

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

25<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
Easter 6

## Going on Retreat

Many people, of all faiths, ensure that a 'Retreat' becomes part of their Discipline of Life.

There are many different settings, structures, and shapes of retreat that can be taken. And it's important to remember that God is available to us everywhere. For each of us the question is where and how we can best tune our perception to become aware of God's presence. The answer will not be the same for each one of us, nor for just one of ourselves in every season.

Fortunately, there is a vast range of retreat experiences from which we can select. Here at ASC some elect to go on the Parish Retreat, taking place this weekend at Llangasty Retreat House.



The View from the Dining Room

The parish retreat is a 'led' retreat which, primarily, is focused on our own community and our collective journey of faith. This year it will be led by Mthr Nicola.

In addition to the Parish Retreat, or as an alternative, many at ASC elect to go on a 'Private Retreat'. Here the focus is on oneself, and people spend a few days (or sometimes a week) living apart and following their own objectives or purpose. Sometimes the 'purpose' is shaped by a spiritual book, a section of scripture, or designed with a spiritual director. Sometimes the 'purpose' is provided by attending a retreat that is being led but is designed for people from a wide variety of parishes and

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places; or is themed, such as Icon Writing or a painting retreat.

Where to go is also a question. Perhaps a monastic setting such as with the Franciscans at Glasshampton Friary, or the Benedictines at Mucknell Abbey, or the Sisters of the Church at Gerrards Cross.



**Glasshampton Friary**



**Mucknell Abbey Chapel**

At these locations a retreatant is invited to share in the rhythm of the monastic day, which is structured around the daily “Office” (corporate, liturgical prayers), the celebration of the Eucharist, and communal meals. Outside of these times they hope to offer the space, solitude and quiet that so many guests find a source of renewal and healing. Others elect to go to a Retreat Centre such as Ammerdown or Sheldon (or indeed Elsie Briggs House) where space is provided to follow your own desired path.

Insight from the Cowley Fathers (SSJE)

Not surprisingly, retreats are an expected part of the rhythm of life for clergy, LLMs and the Religious. The Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE) an Anglican Religious Order, founded in the parish of Cowley in Oxford and now located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, have this expectation as an item in their Rule of Life:

“Times of retreat are essential elements in the rhythm of our life. They enable us to celebrate the primacy of the love of God above all else. Whenever we enter retreat we seek to be more available to God so that we may enter more fully into the divine life”  
(SSJE Rule of Life, Ch. 29)

Br. David Vryhof, SSJE

Talks about the opportunity to recall God’s love – A Retreat or an Advance

‘There are many ways of entering into retreat. At times we will want to use our time of retreat to listen and discern God’s purposes in our life, especially if we are in a place of confusion, conflict, or uncertainty. At other times we may be facing an important choice and will find a period of silent retreat to be a helpful clearing space in which to weigh our options in prayer. At times, we will want to explore more deeply the nature of God, the person of Christ, or some aspect of our human condition. These are ways of using retreat to “advance” the spiritual life.

As our Brother Curtis Almquist likes to remind us, most often “a retreat is not an advance.” Retreats invite us to return to the God we already know, to recall and to re-experience God’s love for us, to receive from God the gifts we need this day. ‘



## 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.



## Ascension Eve and Ascension Day services.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Ascension Eve**

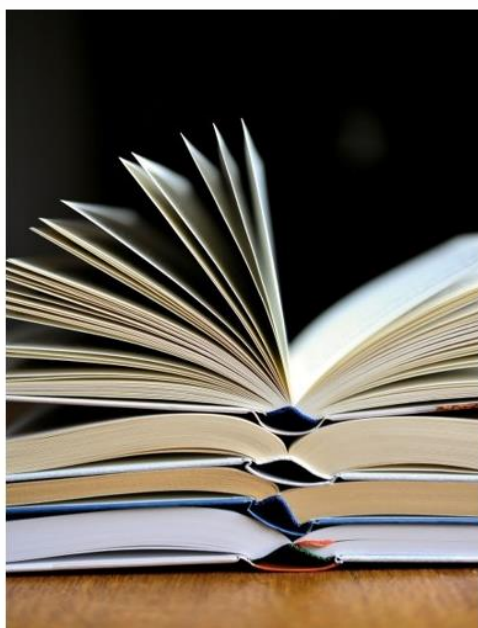
**FESTIVAL MASS**

**7.30 pm**

**Refreshments available after Mass**



**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am Said Mass for Ascension Day**



### *All Saints Book Group*

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> June** meeting will be:  
***The Heart of the Matter***  
**By Graham Greene**







# Clifton & Hotwells OPEN GARDENS

Sat 7 & Sun 8 June  
10:30am–5pm



Visit the fascinating communal gardens hidden behind the elegant terraces of Clifton and Hotwells.

## TICKETS

Tickets cover both days and are available in advance from Eventbrite (£8) and on the day (£7) from 10:30am under the archway on Boyce's Avenue in Clifton Village and from selected gardens listed on our website.

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The beautiful All Saints Garden will feature in this year's Clifton and Hotwells Open Gardens weekend on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of June and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of June.

As usual we are looking for Hosts during the opening times to meet and greet, show people the gardens and church and oversee Health and Safety.

If you are free at any time between 10.30 and 5pm and are willing to Host a session for this event please sign up on the list in the porch. Thank you.



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All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

organ recitals  
Wednesdays  
in May  
at 1.10pm

28<sup>th</sup> Alison Howell (St  
John's Keynsham)

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



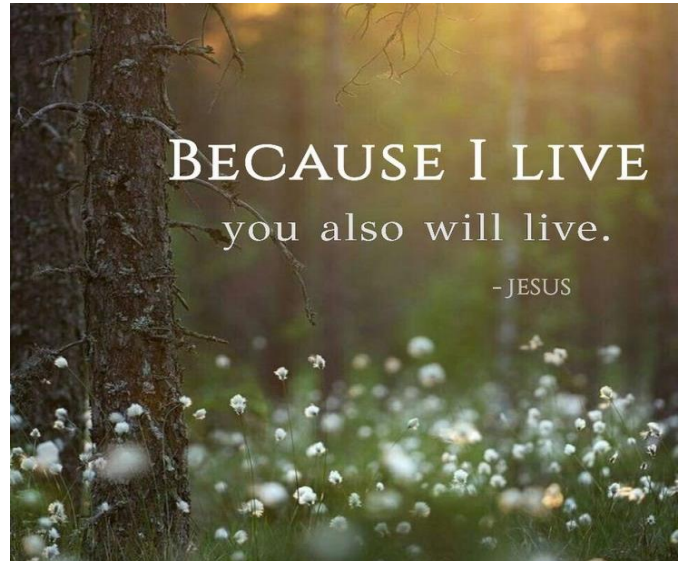
Fresh from it's success at The Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival - Water into Wine , the beautiful design by Jenny York and Jo Low will be on display in the church for the next two weeks.

## 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 Osafo Andrew French Mary Thompson

### Monday

Sue Hilliar Hugh Farry

### Tuesday.

Ryan Lindsey George Lymperopoulos 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

### Saturday

### The Departed

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

### Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Maurice Tucker Pr Elizabeth Davies Peter Cobb Pr Violet Marshall Henry Burrough Kenneth Phelan Raymond Clarke Beryl Hemming Myfanwy Davenport





# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 26	<b>Augustine of Canterbury 605</b> We thank you God that you are here – with us now. In the sacrament, in my brothers and sisters and in this house of God.
Tue 27	Pray for the work of Amnesty International - which campaigns to bring an end to human abuse. Look at the Amnesty International Website today and simply remember them and all these issues in your prayers
Wed 28	<b>Mass 10.00am</b> Pray for the work of Amnesty International - which campaigns to bring an end to human abuse. Look at the Amnesty International Website today and simply remember them and all these issues in your prayers  <b>Ascension Eve Mass 7.30pm</b>
Thurs 29	<b>Ascension Day 10 am Mass</b> Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell.
Fri 30	<b>Mass 10.00am Josephine Butler 1906 Joan of Arc 1431</b> Feminist and social reformer. Pray for the prostitutes of Bristol, and those who work in the fields of venereal diseases and aids.
Sat 31	<b>The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</b>  Mary visits Elizabeth. Pray for expectant mothers, those who adopt children, those who would love to be mothers more than anything else!. Children who are lost and without family, children unloved
<b>Sunday June 1st</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before.  <b>Early Worship 9.00am</b> <b>Parish Mass 10.30am</b>

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  
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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](mailto:office@allsaintsclifton.org) marked for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.