



Palm Sunday Mass
Begins at 10.15am

ALL SAINTS NEWS

13th April 2025
Palm Sunday

A Palm Sunday Reflection

Two Liturgies

This Sunday, Palm Sunday, starts with the Liturgy of the Palms and then moves, in one step, to the Liturgy of the Passion. Historically, these have been two separate liturgies taking place on the one day.



Over time, these two different commemorations merged into one, and in some places the re-enactment of the 'Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem' took over in importance. Some communities have made this the main theme of the Day's liturgy and omitted the Passion reading altogether. We should be remembered, however, that it is not the entry into Jerusalem, but rather the Passion Reading that sets the major theme for the whole week (as is recognised in the *Book of Common Prayer BCP*). It's interesting to note that in the *BCP* of 1549 and 1662 there was no mention of any Palm Liturgy, and that this Sunday was referred to as 'Sunday next before Easter'.

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However, recognising that these two liturgies have merged into one event and that the focus is the Passion reading we should also remind ourselves of the change in tone. The transition between these two liturgical parts creates a significant shift in the tone and mood of the service, from the celebration of Jesus' arrival to the somber reflection on his sacrifice.

Focus on the Passion

(John van de Laar, Methodist and author, of 'The Hour that Changes Everything', explores this focus)

'The Liturgy of the Passion is, quite simply, a meditation on the suffering of Jesus. But, in the Psalm reading, we are also invited to reflect on God's solidarity with all who suffer, in the Epistle, we are called to view Christ's passion as an example for us to follow. In addition, two particular narratives stand out in the Lukan account of Christ's passion.

Firstly, Luke places the dispute over who is the greatest here, at the Last Supper, which, when placed alongside the Philippians reading, drives home the servant nature of Jesus' death, and the call for us to embrace the same self-giving life.

Secondly, only Luke includes the account of the penitent thief on the cross who asks Jesus to remember him. The response of Christ to this man, in the midst of his own suffering and persecution, demonstrates very dramatically, the extent to which the loving, serving grace of Christ reaches, and the extent to which we are called to serve and love others in Christ's name.

In the light of this, the Liturgy of the Passion, this year, invites us into a deep and transforming journey into Christ's suffering, Christ's presence in our suffering, and Christ's call for us to share his suffering. It's not just about the passion of the Christ – it's about the passion of the followers of the Christ as well!

The clear, comforting message of God's initiative in coming to us in our pain – whatever that pain may be – comes through very clearly in the Passion narrative and accompanying Scriptures this year. For many who have experienced suffering, or been shocked by some of the world's tragic and horrific events, this comforting word can be deeply healing. In addition the call to participate in this comforting, healing work of God can be both challenge and inspiration, and can motivate people to engage more intentionally in the suffering of their families, neighbourhoods and communities. Much of this work can be done, though, with little more than a meditative, mindful encounter with the Scriptures.

If the Liturgy of the Passion is combined with the Liturgy of the Palms, there is the additional challenge to recognise that God's Reign seeks to subvert the systems of our world that cause or exacerbate suffering. Once again, the Passion on which we meditate is not just that of Jesus, but of ourselves.'

The 2025 All Saints Parish Retreat

Llangasty Retreat House, Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th May 2025



This year's Parish Retreat will once again be held at Llangasty Retreat House from **Friday 23 to Sunday 25 May 2025**. The retreat leader this year is our own Mthr Nicola Stanley and her theme will be: **'Praying the Eucharist: On the Road to Emmaus'**



The cost is £230 for the whole weekend, and includes accommodation and all meals. As always, the retreat will follow a scheduled programme based around the daily offices and a number of presentations. However, you can choose entirely what you want to join in with. Some just use the time to rest, and Llangasty is the most wonderful place to do just that; either taking a walk in the grounds or surrounding countryside, relaxing with a book or just sitting in the lounge or on the terrace, looking out at the wonderful view over Llangors Lake.

Numbers are limited, so **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). Once you've booked, full information and payment details will be sent in due course.

More detailed information can be found here:
<https://tinyurl.com/Parish-Retreat-2025>



Stations of the Cross

Friday 11th April
6.00pm

Holy Week & Easter 25

The most solemn week of the Christian year, Holy Week leads up to Easter when Christians particularly remember the last week of Jesus's life. All Saints Clifton will celebrate Holy Week with a number of events from Sunday 13th April until Sunday 20th April. This year the **Holy Week Reflections** will be delivered by The Revd Canon Jonnie Parkin, Canon Missioner, Bristol Cathedral.

Holy Week & Easter 25

13TH-20TH APRIL

SUNDAY 13 TH APRIL	Palm Sunday	10.15 ^{AM}
MONDAY 14 TH APRIL	Mass	7.00 ^{PM}
TUESDAY 15 TH APRIL	Mass	7.00 ^{PM}
WEDNESDAY 16 TH APRIL	Mass	7.00 ^{PM}
THURSDAY 17 TH APRIL	Maundy Thursday	
	● Liturgy of the Lord's Supper	7.00 ^{PM}
	● Followed by Vigil until Midnight	8.30 ^{PM}
FRIDAY 18 TH APRIL	Good Friday	
	● Devotion: an hour of reflection on The Passion of The Lord	12.00 ^{PM}
	● Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of The Lord	1.30 ^{PM}
SATURDAY 19 TH APRIL	Holy Saturday	
	● Easter Eve Service	4.00 ^{PM}
	● Great Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter	8.30 ^{PM}
SUNDAY 20 TH APRIL	Easter Day	
	● Early Worship Easter Festival Eucharist	9.00 ^{AM}
	● Easter Day Festival Mass	10.30 ^{AM}

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Clifton Church of England

The completed Electoral Roll 2025, names only, will be displayed from 6th of April 2025 until the APCM on Sunday 27th April.

The Parish Office should be notified of any corrections.

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

Thank you.

Flower Gifts at Easter



Several flowers are traditionally associated with Easter, having acquired symbolic meaning over the years.

Easter lilies: Easter lilies, with their large white trumpet-shaped blooms and lovely fragrance, are the most well-known flower used at Easter. There are many meanings associated with this flower: for example, the white hue represents Jesus's purity, and the shape of the trumpet recalls the trumpet of the angel Gabriel. Also, the flower grows from a bulb buried in the ground, which is considered symbolic of Christ's resurrection.

If you would like to contribute towards Lilies for Easter, please sign the notice in the Porch. This year lilies are £2.50 each

If you are contributing in memory of a loved one this will be acknowledged in the Easter news letter. Lilies will be used in the floral arrangements around the church.

The **ASC walk in May** will be to see the bluebells at Barrow Court.

The **June walk** will be on the pathways of Stoke Bishop.

The All Saints Flower Team invite you to
Easter Craft for Everyone.



Easter Baskets, Easter Wreaths
Potato Animals, Plate Gardens
Mostly for children but fun for
everyone !

Saturday 12th April 10.30 to 12.30

£5 entry, donated to charity.

Children, please bring an adult !

All Saints , Clifton Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol, [BS8 3ED](http://www.bs83ed.com)

Contact us - 0117 9741355

Book your place office@allsaintsclifton.org or just come on the day.

Cash only please

Calling all children, grandchildren, nieces and
nephews !

The All Saints Flower Team are having a craft
session on Saturday 12th from 10.30 am making
fun things for Easter.

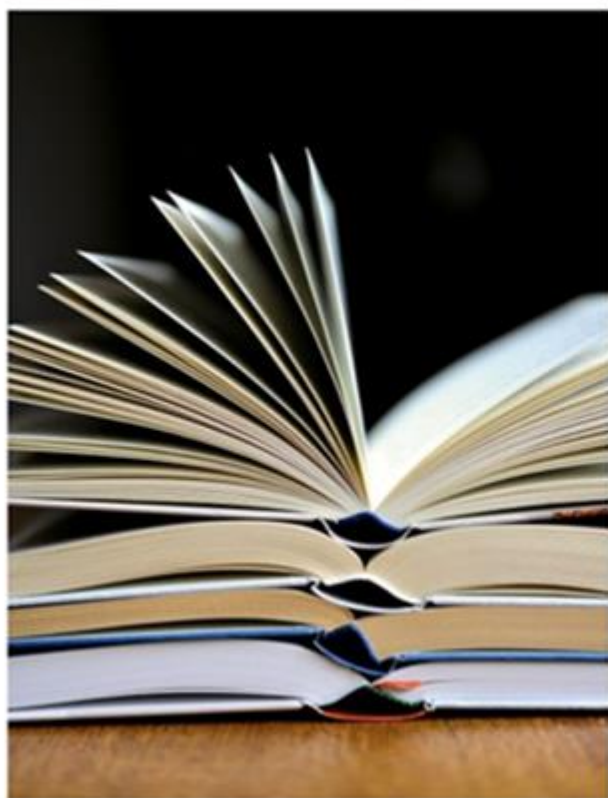
Book a place online at

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or just turn up on the door.

£5 entry fee goes to the Lent Charities
Bristol Children's Charity and Bristol Refugee
Rights.

Don't forget to bring a grown up !



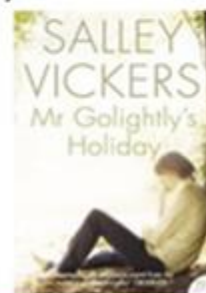
All Saints Book Group

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!

Our book for the **Wed 23rd**
April meeting will be:

Mr Golightly's Holiday
By Salley Vickers

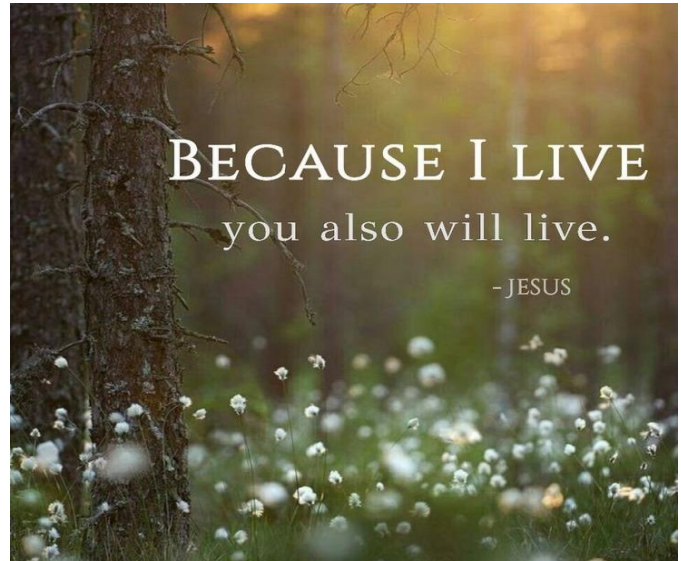


Prayers Requests

'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 Sathia Aruliah the O'Sullivan family Susie King Arthur Cleaver Vyard Angel Wray Nicky Epinay Oussama and Claire Sader Sarah James Cooper Jean Bradford Adam Chivers Lucille Osafa Andrew French

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

Maureen Badman Pat LePetit Richard Ashby Jean Detheridge Olivia Griffiths Ann Wardrop John Badman Charles Easmon Elisabeth Morgan

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Charles Clarke Beryl Dean Marguerite Walker Helen Roberts Bunny Vile Mary Oakley Barbara Biggs



ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 14	<p>Monday of Holy Week 7.00PM Mass <i>God of love, my prayer is simple: your son, Jesus, suffered and died for me. I know only that I cannot have real strength unless I rely on you.</i></p>
Tue 15	<p>Tuesday of Holy Week 7.00PM Mass <i>God of such unwavering love, how do I "celebrate" the passion and death of Jesus? I often want to look the other way and not watch, not stay with Jesus in his suffering</i></p>
Wed 16	<p>Wednesday of Holy Week Mass 10.00 am 7.00PM Mass <i>My saviour, do you invite me to share in the glory of the resurrection? Please stay with me as I struggle to see how accepting the crosses of my life will free me.</i></p>
Thurs 17	<p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p>7PM Mass Liturgy of the Lord's Supper. Followed by 8.30pm Vigil until Midnight</p> <p>God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love</p>
Fri 18	<p>Good Friday</p> <p>12.00PM Devotion – an hour of reflection on The Passion of The Lord 1.30PM Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of The Lord</p> <p>Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross</p>
Sat 19	<p>Easter Eve</p> <p>4.00pm Easter Eve Service 8.00PM Great Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter</p> <p>Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory</p>
Sunday 20	<p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ</p> <p>Early Worship Easter Festival Eucharist 9.00am Easter Day Festival Mass 10.30am</p>

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.