

ALL SAINTS NEWS

23rd February 2025
2nd Sunday before Lent



Living Lent 2025

Ash Wednesday is on 5 March 2025. There will be two celebrations of Mass with Ashing – a said Mass at 10.00am in the Richard Chapel and a sung Eucharist at 7.30pm in church. Ash Wednesday is a moment for reflection in our Christian lives. It is a time when we are encouraged to take stock, perhaps to adjust our lifestyles for a season, or simply to be reminded of our dependence on God in a fractured and fragile world.

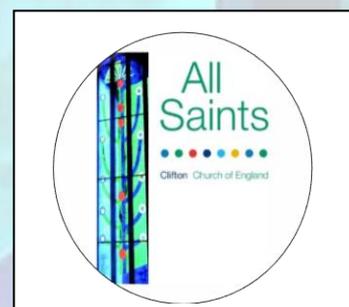
Do take advantage of services on Ash Wednesday to receive the imposition of ashes and to remember that we are dust animated by God's generous and loving Spirit.

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Five ideas for Lent

Yet, what else might we do during the Season of Lent? Here are five ideas that you may wish to engage with:

1. Read the Lent Book

'Wild Bright Hope - A Lent Journey with the Big Church Read'

Wild Bright Hope is a transformative CofE Lent book, bringing together 12 dynamic voices, each contributing a unique chapter on the power of hope. Themes include Seeds of Unity, Wild Paths of Peace, A Vision for Hope in Politics, and Hope in Suffering. These chapters inspire readers to face challenges with fresh perspective and active faith. Read the book and/or work with it on-line at <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/wild-bright-hope/>

2. Engage with the ASC Variety of Lent Events

Have a look at the range of Lent activities taking place here, in Churches Together and at the Cathedral. These are outlined within this edition of ASC News.

3. Combine Fasting and Almsgiving

Fasting and Almsgiving are two of the Lenten three pillars (the third is prayer). Why not give something up for Lent (chocolate, alcohol, 'junk-food' or a meal a week or whatever....) and then give the cash you've 'saved' to charity. Next week in ASC News we are going to suggest a charity for this exercise and how to go about the process.

4. Bible Focus

Select a Book of the Bible that you don't know well and read it with a study guide. What about Daniel, or Book of Psalms, or Epistle to the Romans?

5. Adopt a Subject for Prayer

In our challenging world there is no end of subjects about which to pray. There is no set way to pray. And prayer is the process of talking with God.

Prayer may be within a time of quiet reflection and deep thought, or it may be through the process of reading about a particular subject and asking God, and self, questions, it may be through prayerful conversation. Many people walk and pray, look at particular images to shape thinking, some use familiar words as a base-line above which the mind reaches and searches.

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

These will take place on Wednesdays in Lent at 3.00pm – These are useful for those who don't wish to leave home in the evenings.

★ **Sermon Sequence** (Sunday sermon and Discussion) Five sermons on the Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed divides into five sections: Creator God, Incarnation and the Messiah, Inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Mother Church and Unity and the Hope of Resurrection and Communion of Saints. Starting on the Sunday before Lent (before Ash Wednesday) the Sunday sermon will follow these themes – with an opportunity to talk with the 'preacher' after the Parish Mass.

- ★ Individual Prayer and Reflection through the USPG Study Guides and Reflections on the **Nicene Creed**. 2025 marks a significant year in the Anglican Communion and for other global Christian traditions as we mark the 1700th anniversary of the world's first Ecumenical Council. This study guide has been produced to encourage you, in the fellowship of other Christians to prayerfully reflect on the significance of the Council of Nicaea and its legacy in shaping the Christian faith. The Study Guides are available in the Atrium.
- ★ **Lent Quiet Day** at the Cathedral (Saturday 15 March) –
'Meditation on the Seven Last Words'. A day of reflection, combining Kenneth Wilson's meditative poetry, J.S. Bach's six soulful cello music, and Gillian Lever's abstract artwork. Kenneth will lead his Meditation on the Seven Last Words, with moments of silent reflection after each poem, creating a deeply contemplative space this Lent. The day runs from 9.30am to 4.00pm and you can book a place on: <https://bristol-cathedral.co.uk/event/cathedral-lent-quiet-day/>
- ★ **Churches Together Lenten Conversation One**
 Tuesday 11 March 7.00 for 7.30pm **'Facets of Violence – Paths to Peace'**
 Revd Dr Helen Paynter *'Desire and Shame'*
 The full programme of **Five Conversations** is printed within this ASC News.
- ★ **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
 On the 4 and 11 of April, Fridays at 6.00pm in the Atrium
- ★ **Holy Week** – Led by Revd Canon Jonnie Parkin

***Lectio Divina* for Lent 2025 at All Saints' Church**
3pm on 19th March, 26th March, 2nd April and 9th April



Would you like to come and pray during Lent using the receptive and gentle practice known as *Lectio divina*?

The Latin phrase *lectio divina* means 'divine reading'. It is an ancient form of prayer based on the belief that Christ is present in the Bible and that reading allows God to speak with us.

Lectio divina is accessible to everybody and no preparation or study is involved.

We will meet on four Wednesdays during Lent in the Richard Chapel (there is no obligation to come to every meeting). Each session will take about 30 minutes.

During that time, we will simply listen as the Gospel readings for the following Sunday are read and respond to these texts in silent prayer. **This is a personal reflective practice where you will not be called on to share your thoughts or prayers with others.**

LENT CONVERSATIONS 2025

FACETS OF VIOLENCE—PATHS TO PEACE

All meetings are at 7pm with refreshments for 7.30pm

Tuesday 11th March Cotham Parish Church, BS6 6DR
 Revd Dr Helen Paynter, Bristol Baptist College
*Desire and shame: how our disordered hearts lean towards violence,
 and what God is doing about it*

Wednesday 19th March Tyndale Baptist Church, BS8 2QG
 Bekah Legg from Restored
*Speaking Up for the Woman With No Name:
 exploring the violence against women in Judges 19*
 Exhibition 17th to 22nd March #SheToo - also at Tyndale
 - Silenced women of the Bible

Tuesday 25th March Tyndale Baptist Church, BS8 2QG
 David Wiles, former CEO of the Frontier Youth Trust
Stories from the edge: faith is spelt RISK!

Thursday 3rd April Redland Park United Reformed Church, BS6 6SA
 Revd Karen Sethuraman Soul Space, N Ireland
Who is my Neighbour?

Thursday 10th April at Victoria Methodist Church, BS8 1NU
 John Cooper, Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation
The fierce urgency of Peace

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

28TH | 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

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

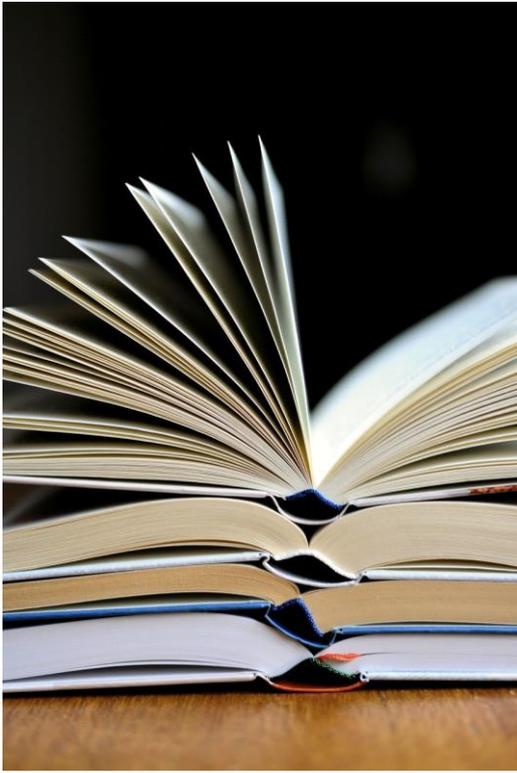
Are you interested in joining the Serving Team?

No previous experience necessary - we will teach you all you need to know.

A good way to learn about the liturgy we use and to become part of a friendly team at All Saints.

Please drop into the Sacristy and speak to any member of the team after mass on Sunday and we can talk to you about it..





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.

CREAM TEA & SILENT AUCTION

in aid of



Bristol North West
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Saturday 29th March
3.30 to 6.30pm

St. Andrew's Church, Avonmouth,
Bristol, BS11 9EN

Doors: open at 3:15pm

Tickets: £12 per person.
Why not bring friends and reserve a
table for 6!

Tickets available available from
Bristol North West Foodbank, Social Justice Hub,
Avonmouth Road, Bristol BS11 9EN

Cash, Card & bank transfer accepted

Phone: 0117 9235343 Email: office@bristolnwfoodbank.org.uk

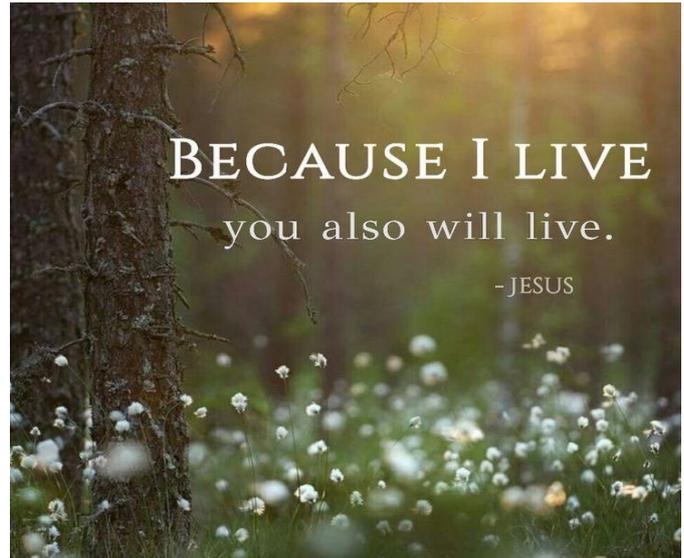


Prayers Requests

'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 the O'Sullivan 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:

Camilla Laszlo Christopher Savery

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 24	Fairtrade, as a charity organization, encourages people to donate on this day and help raise awareness of the injustices of the trade system. Try to purchase ethically produced food and pray for an increasingly just world.
Tue 25	Pray for astronomers – academic and amateur, observational and theoretical. Those who work to develop our knowledge beyond our earth, to help us understand creation and time. Pray for those who work on the land, especially arable farmers and cultivators of spices and herbs, that are used for culinary or health practices. Pray for those who use or work with plants to the good effect of humankind. Giving thanks for the richness of creation
Wed 26	Mass 10.00am Remember in prayer all those you love and who are important to you. Remember also the unloved – those for whom no one cares. Remember those who work as politicians who are sometimes the subject of hate, may they work for the good of society. Pray that they may be informed by the values of justice, mercy and peace, working for the common good.
Thurs 27	George Herbert Priest & Poet 1633 Pray for all who suffer from any of the conditions associated with dementia. Pray for the carers of those who live with the condition, for the medical staff who provide comfort and support, for researchers who seek new ways to combat the condition. Remember those charities who address the challenge of this condition.
Fri 28	Mass 10.00am Pray for all Carers (of the sick, elderly, those in need). Give thanks for the support they give to loved ones, the benefit they provide to the economy; how they sustain the NHS, and work to benefit all of society. Pray for those carers who have no choice and for those who feel they are not valued or recognised, and that their role is not understood.
Sat March 1	David, Bp of Menevia, Patron of Wales 601 Pray for those who work as teachers in primary, secondary and tertiary education. For all in support roles, researchers and educational administration. May they work to enable us to understand interconnectedness, interdependencies and the importance of wisdom. Pray for the people of Wales and the work of the Church in Wales.
Sunday 2	Sunday next before Lent Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30

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.