

ALL SAINTS NEWS

8th December 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent

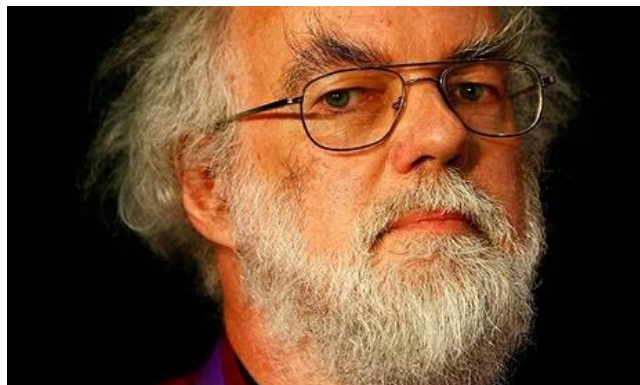
Three Events of Significance

Advent Quiet Day with The Right Revd Dr Rowan Williams

Bristol Cathedral

Saturday 7th December 9.30am to 4.00pm

Join the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury in reflecting on themes and questions raised in the Hebrew Bible and their relevance for us. Learn how they throw light on the coming of Christ and our following of Christ today.



The Right Revd Dr Rowan Williams, the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002 to 2012, is an internationally recognised theologian, author of numerous books and a poet. He has served on several theological, ecumenical and educational commissions. Following his doctorate, on the theology of the leading 20th century Orthodox theologian, Vladimir Lossky, he taught at both Oxford and Cambridge.

He was consecrated as Bishop of Monmouth in 1991 and as Archbishop of Wales in 1999. Following his retirement as Archbishop of Canterbury he continued to serve in the House of Lords as Baron Williams of Ostermouth and as Master of Magdelene College, Cambridge from 2013 until retirement and returning to Wales in 2020.

There will be three addresses during the day which will take place in the Chapter House. Following each address there will be a time of quiet and space for reflection and prayer. During these times, you are welcome to stay in the Chapter House or to use the Cathedral chapels and garden. Alternatively, there are plenty of spaces to walk in the surrounding area.

There will be a said Eucharist at 12.30 in the Eastern Lady Chapel.

There is no charge for this event.

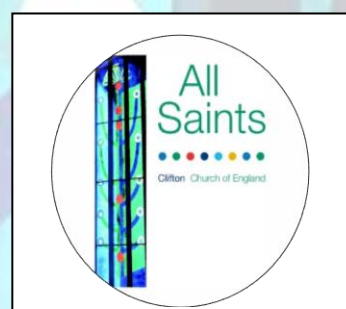
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'Into All the Parish'

Saturday 25th January 2025 Christ Church, Downend Road, Bristol, 10 am – 3 pm.

"Every church wants to be more outward looking and this gives simple ways to be so"
- Revd Adam Beaumont

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Or talk with Fr Charles or Wendy

The Rhythm of Life Programme of Exploration for 2025

During the course of 2025 there will be opportunity to Explore the Rhythm of Life with monthly taster sessions online. Additionally, there will be opportunities for Retreats and Pilgrimages over the year. Please collect your information booklet from within the Atrium, or directly from Fr Charles or Wendy.

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UPCOMING 2025
TASTER SESSIONS

2nd January General Introduction

30th January Benedict

27th February Breathing

27th March Celtic

24th April Herschel

29th May Anglican

19th June Ignatius

17th July Wilderness

28th August Action

25th September Ikons

30th October Franciscan

27th November Music

11th December English Mystics

All sessions are on a Thursday and can be attended at either 7-8pm or 8:30-9:30pm.

Jerusalem: At Four Levels

On the Second Sunday of Advent, in Palestine, Christians traditionally gather in Jerusalem for the celebration of Mass. In Rome they proceed to the stational church "Holy Cross at Jerusalem" which serves to give the atmosphere of the Holy City.

Why "Jerusalem"? Excavations of ancient sites often reveal a number of strata. When enemies destroyed a city, a new one would rise on the same location, so that today there are several layers of remains, one city, as it were, above the other.

Jerusalem likewise has four strata. The bottommost layer is the Jerusalem of the Jews, that venerable land where the Lord Jesus began His mission of redemption, where He suffered and died. This is the historical Jerusalem so dear to Christians. Anyone making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land enters that ancient city with holy awe. That Jerusalem, however, lies buried deep.



Another has been built upon it, the Jerusalem of Christians, God's kingdom on earth, the Church. This city still stands; it is the one which the divine King will enter at Christmas. Now we understand why we will hear so much about Jerusalem during the coming weeks. We should now clean and adorn our city, improving its streets and avenues through which the Savior will make His entrance. As a motto we should take the words of the precursor, St. John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths; let every valley be filled, every hill be levelled." The Church's message today is that the Saviour is coming to the Jerusalem of Christians, to the Church.

Above the second stratum there arises a third, the heavenly Jerusalem at the end of time. Already now the Church sings of this Jerusalem. During Advent we await the Savior who will appear on the Last Day to take all into "the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven."

Finally, there may be recognized a fourth Jerusalem, our souls in sanctifying grace. This city too must be adorned and prepared, for the King will want to enter. That is our present task.

On Epiphany, the climax to the current season (Advent plus Christmas), the Church will cry out: "Arise, shine, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee." That is the goal. Today we must prepare for the great King's visit to our city. The coming weeks must be devoted to it. The Church prays: "Awaken our hearts to prepare the way for Your only-begotten Son that we may serve Him with purified hearts."

Pius Parsch, Priest and Canon Regular of St Augustine (1954)

Jerusalem Today

What does it feel like to live in Jerusalem?

"Amazing, crazy, depressing, scary (sometimes), unreal, dreamy, shocking, stimulating. Jerusalem is such a crazy place to live, in both good and bad ways. I never know what I'm going to see next, or how I'm going to react to it.

There's also so much holiness here, and it can literally make people go a little cuckoo. 'Jerusalem Syndrome' is well known, and I've certainly seen more than a few people hit the Holy City and go straight into a 'maniac preacher' routine on the streets here. You can also go bonkers in the privacy of your own home here in about a million different ways, and I've also seen that happen, too, especially when there's a wave of terrorism or some other big stress happening right by your front door.

The other thing that's palpable here is the sense of history. Big things happen in Jerusalem, and nothing feels like it's random or by accident here. Every inch is drenched with biblical accounts, and Jewish blood - which is always awe-inspiring, and sometimes a little overwhelming, too.

Life is very dramatic and colourful here, sometimes a little bit too much.

The last thing to mention is that as an orthodox Jew, I feel at home here in a way I never felt anywhere else I lived, both inside of Israel and abroad." Rivka Levy


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.



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

All Saints
Clifton, Church of England

www.allsaintsclifton.org

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.

concert matinée All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

Saturday
December 7th
4pm

The Brandon Quartet
with Stephen Browne - piano



Shostakovich Piano Quartet



Mendelssohn
Quartet Op. 44 No. 1 in D major

retiring collection tea and cake

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





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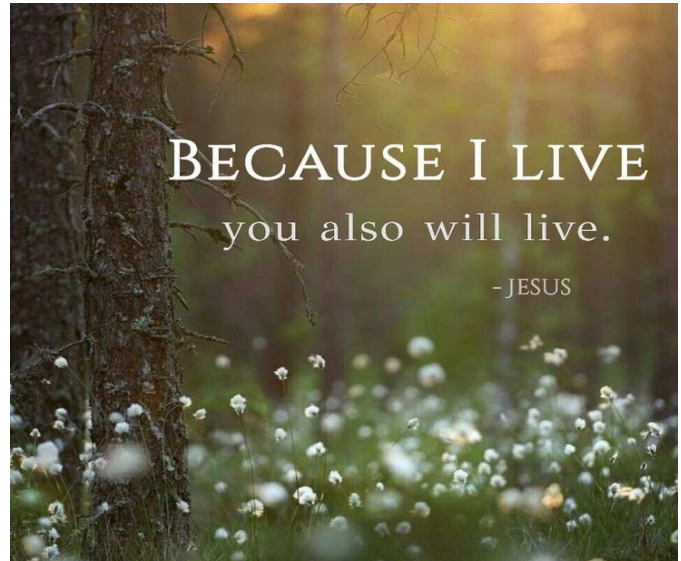



Prayers Requests

'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 John Badman

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 Maureen Badman

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Sister Rhona CSMV Elsie Flay Andrew (John) Norton CRPr Kathleen Smith John Marsh Paul Hancock May Brunnsden Doreen Joan Tong Peter Bradford

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 9	Corruption is dishonest or unethical conduct of those in authority. We pray for victims of corruption and for those who work in roles of prevention. We pray for those in authority that they may not be tempted by personal objectives.
Tue 10	Human rights day. Help us to uphold the values that are so central to whom we are: human beings created B'tzelem Elohim - in the image of God. Help us to recognize that the inherent dignity of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world. The inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family are the foundations of freedom, justice and peace in the world.
Wed 11	Mass 10.00am Corruption is dishonest or unethical conduct of those in authority. We pray for victims of corruption and for those who work in roles of prevention. We pray for those in authority that they may not be tempted by personal objectives.
Thurs 12	We pray for the people of Mexico. Trump actively campaigned against Mexico's national interests and has caused an existing rift to enlarge. We pray for Mexican immigrants who fear mass deportations. (Today is Poinsettia Day).
Fri 13	Mass 10.00am Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304 Samuel Johnson, Moralist, 1784 Pray for those who suffer visual impairment or loss. Issues concerned with sight are hugely disabling and often put individuals on the periphery of society. Pray for all who work to reduce the suffering, research the causes, provide medical treatment and campaign for change for positive impact.
Sat 14	John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591 Pray for all who suffer from poor mental health. In particular we pray for those who suffer depression, anxiety disorders, relationship problems, grief, addiction, ADHD and learning disability, mood disorder. Pray for their families, carers and medical and support staff.
Sunday 15	3rd Sunday of Advent O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; 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 Officers - Caroline Davenport & Janice Callow at office@allsaintsclifton.org marked for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.