ALL SAINTS NEWS

26th January 2025 Epiphany 3

The Conversion of Paul (Trans.) The Third Sunday of Epiphany

"Bodies on the Line" A Review by Sister Hilda Mary CSC

[Editor: Sister Hilda Mary is known to all of us here at ASC, and occasionally joins Sister Teresa and Sister Rosie at Parish Mass. This review was printed in the current Sister of the Church Newsletter. Also, Revd Sue Parfitt is known to us and is an occasional worshipper here at Parish Mass.]

I read this book by Sue Parfitt while I was in retreat with The Society of the Sacred Cross at Tymawr (Society of the Sacred Cross, an enclosed House of Prayer near Monmouth) in September. I had been horrified and disturbed when I heard of members of Stop Oil bringing the traffic on the M25 to a standstill and before that, members of Extinction Rebellion, climbing on a DLR train in the morning rush hour sometime before.

I knew Sue from when she and I lived in Bristol, she kindly said we could use her house for retreats which one Sister did.

After I had left Bristol I sometime read about Sue in the Church Times. She was involved in both stopping the traffic on the M25 and, on another time, climbing on the train. I felt a mixture of anger but also admiration so when I saw her book on sale at Tymawr. I decided I must read it and learn more about why an octogenarian would be acting in what seems quite extreme ways and causing so much disruption.

I learnt a great deal and recommend this book to anyone who is deeply concerned about climate change but cannot understand some peoples seemingly extreme responses.

Sue explains in depth about the history, theory and theology of civil disobedience. She cites many incidences when it has been necessary to combat deep evils; such as apartheid in South Africa, segregation in the USA, the actions at Greenham common, marches against the use of nuclear weapons, and the many other cases when Governments do not act in the interest of the people they

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are meant to be serving. She also has a chapter describing the ways in which Jesus broke the laws of his day and why.

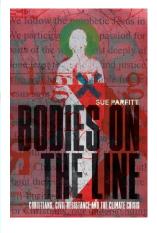
She gives much in-depth information about the dire state of our planet at this time, most of us are aware of this but at times we may wonder how to respond. What action can we take? Parfitt clearly shows we all have different callings. Different vocations. Not all of us can let our action lead to being arrested but all of us need to reflect deeply on what we are called to do.

One of the things we can do is be in touch with Christian Climate Action which work together with Extinction Rebellion. Much is about prayer and contemplation and joining with others through which we can begin to discern just what our particular calling is, at this time of climate crisis.

I found her book disturbing and upsetting but I feel much better informed now and would recommend this book though it is a tough read!

Writing this is one bit of action I feel called to!

Hilda Mary CSC October 2024



"Bodies on the Line" by Sue Parfitt.
Published by LAB/ORA Press in 2023

Racial Justice

Save the Date:

In partnership with the Diocese of Oxford and supported by the Racial Justice Unit, the Diocese of Bristol invites you to a transformative day of dialogue, learning, and worship focused on nurturing UK Minority Ethnic vocations and discipleship across our Southwest Regional Dioceses.

Date: Friday, 28th March 2025 Time: 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Venue: St Michael's Centre, Bradley Stoke,

Bristol, BS34 8PD



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10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Formal Invitation with Registration Details
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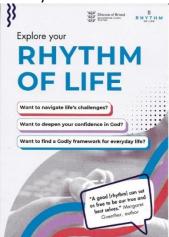




The Rhythm of Life

Programme of Exploration for 2025

During the course of 2025 there will be opportunity to Explore the Rythm 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.









United Society Partners in the Gospel(USPG) is the Anglican mission agency supported by All Saints. They are holding a Regional Lunch for supporters from across the Southwest and Wales here at All Saints on Thursday January 30th (12noon - 2pm): an opportunity to learn of and be encouraged by the good work of USPG'S partners around the Anglican Communion.

Members of All Saints are warmly invited to attend. We need to know numbers, so please let Fr Paul (H) if you would like to come.



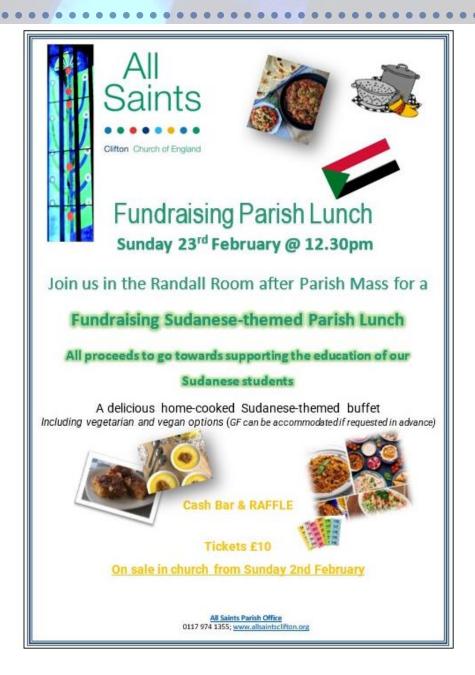
Huw Morgan is a conductor, composer and organist living in Bristol, where he directs the Clifton Singers, Redland Green Choir and Weston Choral Society.

Huw studied music at the University of Oxford where he was organ scholar of St Edmund Hall, and has a postgraduate diploma in choral conducting from the Royal Academy of Music.

He was formerly director of the Merbecke Choir at Southwark Cathedral and organist of St Laurence Church, Catford in South London.

He is a passionate advocate for new music, giving regular concerts of experimental organ music in Bristol and beyond; his own music has been widely performed and broadcast in Europe and North America.

Huw is married to Emma, a singing doctor, and had two young daughters Arwen and Aneira.



Please bring along any raffle prizes for the Fundraising Lunch on the day, or hand in to the Parish Office in advance. If you're unable to attend on the 23rd, then you can make a separate donation via the donation envelopes in church, clearly writing 'Sudanese Students' on the envelope, together with the amount of your donation and drop into the donations' box in the church porch. You can also pay via the card reader, again marking up an empty envelope accordingly

Thank You!

Harold Hedges has, last week, repaired two of our sacred vessels: a Chalice and Ciborium.

For over 50 years Harold Hedges of Dragon Workshop has been designing, creating and mastering the art of making jewellery and served his apprenticeship in Chelsea, London. Gaining experience in Montreal Canada after attending the Central School of Arts and Crafts and Sr John Cass College, returning in 1972 to work in Hatton Garden after which he decided to move to Clifton, Bristol in 1973

These repairs were made at no charge!
Thank you, Harold Hedges, Dragon Workshop in Clifton Village (Princess Victoria Street).





Candlemas Evensong

Sunday 2nd February at 6.00pm

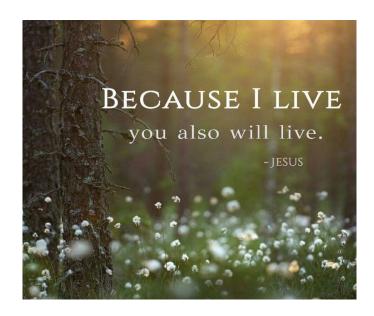
with
The All Saints Choir

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 Jean Detheridge Jack O'Sullivan and family Susie King Arthur Cleaver Sebastian Kloss Vyard Angel Wray Nic Epinay Oussama and Claire Sader Sarah James Cooper Jean Bradford

Monday

Sue Hilliar Hugh Farry

Tuesday.

Ryan Lindsey George Lymperopoulos 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

Stephen Jordon Maureen Badman

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Marilyn Spilsbury Rodney West Violet France Robin Thomas (Pr) Kingsley Wood Alan Seager Jack Vile Tony Goodfield Olivia Wilson Barbara Sharpe Kenneth Clarke (Pr) Helen Weeks Dennis Squires

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 27	Pray for us to address the challenge of communicating the Gospel more effectively in our own places – where we live and work
Tue 28	Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274 Remember those who are freethinkers; who challenge arbitrary authority, question the status quo, and construct alternatives to engrained behaviours. May they be enabled to do this to the benefit of humankind and creation.
Wed 29	Mass 10.00am Remember those who are freethinkers; who challenge arbitrary authority, question the status quo, and construct alternatives to engrained behaviours. May they be enabled to do this to the benefit of humankind and creation.
Thurs 30	Charles, King and Martyr, 1649 Pray for those whose interests lie predominately in the world of electronics and digital communication. For developers and users of the social media, 'games' and other on-line activities that have transformed the world. May they be enabled to do this to the benefit of humankind and creation.
Fri 31	Mass 10.00am John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888 The Anglo Catholic movement in the world, 'High Anglicism', the fundamental belief in God Incarnate and the move to act on behalf of 'the God in everyone'.
Sat February 1	Brigid Abbess of Kildare 525 Pray for the church in Ireland — Roman Catholics, Church of Ireland and all denominations. Pray for the work of the church conducted under the 'Bishops' Appeal' which serves to address issues of health, education, development and emergency response.
Sunday 2	Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) Over the Epiphany Season we have reflected on the 'revelation' of the Word made flesh. We have recognised the visit of the high born and gentile magi, the recognition of Jesus as Messiah at his Baptism, the first miracle at Cana and the start of Jesus' ministry in the Nazareth synagogue. We pray that we see him now, at work in our world.
	Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30 Evensong 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.