

ALL SAINTS NEWS

11th May 2025
Easter 4

Assisi is famous as the birthplace of Saint Francis, but Cannara, a much smaller town, is also important in the life of the saint. It was here that he would often stop and pray, and where he founded his Third Order of lay people inspired to follow his teachings in their daily lives. Pian d'Arca, a site nearby, is reputed to be the place where he preached to the birds, and an open-air sanctuary has recently been created there.

My family chose to attend the Good Friday procession here, rather than at Assisi, as we knew it would be far less crowded with tourists. The evening started with Mass in the main church of San Matteo. When Mass had finished, a statue of the grieving Virgin Mary was solemnly carried out of the church, along the candlelit streets and accompanied by the priest and a subdued crowd, towards the church of 'La Buona Morte', or the Good Death. This is in the square where you can still see the small cell where St Francis used to pray.

The town brass band were assembled, together with the local confraternities dressed in different costumes, most of them masked. The band then struck up a solemn march, and everyone's eyes were drawn to the church door, and the appearance of a large bier covered in a white canopy being carried down the steps.

The crowd was silent, and as the bier approached we could see a statue of the dead Christ, covered in a blue veil. The solemn procession then returned to the original church, with the statue of the Virgin in front, and that of Christ behind her. It was very moving, at least in part because it felt genuine and respectful, and no-one (except my niece who sneaked a couple of short videos!) had their mobile phones out.

For Easter Sunday, we went to Bevagna instead, another place that Saint Francis visited. Here a statue of the Risen Christ was carried by members of another confraternity, unmasked, from a small church to that of San Michele in the main square.

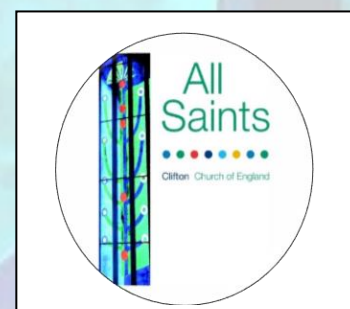
They waited by the door, and as the priest sang the Gloria they ran down the aisle with the statue! The church was packed, and this time everyone was taking photos.

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A 17th century terracotta statue of the risen Christ being carried through the streets of Bevagna

Easter celebrations were somewhat muted the following day, with the news that Pope Francis had died. I had planned to be in Rome later that week, and my visit coincided with his funeral. Rather than attempt to go near St Peter's, it seemed sensible to go to Santa Maria Maggiore, where he had chosen to be buried. This Basilica has one of the four Holy Doors in Rome, only opened during a Jubilee Year. Crossing the threshold symbolises passing from sin to grace and forgiveness¹. The whole area was packed not only with tourists, but also with throngs of teenagers from all over Italy, wearing scarves and badges to help their leaders identify them.

Most bore the logo of the Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope



No doubt they had gathered to celebrate the Jubilee and make a holy pilgrimage, but they also found themselves mourning the death of the Pope. A long queue had developed outside the basilica, and bags were scanned before we were allowed in. Many of the teenagers chatted excitedly, but once through the Holy Door they were immediately subdued, perhaps overwhelmed by the grandeur and majesty of the interior, but also by the solemnity of the occasion.

Groups passed slowly and quietly by the area where the Pope had chosen to be buried - boxed in by plywood, it was fairly obvious, even though the guard standing by said "I don't know, nobody tells me anything"!

Pilgrims in Santa Maria Maggiore paying their respects the day before the funeral.

A friend texted the itinerary of the cortège the following day, and it seemed right to be there. Crowds lined the route, waiting patiently in the heat, not knowing when he would pass by.



Waiting for the Pope's cortège to drive past

Police, Carabinieri, Red Cross and volunteers ensured an orderly crowd control, without ever being overbearing. Suddenly, applause was audible in the distance, growing louder and louder, accompanied by cheers, and his simple, unadorned bier and wooden coffin drove past. The crowds stayed milling around for some time, as prayers were read and broadcast on large screens outside the Basilica. Then the little street cleaning vans were out in force, along with street sweepers with large brooms, and it was over.

May Pope Francis rest in peace - as a huge banner opposite the Basilica read, GRAZIE FRANCESCO.

Ruth Baker 8th May 2025

¹ The Bishop of Clifton has designated Clifton Cathedral as a place of pious pilgrimage for those unable to make the journey - it's a bit easier to cross the road than travel to Rome!

allsaintsarts All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

organ recitals Wednesdays in May at 1.10pm

7th Huw Morgan (All Saints Clifton)

14th Paul Walton* (Bristol Cathedral)

21st Paul Walton*

28th Alison Howell (St John's Keynsham)

*All JS Bach programmes including one trio sonata per recital in May, July and September

PLAY THE ORGAN YEAR 2025



www.rco.org.uk/play

www.bdoa.org.uk

COME HEAR AND PLAY THE ORGAN YOURSELF

Join us to hear - and play - the pipe organ, aka 'the King of Instruments'. All are welcome to this free event, featuring music and a short, illustrated talk, followed by the opportunity to play the instrument. Open to all, regardless of musical experience or ability!

Free to attend and refreshments will be available.

4.00pm Saturday 17 May 2025

ALL SAINTS CHURCH CLIFTON
68 Pembroke Road, Bristol BS8 3ED



Clifton High School

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Thursday 15th May 2025
1.00pm
All Saints Church,
Pembroke Road

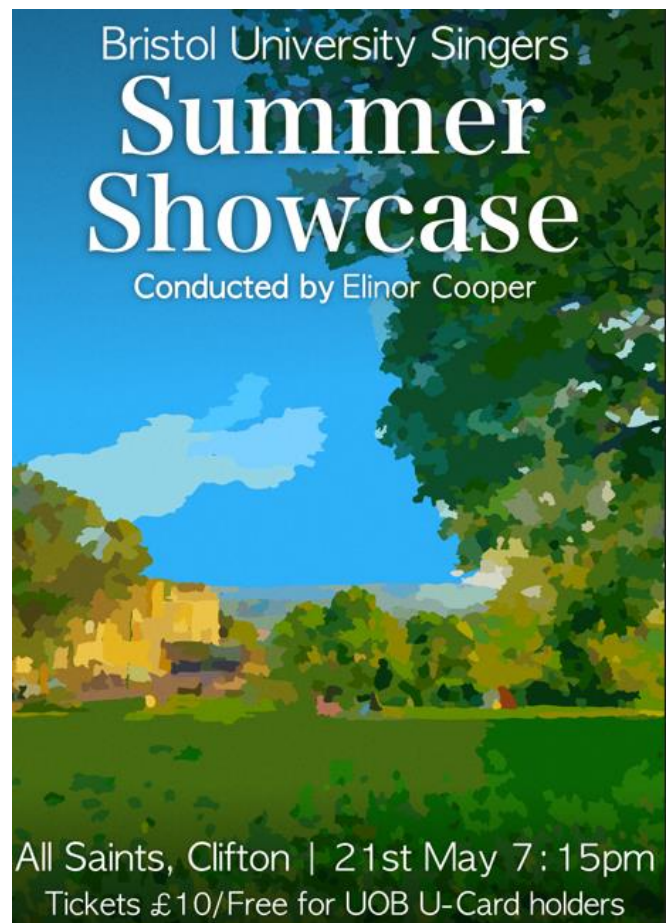
Featuring the Year 8 Choir & soloists from Years 7 to 10 & 12
Open to parents, staff & the public



For more information, contact Mrs Johnson, info@cliftonhigh.co.uk

Bristol University Singers Summer Showcase

Conducted by Elinor Cooper



All Saints, Clifton | 21st May 7:15pm
Tickets £10/Free for UOB U-Card holders

17th May 2025 – Watershed Bristol



Let's Talk Dementia

Friends Together Cafe is one of the exhibitors at this year's **Let's Talk Dementia** event on Saturday 17th May at the Watershed, Bristol. Let's Talk Dementia is a one-stop, free, public information event for all things dementia, bringing together experts from across the South West in care, health, research, legal matters and much more.

The event will include six talks from experts on a wide range of subjects, twenty exhibitors and an activity room for people living with dementia. Most importantly, the voices of people living and caring for people with dementia will be heard, loud and clear.

Free Tickets page: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/bracedementiaresearch/1547249>

ASC Walks - everyone, and their dog, welcome



Saturday May 10th

Birds, Trees and Bluebells at Barrow Court.
A circular walk in the country

Meet 10.30 outside the Church.

Car share – please contact Georgina. georginaharford@hotmail.com or text 07767746168



All Saints

SUNDAY 18TH MAY
@ 12.30PM



Clifton Church of England



JOIN US IN THE RANDALL ROOM AFTER PARISH MASS
FOR
A DELICIOUS HOME-COOKED LUNCH

VEGETARIAN/VEGAN/GLUTEN FREE CAN BE ACCOMMODATED IF
REQUESTED IN ADVANCE

CASH BAR

TICKETS £7
(Family Ticket: £14)

ON SALE IN CHURCH FROM SUNDAY 27th APRIL

Contact Janice: rjhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk

OR

All Saints Parish Office: 0117 974 1355
www.allsaintsclifton.org

Tickets for the next Parish Lunch, on
Sunday 18th of May, are on sale now.

An opportunity to meet friends, old and new and enjoy a home cooked lunch.

A Cash Bar will be available.

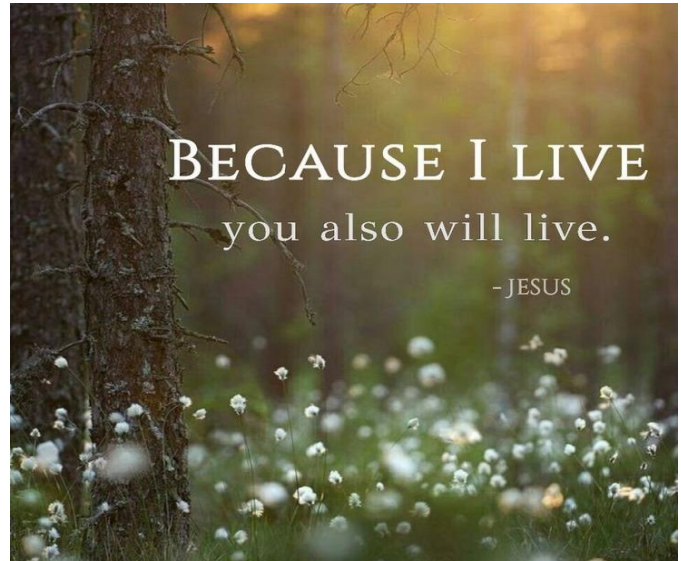
Book your place early to avoid disappointment

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 Epina Oussama and Claire Sader Sarah 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

Jean Detheridge Olivia Griffiths Ann Wardrop John Badman Charles Easmon Elisabeth Morgan Pope Francis

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Mary Rossetti John Hersee Patrick Lury (Pr) Dorothy Wookey Tony Crabbe Kathleen Verity Gloria Harrison



ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 12	Gregory Dix 1952 Pray for Benedictine communities throughout the world. Pray for the life and work of Mucknell Abbey, Pray also for liturgists and those who interpret and explain liturgy. For our team of servers.
Tue 13	Pray for all Pilgrims. Especially those who find meaning, clarity and peace at Walsingham, pray for the Walsingham Cells. Remember all those who worship through journeying and finding Holy places
Wed 14	Mass 10.00am St Matthias Pray for the University of the West of England (the St Matts Campus) UWE; the work of the Chaplains, and the students and all staff. Especially remembering the students we see working in our Church: from the Architecture and Education Departments
Thurs 15	Pray for all who live in this parish. <i>We praise thee for the day of light and life, for the night which brings rest and sleep, and for the ordered course of nature, seedtime and harvest, which thou hast given us. We bless thee that thou has given us the joy of children, the wisdom of old men. We thank thee for all holy and humble men of heart, for the love of God and man which shines forth in commonplace lives, and above all for the vision of thyself, in loneliness and in fellowship, in Sacrament and in prayer; for these and all other benefits we praise and glorify the name, now and for evermore.</i>
Fri 16	Mass 10.00am Caroline Chisholm 1877 Pray for those who dedicate themselves to Humanitarian issues (especially today those working with female immigrants in Australia and on Aboriginal issues). Pray for immigrant populations throughout our world and for those who are further disadvantaged by race
Sat 17	Give thanks for all who work to maintain our water supplies, to keep our oceans clean and free of pollutants and who bring water to those who thirst. Pray for those who are short of water (especially in the Southern Sahara), pray for those who are afflicted by floods.
Sunday 18	5th Sunday of Easter Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30am

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.