words of explanation and description for the benefit of visitors so as to support the understanding of the theme.

The Ukraine and Gaza tables may have an appropriate noble simplicity of decoration.

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol



**ADVENT
CAROL
SERVICE**

**Sunday
December 1st
6pm**

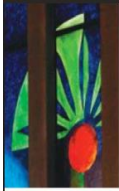
Advent Pilgrimage

Sunday 8th December at 6.00pm

Our Advent Pilgrimage is a special act of worship which includes carefully chosen readings and music designed to help people reflect on the meaning of Advent and prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent season.



Everyone is welcome to attend this beautiful, reflective service.



Friends Together

@ All Saints, Clifton

Christmas Café

Thursday 5th December 2024

10am-12pm



Join us for our annual Christmas Carol Singalong

led by

Jan Bartlett on the piano

FREE home-made cakes, tea and coffee

SEE YOU THERE!

concert matinée

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

**Saturday
December 7th
4pm**

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




Shostakovich Piano Quintet



**Mendelssohn
Quartet Op.44 No.1 in D major.**

retiring collection

tea and cake



Christmas @ All Saints

May the light of Christ shine brightly during this Christmas Season as we reflect on the true message of God's Gift that brings hope to the world. And let us pray that we can reflect the light that shall overcome the darkness in the love and compassion we bring to creation and to others.

Christmas '24 Events @ All Saints, Clifton

1ST-25TH DECEMBER

SUNDAY 1 ST DEC	6.00PM
Advent Carol Service	
SUNDAY 22 ND DEC	6.00PM
Christmas Carol Service	
TUESDAY 24 TH DEC	4.30 <small>FRI</small> 5.00PM
Christmas Story	
TUESDAY 24 TH DEC	10.00PM
Midnight Mass	
WEDNESDAY 25 TH DEC	10.00AM
Christmas Eucharist with Carols	

All Saints
www.allsaintsclifton.org
Clifton, Church of England

Walks for All - and their dogs. Saturday 14th December



The walk on 14th December will be a circuit through Leigh Woods.

Meet either at 10:45 outside All Saints or at 11:15 at the entrance to Leigh Woods/Nightingale Valley on North Road, Leigh Woods if driving.

The walk will be on the flat for the majority of the route but is likely to be muddy in places.

If the weather is stormy and trees likely to pose a hazard or if the suspension bridge is closed a different route will be devised.



Clifton High School

We invite you to join us for our half termly

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 4th December 2024 1.00pm
All Saints Church, Pembroke Road
Featuring the Sixth Form Choir and soloists from Years 10 to 13

Open to parents, staff and the public
For more information, contact Mrs Johnson, mjohnson@cliftonhigh.co.uk

The Julian Trust Carol Service
at the Night Shelter
Little Bishop Street
St Pauls



Wednesday 11th December at 7pm

You are warmly invited to attend our Carol Service.

In addition to our regular guests the Lord Mayor of Bristol and the Lord Lieutenant have agreed to attend.

Mince pies and coffee will be available after the service.




Step into Christmas

A joyful concert of festive music, with opportunities to 'singalong' to your favourites

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER
Concert starts 7pm
St Georges, Bristol, BS1 5RR

Concert tickets from £15
Concessions | Scan QR or visit www.stgeorgebristol.co.uk

This concert is supporting 



A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
IN AID OF BRISTOL NW FOODBANK

'WE THREE CHOIRS'

FEATURING QEH COMMUNITY CHOIR,
ARNOS Vocale & BRISTOL VOICES

SUN 15 DEC | 18.00 - 20.00
DOORS OPEN 17.30

SNACKS - BAR - RAFFLE PRIZES

ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
PEMBROKE ROAD, CLIFTON BS8 3ED

ADULTS £8, STUDENTS £6, CHILDREN £4, U55 FREE
(PLUS BOOKING FEE)



All Saints Community Choir

QEH Community Choir

Bristol North West Foodbank

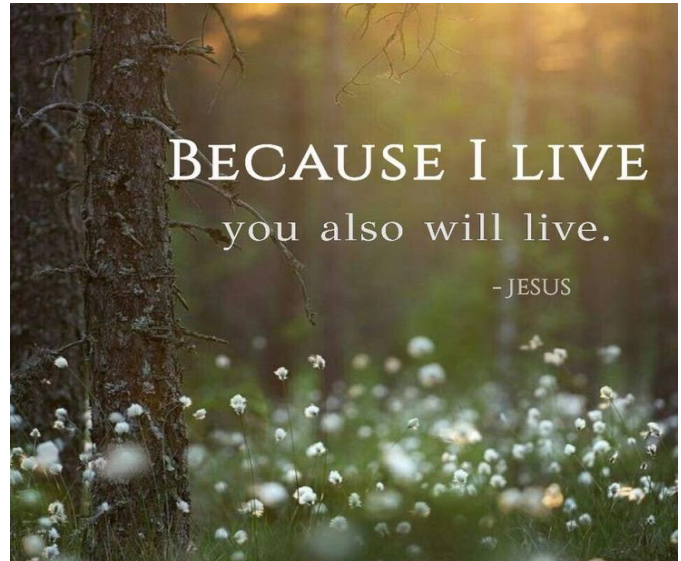
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Prayers Requests

'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:

Cecilia Povey Iris Gillard Hilda Smith Peter Sturdy

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 2	Mass 10.00am During Advent we think of the Light that shines in the darkness. Today pray for all who have their vision compromised. Good vision is something that we all recognize the importance of. However, it is something that a lot of us take for granted. For a lot of people, being blind is something that they have lived with their entire lives. For others, it is something that has crept upon them at a later age. There are then those that have good vision, but they live in fear of this taken away from them. In fact, blindness ranks as one of the top fears for aging people around the world today.
Tue 3	We pray for all who 'submit to the will of God'. This is the translation of the word 'Islam' – we pray for, Muslims, the billion followers around the world of whom 1.5M live in the UK. Pray for all those who encounter and assist us to encounter with contemporary Islam.
Wed 4	Mass 10.00am Pray for Christians who live and work in Japan. 1% of the population is Christian (though eight Prime Ministers have been Christian). Pray for the people of Japan who follow the 'way of the Gods' – Shinto.
Thurs 5	Blessed are you, Lord of all creation, it is through your goodness that we have so many gifts which the earth has given, and that human hands have made for our benefit. We pray for our farming communities, all who work on or with the land, and that we may learn the meaning of responsibility in terms of your gift of creation.
Fri 6	Mass 10.00am Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326 We remember those whose circumstances mean that Christmas will not be a time of celebration. People who through poverty, homelessness, fear, illness and many other adversities are unable to experience any joy in their lives.
Sat 7	Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397 We pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters (Ambrose did not have a positive attitude to Jews). Today we pray for Rabbi Monique and the Progressive Jewish Congregation in Bristol.
Sunday 8	2nd Sunday of Advent O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30am Advent Pilgrimage 6.00pm

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 Officers - Caroline Davenport & Janice Callow at office@allsaintsclifton.org marked for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.