

ALL SAINTS NEWS

16th March 2025
2nd Sunday of Lent

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Several things happen at the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, these include:

- Presentation of the up-to-date Electoral Roll (this year a new roll!)
- Presentation of the Annual Report, which includes the Annual Accounts
- Election of Deanery Synod Lay Members (potentially, we have one casual vacancy for one year)
- Election of lay members of the PCC for three years (we have four vacancies) and one casual vacancy for one year)
- Appointment of the independent auditor

And, of course, the appointment of two Churchwardens at the Parish meeting that precedes the APCM.

What does the PCC do?

There are a number of functions of the PCC, of which perhaps the most important, and certainly the most wide-ranging, is:

'co-operation with the incumbent in promoting, in the parish, the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.'

Functions also include:

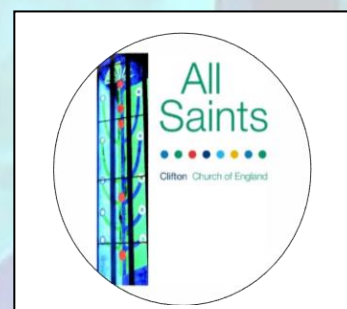
- The consideration and discussion of matters concerning the Church of England or any other matters of religious or public interest, but not the declaration of the doctrine of the Church on any question
- Making known and putting into effect any provisions made by the diocesan synod or the deanery synod, but without prejudice to the powers of the council on any particular matter
- Giving advice to the diocesan synod and the deanery synod on any matter referred to the council
- Raising such matters as the council consider appropriate with the diocesan synod or deanery synod

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This is Important!

It is important because the PCC has voice and impact at very different levels, and has a responsibility to make the purpose meaningful within the local Community and Community of worshippers. At a very broad sweep this may be seen to include:

National Church

- The appointment of a new Archbishop
- Issues of Safeguarding are a key focus for attention
- 'Living in Love and Faith' (LLF) will be a significant topic within the whole church
- Addressing issues of racism, Christian nationalism, climate change, and mental health (to name but four!)

Diocese of Bristol

- The appointment of a new Diocesan Bishop – the Vacancy in See Committee is just about to have the first meeting
- Issues of Safeguarding are a key focus for attention within the Diocese
- LLF will need to be addressed within the Diocese
- Enabling the '*Transforming Church. Together*' (TC.T) strategy to live across the Diocese

All Saints Clifton

- Preparing for the appointment of a new incumbent
- Working with National Church and the Diocese to address the subjects identified above
- Focus on our own strategic intentions (that are aligned with the TC.T Diocesan strategy and identified at the ASC 2024 Conference):
 - Grow in Faith
 - Ministry in Later Life
 - Relevance and Visibility in and to the Community
 - Best use of our Buildings (to achieve NetZero, full accessibility, repair-maintain-develop the plant, to enable worship and support the community)

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.

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 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.

Bristol Refugee Rights
Safety • Solidarity • Action for Change



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.

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.



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



All Saints
Clifton Church of England



Parish Lunch



Join us in the Randall Room after Mass for
Mothering Sunday Parish Lunch
Sunday 30th March @ 12.30pm

A delicious home-cooked 3-course meal
(main, pudding, cheese & biscuits)

Vegetarian/vegan/gluten free can be accommodated if requested in advance

Cash Bar

Tickets: £6 each

On sale in church from Sunday 9th March

Contact Janice: rbookins52@yahoo.co.uk

OR

All Saints Parish Office
0817 974 1355; www.allsaintsclifton.org

A New Electoral Roll for 2025

Under Church Representation Rules each Church must compile a completely new Electoral Roll every six years.

In order to be entitled to hold positions as officers of the church, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or take part in its proceedings, a new application form should be completed by every member of the congregation.

Please complete the Application form in the Atrium and either place it in the envelope provided or leave it in the Parish Office.

Contact details are retained securely and used for the Electoral Roll.

The closure date for the new Electoral Roll is 2nd April 2025. The completed Roll, names only, will be displayed from 6th of April 2025 and the Parish Office should be notified of any corrections.

Thank you

Nomination forms for the election of members of the PCC, Deanery Synod and the role of Churchwarden are also available in the Atrium. If you would like a nomination form by e mail, please contact the Parish Office.

The Requiem Mass and Funeral Rites for the Repose of the Soul of Olivia Mary Constance Griffiths

will take place on **Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025 AD.**
at the **Church of the Holy Trinity, Horfield, Bristol. BS7 8ST**
at **2 pm.**

Please vest for Mass in cotta / surplice with black or purple stole.
Birettas may be worn.

Jesu mercy + Mary pray



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

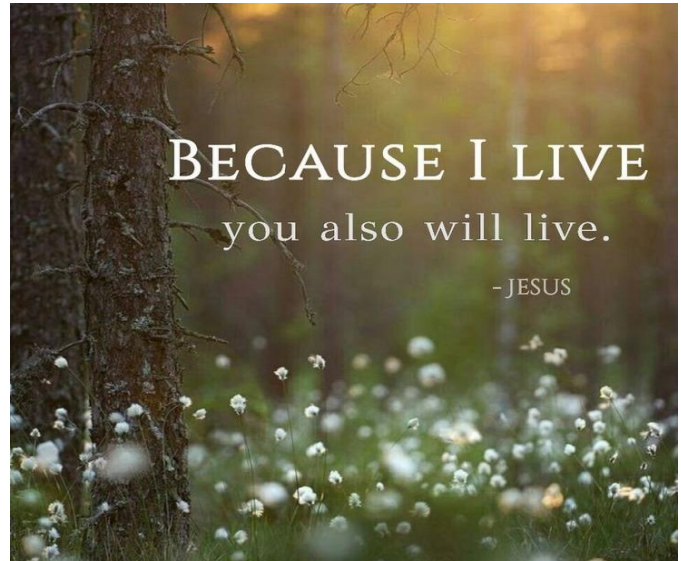
The fierce urgency of Peace

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 Nicky Epina Oussama and Claire Sader Sarah James Cooper Jean Bradford 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 Pat LePetit Richard Ashby Jean Knott Olivia Griffiths Ann Wardrop John Badman

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Pat Coole Jill Symonds Timothy Sherman Gwen Francis Gwyneth James



ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 17	Pray for those who suffer from Tuberculosis (TB), those who care and nurse, and those who work in TB research. The majority of deaths (95% which equates to about 1.5 million people) occur in developing countries – pray for more effective health care in developing countries.
Tue 18	Pray for the Church of Ireland, its people and work. Giving thanks for the Celtic tradition. Praying for the growing links between the Anglicans Church and the Roman Catholic Church
Wed 19	Mass 10.00am Joseph of Nazareth Pray for husbands and fathers, and for those who work with their hands (carpenters) but also technologists those who make things out of materials. Reflect that in the Judaic/Christian account of creation God makes everything from nothing, and that it was good.
Thurs 20	Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne 687 Almighty God, who called your servant Cuthbert from following the flock to follow your Son and to be a shepherd of your people: in your mercy, grant that we, following his example, may bring those who are lost home to your fold
Fri 21	Mass 10.00am Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop, Reformation Martyr 1556 Pray for those who raise children on their own – single parents. Pray also for those who help and support them in this task – grandparents, neighbours and friends. Pray for those who work to change ideologies, behaviours and shift public opinion. Those who suffer from discrimination or prejudice because of race
Sat 22	Nearly every job is dependents upon water. Pray that the right use of ‘the power of water’ may positively transform people’s lives (World Water Day).
Sunday 23	3rd Sunday of Lent Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.