

ALL SAINTS NEWS

2nd March 2025
Sunday next before
Lent

Nicaea 2025 Living the Apostolic Faith Together Today

The year 2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the world's first Ecumenical Council, the Council of Nicaea of 325, a key moment in the history of Christian faith and for the ecumenical journey today.

Here, at ASC, we will mark this Anniversary as an element of our Lent preparation. The Creed can be divided into five sections and, over five Sundays, we will reflect upon the significance of each of these sections. This is also supported by the USPG Lent Study Programme ('We Believe') which is available in the Atrium.

The five sections are:

2 March	Sunday before Lent	God the Father and Creation
9 March	Lent 1	Incarnation and the Messiah
16 March	Lent 2	Inspiration of Holy Spirit
[23 March	Lent 3	<i>Not part of the Nicene Series: Professor Teddy Kalongo]</i>
30 March	Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	Mother Church
6 April	Passion Sunday	Hope and Resurrection

Affirming the Christian faith

The first Ecumenical Council in 325 was a gathering of Christian bishops in Nicaea, now İznik in present-day Türkiye, as the first attempt to reach consensus in the church through an assembly representing all of Christendom, and to affirm the Christian faith in the triune God.

In Nicaea, Christians who only recently had been persecuted in the Roman Empire were able to gather under the patronage of the Emperor to affirm their faith and witness to the society around them. Then, as now, the call to unity was heard within the context of a troubled, unequal, and divided world.

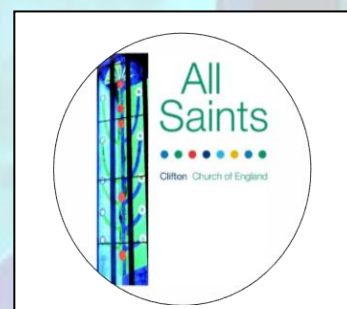
The anniversary offers an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the affirmation of faith in the Nicene Creed, the mission of God's triune love and the implications this has for the common witness and service of the churches, and offers the opportunity to ask afresh with others what Nicaea means for churches and Christians today.

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Lent Charities in a Season of Self-Denial

This Lent we are hoping to help two small local charities through collecting the proceeds of our seasonal self-denial. The charities have been chosen because they provide uncomplicated but life-improving support to people who are the least well equipped to articulate their needs. The charities are:



i. [Bristol Children's Charity](#) who provide basics such as beds and bedding for children who have none, specialist equipment for children living with disabilities or basic white goods for families moving into unfurnished accommodation.

ii. [Bristol Refugee Rights](#) support new arrivals to the city to settle in, make friends, receive language support and lessons, bring young children out to a crèche and play area, eat in a café, have a free haircut, get help with legal processes and most importantly, feel they are valued.



Please put your cash donations in the steel box under the tower in a gift aid envelope marked Lent Collection, or through the card machine but do also mark up a gift aid envelope.



Ash Wednesday 2025

Wednesday 5th March

Services at 10.00am with Ashing

7.30pm with Ashing

Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Pilgrimage Dates: Monday 6 – Friday 10 October 2025.



'Save the Date'

During the autumn there will be a series of sessions exploring the place and significance of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the Church and in the prayer and discipline of individual Christians.

This will be led by Mthr Nicola.

It will include an opportunity for a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Further details to follow in due course.

All Saints Society



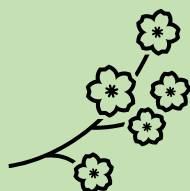
THE BAR AGM Sunday 9th March
12.15pm in the Randall Room
All members welcome



Election of officers
Reports & Accounts
Prices

Donations from profits

Come along and take part in the running of this important part of All Saints life



Mothering Sunday Parish Lunch
Sunday 30th March at 12.30pm



Lent 2025 at All Saints

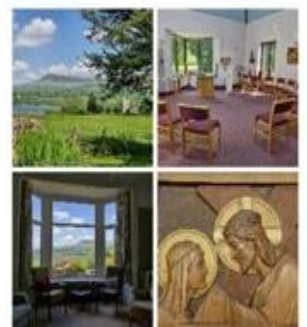
This year there will be a number of Lenten activities and events on offer. These will include:

- ★ **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

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN.....

.....For the annual **Parish Retreat at Llangasty Retreat House:**
Friday 23-Sun 25 May 2025 led by Mthr Nicola Stanley. Numbers are limited, so to ensure your place, **book now** by putting your name on the sign-up sheet in the church porch, and/or send an email to Helen (helen@helensutton.com) or Liz (liz.badman@virginmedia.com). For more information, see:

<https://tinyurl.com/Parish-Retreat-2025>





LENT
prayer, fasting,
almsgiving and
celebratory
events

Lent Conversations ²⁵

Facets of Violence - Paths to Peace

- TUES 11 MARCH AT COTHAM PARISH CHURCH
- WEDS 19 MARCH AT TYNDALE BAPTIST CHURCH
- TUES 25 MARCH AT TYNDALE BAPTIST CHURCH
- THURS 3 APRIL AT REDLAND PARK URC
- THURS 10 APRIL AT VICTORIA METHODIST CHURCH

REFRESHMENTS FROM 7.00PM
CONVERSATIONS @ 7.30PM

Lectio Divina for Lent ²⁵

Scripture and Prayer - The Lent Gospel Readings

- WEDS 19 MARCH ● WEDS 26 MARCH
 - WEDS 2 APRIL ● WEDS 9 APRIL
- IN THE RICHARD CHAPEL AT 3.00PM

Lent @ All Saints ²⁵

● 5TH MARCH-17TH APRIL

Our 40 day season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and celebratory events begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday, with events at All Saints and around the Diocese.

See the Spring Programme for event details.

All Saints

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Parish Fundraising Lunch in support of the Sudanese Students



The Sundanese Lunch was a huge success and was declared delicious by everyone who attended. Thank you to everyone who was involved in any way.

The lunch raised the spectacular sum of £915 which will be match funded by the All Saints Trustees bringing a total of £1830 which will go towards the education and living expenses of our Sudanese students.

If you would like to add a contribution to the funds please use a gift aid envelope and mark it Sudanese Students Fund.

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..

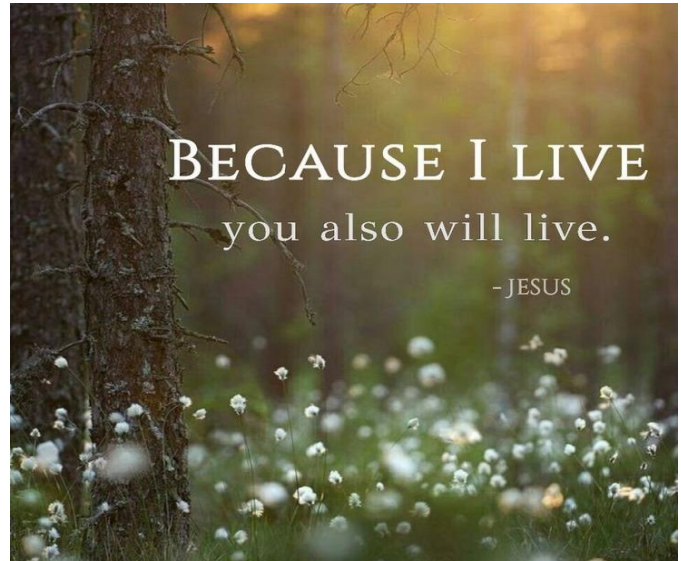


Prayers Requests

'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 the O'Sullivan family Susie King Arthur Cleaver Vyard Angel Wray Nic Epinau Oussama and Claire Sader Sarah James Cooper Nicky Foss Jean Bradford John Badman Adam Chivers

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 Jean Knott

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Neil Monro Frank Plaice Margaret Ostler Katherine Charnley Christopher Baker Philip Bird Nina Florence Thorp

The Flower Team design in the porch this week reflects Hope and Renewal

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 3	Pray for the 57 th Bristol Brownies who meet in the Randall Room . Pray for the Scouting Movement. Brownies, Guides, Scouts, Rangers – members, volunteers, organisations. Those who work to enable young people to play constructive roles in society
Tue 4	Give thanks for all of creation and our part in this, and our responsibility for this. Give thanks for the richness of the living world and pray for those who work for environmentally focused organizations and for increased awareness of the impacts of climate change
Wed 5	Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness
Thurs 6	Pray for all engaged in the tobacco industry. But especially those who work to help people break the habit, those working and researching for better health, smokers and those who are trying to give up.
Fri 7	Mass 10.00am Perpetua , Felicity and Companions 203 Pray for those who are willing to give their lives for what they believe, for Christian martyrs (especially women) in our world now. Pray for all Christians who are equal in the sight of God (high born Perpetua was martyred with slaves) Pray for the Brothers of the Society of St Francis and the Sisters of the Community of St Francis in the Anglican Community.
Sat 8	Edward King Bp of Lincoln 1910 (Studdert Kennedy 1883) Pray for the work of Cuddesdon Theological College, and the continuing impact of Catholic Renewal in the CofE. (Edward King) Give thanks for the legacy of Studdart Kennedy (WW1 Padre on Western Front, who won an MC for working with the wounded) and was engaged with Christian Socialism and Pacifism.
Sunday 9	1st Sunday of Lent Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save 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.