

ALL SAINTS NEWS

2nd February 2025
Candlemas

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple – Candlemas



Candlemas commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son Jesus. This day also marks the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem. The Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon. Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World.

Ritual purification stems back to a Jewish tradition that women were considered unclean after the birth of a child. For 40 days for a boy, and 60 days for a girl, women weren't allowed to worship in the temple. At the end of this time, women were brought to the Temple or Synagogue to be purified. After the ceremony women were allowed to take part in religious services

The festival is called Candlemas because this was the day that all the Church's candles for the year were blessed. On Candlemas night, many people place lighted candles in their windows at home.

Like some other Christian festivals, Candlemas draws some of its elements from Paganism. In pre-Christian times, it was the festival of light. This ancient festival marked the midpoint of winter, half way between the winter solstice (shortest day) and the spring equinox.

Candlemas marks the formal end of the Christmas Season. It is at this point that any remaining Christmas decoration are removed.

Some people lit candles to scare away evil spirits on the dark winter nights. People believed that Candlemas predicted the weather for the rest of the winter.

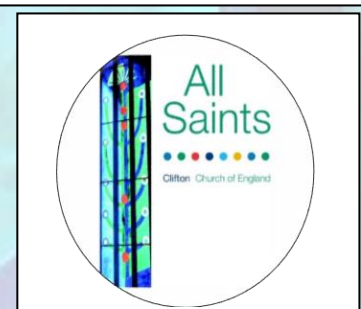
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Candlemas Evensong

Sunday 2nd February at 6.00pm

with
The All Saints Choir

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

**BEING BUILT TOGETHER
(SOUTHWEST REGION)**

**MINORITY ETHNIC VOCATIONS –
THE CIRCLE OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Conference

Join us for a transformative conference exploring UK Minority Ethnic vocations and discipleship, as well as youth discipleship, across the Southwest, featuring keynote speaker **Rosemarie Davidson**, National Minority Ethnic Vocations Officer.

Hosted by the **Diocese of Bristol** in partnership with the **Diocese of Oxford** and the **Racial Justice Unit**.

St Michael's Centre, North Rd, Bristol BS34 8PD

28TH | MARCH | 2025

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

The Venerable Becky Waring Archdeacon of Bristol

On Sunday 9th February we will have the pleasure of welcoming the Archdeacon of Bristol, Becky Waring, to the Parish Mass at which she will preach.



Becky has been vicar of St Martins Knowle since 2016. Previous to her ministry at St Martins, Becky was a Licensed Lay Minister. In addition, she served the Diocese as the Advisor for Lay Ministry, and for the last three years has undertaken the role of Diocesan Warden of Readers. Becky is also part of the team that facilitates conflict transformation training for the Diocese.

Becky grew up in Bristol, and went to school at Hanham High. She worked as a Human Resources Consultant for a large private insurance company, and then worked for a charity supporting adults with learning disabilities. She served her curacy in Frenchay and Stapleton.

Lent 2025 at All Saints

This year there will be a number of Lenten activities and events on offer. These will include:

- ★ **Lectio Divina** in Richard Chapel (on Wednesdays in Lent at 3.00pm)
- ★ **Sermon Sequence** (Sunday sermon and Discussion) Five sermons on the Nicene Creed
- ★ Individual Prayer and Reflection through the USPG Study Guides and Reflections on the **Nicene Creed**
- ★ **Lent Quiet Day** at the Cathedral (Saturday 15 March) – Meditation on the Seven Last Words
- ★ **Churches Together Lenten Conversations**
- ★ **Guest Preacher.** On Sunday 23 March we will welcome the Methodist Superintendent, the Revd Prof Teddy Kalongo, to join us in worship and preach.
- ★ **Stations of the Cross** prior to and during Passiontide (Friday at 6.00pm)
- ★ **Holy Week** – Led by Revd Canon Jonnie Parkin

Additional information on these coming in the next few editions of the ASC News.

No More Twitter (now known as X)

'An announcement from the Diocese of Bristol'

As we look to our future, we have made a conscious decision to stop using X in the Diocese of Bristol. As a Diocese, we felt growing discomfort about the current direction of the platform and its negative effect on members of our clergy and our wider diocesan community and have concluded that it no longer aligns with our values.

We look forward to staying in touch through our other channels as we continue our mission of following Jesus, serving others and transforming communities.

To keep up to date, you can follow us on our new BlueSky account.



Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

The GHCT supports repair and improvement works to church buildings of all denominations in Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and North Bristol. With an asset base of around £2m, our grants make a real difference to our applicant churches.



Gloucestershire
Historic Churches Trust

The Trust is seeking someone to succeed the present Chair from June 2025. They hope to appoint someone with the necessary strategic vision and the ability to attract and motivate people to help drive the work of the charity.

For full details of the role and application form please go to the Trust website.

Clifton High School

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday 12th February 2025
1.00pm
All Saints Church, Pembroke Road
Featuring the Year 7 Choir
& Soloists from Years 7-9
Open to parents, staff
and the public

For more information, contact Mrs Johnson, mjohnson@cliftonhigh.co.uk



All Saints



Clifton Church of England



Fundraising Parish Lunch Sunday 23rd February @ 12.30pm

Join us in the Randall Room after Parish Mass for a

Fundraising Sudanese-themed Parish Lunch

All proceeds to go towards supporting the education of our
Sudanese students

A delicious home-cooked Sudanese-themed buffet
Including vegetarian and vegan options (GF can be accommodated if requested in advance)



Cash Bar & RAFFLE



Tickets £10

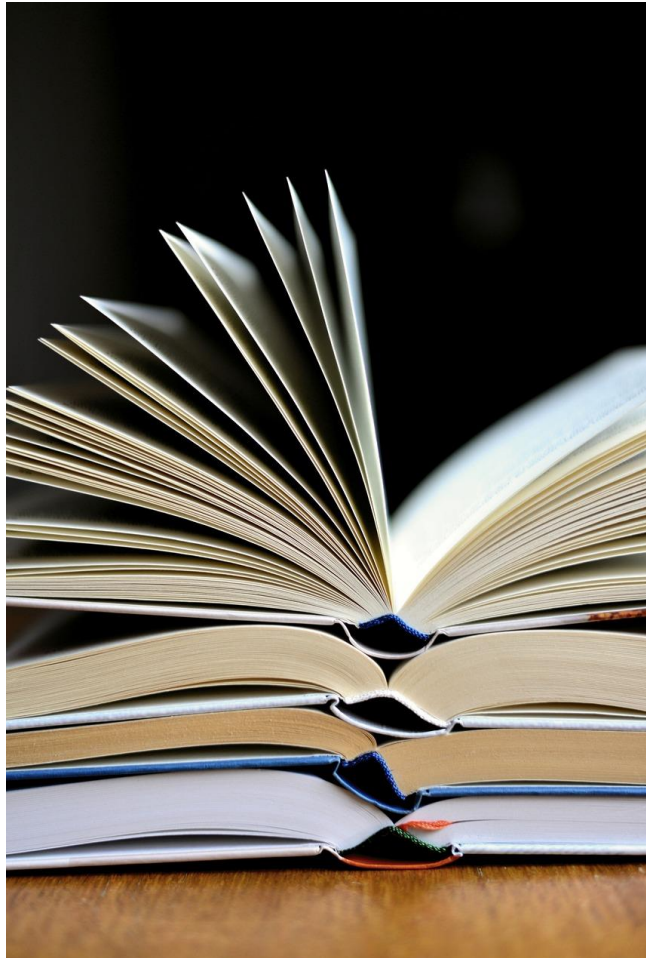
On sale in church from Sunday 2nd February

All Saints Parish Office

0117 974 1355; www.allsaintsclifton.org

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



All Saints Book Group

Wed 26th Feb, Wed 23rd April and
Wed 25th June
7-9 pm
in the Sacristy

Join us for our bi-monthly book group in the Sacristy of All Saints. Every other month, a new book – bringing readers together for lively discussions and great company!

The first book is –
The Nine Tailors by Dorothy L. Sayers.



Friends Together

at All Saints, Clifton

A Dementia accessible café **for all**.
Support, guidance, information and friendship
with tea, coffee and cake included.

Join us for...

- Reminiscence activities
- Support, guidance, and information
- Tea, coffee, cake
- Fun, laughter – and friendship!

WHERE? The Randall Room, All Saints Church

WHEN? 1st Thursday of **every** month

TIME? 10.00am-12.00pm

Café Dates 2025 ALWAYS THE 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

2 nd January	1 st May	4 th September
6 th February	5 th June	2 nd October
6 th March	3 rd July	6 th November
3 rd April	7 th August	4 th December



**Bristol Dementia
Action Alliance**

All Saints, Clifton supports the work of BDAA to make Bristol a dementia aware city. For more information about the work of BDAA see their website bdaa.org.uk

For further information, please call All Saints Parish Office on 0117 974 1355 or see the website for latest updates.

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Friends Together - Dementia Friendly Cafe

10:00am - 12:00pm,

Thursday 6th February

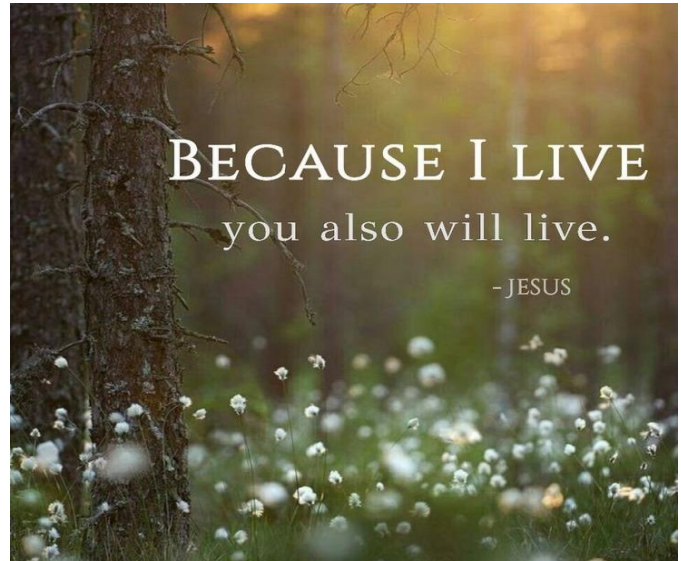
At this month's Cafe, Stacey from the Carers Support Centre 'Walk and Talk' initiative will be coming along to talk about a new group they're now running which is not only for carers but for those they care for to come along too. In addition, they're hoping to start another group on The Downs, which would be handy for those who come to our Cafe!"

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 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

Stephen Jordon Maureen Badman Philip Goodfellow

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Ann Monro Pat Sterling Louis Bono Robbie Aitken Ruth Sutton Malcolm Bentley
Alison Watson Colin Turnbull Dick Meredith- Jones (Pr) John Trelawney- Ross

