

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

16<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent

## Sister Rosie

### Twenty-Six Years at the Bristol Community House

Last week, Sister Rosie celebrated her twenty-six years of service at the Sisters of the Church Community House in Bristol.

She will continue to be a regular visitor



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In the early 1990's four Sisters of the Church (CSC) moved to Ashley Road and the Community has had a presence here ever since. The original purpose, nearly thirty-five years ago, was to provide a 'Praying Presence' in a racially troubled part of Bristol.

It should be remembered that the St Paul's riots of 1980 became a pivotal moment for black communities within the UK. This period is one in a pattern of Bristol unrest; Old Mark riot 1932, Park Street riot 1944, St Paul's riot 1980, St Paul's riot 1986, Hartcliffe riot 1992, Stokes Croft (Tesco) riot 2011, and Bridewell riot 2021.

Clearly, the Sisters' provided a much needed 'Praying Presence' at the geographic heart of unrest. This is very much part of the CSC ministry within the world aligned with 'Justice and Peace'.

This Ministry of Prayer rapidly developed into active service. The nature of the surrounding community was largely deprived, with considerable need, with racial unrest, addiction, prostitution and frequent mental and physical health problems. Prayer quickly led to what used to be described as 'door-step ministry' where individuals in all forms of need came to the 'Community door' to ask for practical help as well as prayer.

This ministry has become the 'The Five Loaves and Two Fishes Project'. On each and every active day, whilst the Project is in operation, some 100 to 150 people attend the Project. Anyone and everybody is welcome, no one is judged, no justification or voucher is required.

Clients receive food parcels and are given hot drinks and sandwiches; additionally, form filling and key phone calls (to, for example, Bristol City Council) are made on behalf of clients, a 'duty solicitor' is often available, and for those in real need fuel keys are refreshed. For families, who have nothing, there is an opportunity for short-break family holidays and also the occasional 'Children's Day Out'. Holidays, days out, trips and recovery of wayward clients was one of the key roles for Sister Rosie.

Sister Rosie, we wish you every blessing in your continuing ministry in Clevedon.

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## 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.

## LENT CONVERSATIONS 2025

### *Facets of Violence—Paths to Peace*

Churches Together in Clifton, Redland and Cotham with Hotwells, bring you a series of talks for Lent.

Join us at 7pm for refreshments and 7.30pm start.

Venue: Cotham Parish Church, BS6 6DR

Bus routes are along Whiteladies Rd. or St Michael's Hill. Clifton Down Rail Station is walking distance. Street parking also available.

Tuesday 11th March -

Revd Dr Helen Paynter

**'Desire and shame: how our disordered hearts lean towards violence, and what God is doing about it.'**

Helen Paynter is a Baptist Minister who now works as tutor in Biblical Studies at the Bristol Baptist College. She is the founding director of the Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence.

She has written extensively on these themes, including: *Blessed are the Peacemakers: A biblical theology of human violence*; *The Bible Doesn't Tell Me So: Why you don't have to submit to domestic abuse and coercive control*; and *The Bible, The Far Right, and the Claim to Christianity* (ed. with Maria Power).



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Wednesday 19th March -  
7pm for 7.30pm—

Bekah Legg, CEO of Restored

**'Speaking Up for the Woman With No Name: exploring the violence against women in Judges 19'**

Restored is a Christian charity working to speak up about violence against women and equipping the Church to stand against domestic abuse and with survivors.

<https://www.restored-uk.org/>

Join us the same week at Tyndale Baptist Church for an exhibition of art works—**#SheToo** From Saturday 17th March—to Saturday 20th— 10am to 4pm—depicting **'Silenced Women of the Bible'**.



# #SheToo

*'Silenced Women of the Bible'*

**Art Exhibition by Jen Ford**

17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Open 10am - 4pm

**Tyndale Baptist Church**  
Whiteladies Road





concert matinée All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

**Saturday March 1st**  
**4.00 pm**

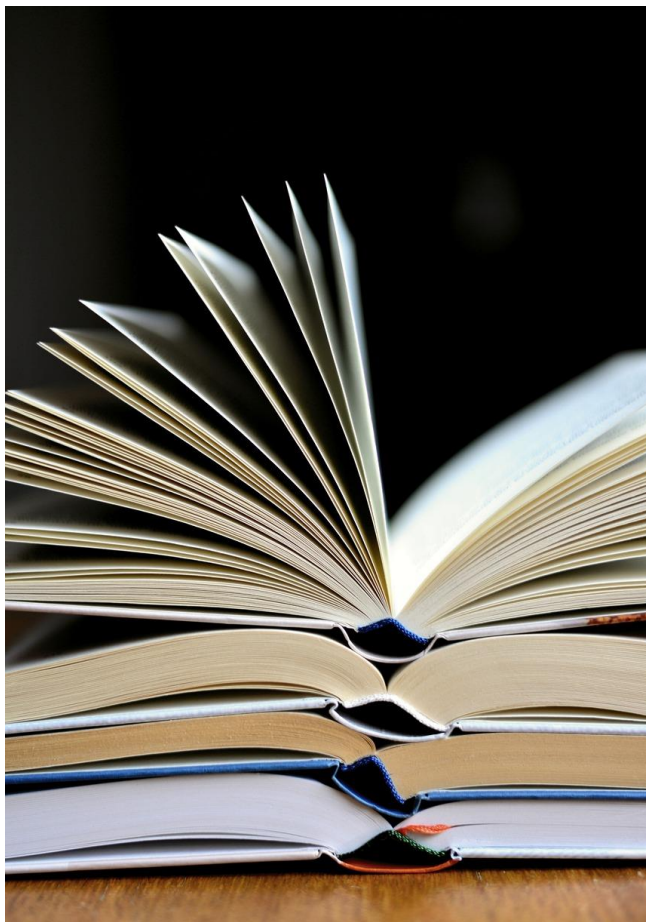
**Romance  
&  
Caprice**

Charlotte Newstead - Soprano  
Keith Tempest - Cello  
Derek Stuart-Clark - Piano

Handel  
Camille Saint-Saens  
Derek Stuart-Clark  
John Marsh *including Four Songs*  
*(First complete performance)*

retiring collection

tea and cake



## *All Saints Book Group*

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> April and  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



# All Saints



Clifton Church of England



## Fundraising Parish Lunch Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.allsaints.clifton.org](http://www.allsaints.clifton.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***

## 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.



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.

### 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**.



ROSEMARIE DAVIDSON

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

**28<sup>TH</sup> | MARCH | 2025**

10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

*Formal Invitation with Registration Details  
to Follow*



## 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

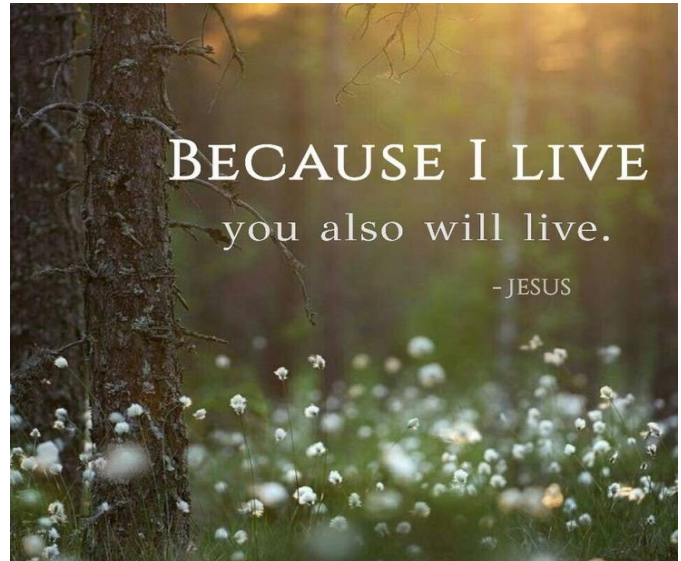


## Prayers Requests

'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 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 Zoe Punyer

### Saturday

### The Departed

Stephen Jordon Maureen Badman Philip Goodfellow Richard Ashby

### Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Mike Saunders Jill Masefield Jeanne Callow. Bernice McCabe

# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 17	<b>Janani, Archbishop of Uganda Martyr 1977</b> Pray for Revd Jane Too-dera and the Bishop Janani Luwum Theological College. Pray for the church in Africa. Pray for understanding and agreement on questions of human sexuality and marriage. Pray for the Episcopal Church in the USA.
Tue 18	Pray that we may show acts of kindness in our lives. Remember that there are those who provide random act of kindness to/for others. May we take the opportunity to be kind today
Wed 19	<b>Mass 10.00am</b> Pray for those who are on the outside of society. Physical, mental and/or emotional reasons cause people to be cut-off from society (or 'shut-in'). Pray for them and those who visit to make a difference.
Thurs 20	Give thanks for the joy and care of domestic animals, in particular house pets. Giving thanks for the friendship they bring to the lonely and help to the needy.
Fri 21	<b>Mass 10.00am</b> Pray for a world that has no need of weapons of mass destruction (nuclear, chemical, biological or radiological). Praying for those who campaign against their existence/use, for those who suffer because of their use (Syria) and for those who have responsibility for them
Sat 22	Pray for those who live and work in communist countries/societies. Especially were the values and principles are abused by those in power. We pray for the peoples of Russia and China – especially at this time when the world seems a 'less safe' place.
<b>Sunday 23</b>	<b>Second before Lent</b>  Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children  <b>Early Worship 9.00am</b> <b>Parish Mass 10.30</b>

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](mailto: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](mailto:office@allsaintsclifton.org) marked for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.