

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

8<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
Pentecost

## The Elements of Pentecost

The feast of Pentecost and the revealing of the Holy Spirit is so difficult to pinpoint with human definition. In reading the account of Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles, there is very pronounced imagery. It is easy to recognize the wind and fire, but all four classic elements of Greek philosopher, Aristotle, are present at Pentecost, earth, wind, fire, (no relation to a certain 1970s band) and water.

### Wind

First in the account of Pentecost from Acts 2:1-11 came the wind: *"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were."*

Most Biblical renderings of the God or the Holy Spirit is through a gentle breath, such as Jesus breathing on the Apostles in the Resurrection appearance in the Upper Room. At Pentecost it is the same room, but here the Holy Spirit comes as wind of strength and power.

There is nothing subtler than the wind, which manages to penetrate everywhere, even to reach inanimate bodies and give them a life of their own. The rushing wind of the day of Pentecost expresses the new force with which divine love invades the Church and souls.

In Pentecost celebrations, many people try to bring this imagery of wind. Kites, windsocks, pinwheels, streamers, wind chimes and other contraptions that harvest the wind's power can call to mind the Upper Room on that Pentecost morning.

### Fire

Next came the fire: *"Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them."* It is this combination of wind and fire that is the gift of tongues. One of the optional readings for Pentecost is the story of the Tower of Babel. The Holy Spirit brings unity and love, which allows those languages to be spoken and understood by all.

The liturgical colour for Pentecost is red, the colour of fire and blood and the symbol of love. The last time we have seen red vestments outside of the feasts of martyrs or apostles is Palm Sunday and Good Friday. The red for those days recalled the blood of Christ. Today the red recalls the tongues of fire, and we ask the Holy Spirit to ignite our hearts.

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*We pray: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy Faithful; and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love....*

In medieval times, many churches had a “Holy Ghost Hole”, a small circular opening in the ceiling of the church. The holes would be decorated on Pentecost, with various items symbolizing the Holy Spirit lowered through the hole.

Also, in medieval times the figure of a dove was widely used to enact in a dramatic way the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. There is an old description of what happens when a priest sings: *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (Come, Holy Ghost).

*‘Immediately there arose in the church a sound “as of a violent wind blowing” (Acts 2, 2). This noise was produced in some countries, like France, by the blowing of trumpets; in others by the choir boys, who hissed, hummed, pressed windbags, and rattled the benches. All eyes turned toward the ceiling of the church where from an opening called the “Holy Ghost Hole” there appeared a disc the size of a cartwheel, which slowly descended in horizontal position, swinging in ever-widening circles. Upon a blue background, broken by bundles of golden rays, it bore on its underside the figure of a white dove.’*

## Earth

The earth element doesn’t seem to be as obvious with the connection more as it relates to God’s creation. Pentecost, which means “Fiftieth Day” in Greek, was a Jewish festival marking the 7 weeks or 50 days after the Passover. It was a harvest festival, offering the first fruits in thanksgiving to God. Later the feast also commemorated the giving of the Law or Ten Commandments to Moses at Sinai.

Our civilization has become less agrarian, but this “earth element” should be a universal reminder to us as respect and thanksgiving for creation.

So, Pentecost can also be a festival of thanksgiving for creation, a cause for reflection on the creative Reason which is also manifested in the beauty of the world as a creative Love. Thanksgiving for creation could then become a reflection on creation, a reflection on behaviour appropriate to our being part of creation. This would be acting according to the spirit, turning away from practical materialism that abuses and destroys the world.

## Water

The final element, water, is not an image of the Holy Spirit, but a direct result of the coming of the Paraclete upon the Disciples. After they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they left the Upper Room and began to proclaim the Gospel. And on hearing their words, 3000 were baptized that day. The matter of baptism is water.

From the very day of Pentecost the Church has celebrated and administered holy Baptism. Indeed St. Peter declares to the crowd astounded by his preaching: “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”<sup>26</sup> The apostles and their collaborators offer Baptism to anyone who believed in Jesus: Jews, the God-fearing, pagans.<sup>27</sup> Always, Baptism is seen as connected with faith: “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household,” St. Paul declared to his jailer in Philippi. And the narrative continues, the jailer “was baptized at once, with all his family”.

*Elemental Thoughts on Pentecost from Jennifer Miller – on the Church Year (2014)*

# Let's Talk Dementia 2025



Let's Talk Dementia is an annual event, and 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.

This year's event took place at The Watershed, Bristol on Saturday 17th May, and Sue, Remie, Hazel represented Friends Together Cafe on our stall, along with much valued transport help from Judy and Richard!

Seb Choudhury and Alex Lovell from ITV News West Country opened the event, which included 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 were heard, loud and clear.

The event offered something for everyone - those living with dementia, those caring for a loved one, or simply those keen to learn more about a condition that will affect one in two people in their lifetime. Take a look at the website to see the day's full programme of events. The event was organised by three leading Bristol charities specialising in dementia, research, and improving the lives and care of older people:

- [BRACE Dementia Research](#)
- [Bristol Dementia Action Alliance \(BDAA\)](#)
- [Alive Activities](#)

Visitors were able to meet the experts, have their pressing questions answered in a friendly setting, and also to spend time with other families in a similar situation as themselves. Visitors left *Let's Talk Dementia* armed with knowledge and new ideas about how best to support their loved ones, and themselves.

Friends Together Cafe was proud to be a part of the 2025 event, and we look forward to being there again in 2026!



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## ASC Walks - everyone, and their dog, welcome



**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June:**

The June walk will be led by Mike Benton and will explore some of the back passage ways and footpaths of Stoke Bishop.

Meet at All Saints at 10:45 or at the northbound bus stop by the White Tree roundabout on the A4018 at 11:15-ish. "

**Car share – please contact Georgina. [georginaharford@hotmail.com](mailto:georginaharford@hotmail.com) or text 07767746168**

These Gardens are open this weekend for Clifton and Hotwells Open Gardens .

### Gardens

- A All Saints
- C Arlington Gardens
- D Bellevue
- F Clifton Park & Vyvyan Terrace
- G Cornwallis Crescent East
- H Cornwallis Crescent West
- J Hodgkin House
- K Mall Gardens
- M The Paragon
- N The Polygon
- O Richmond Terrace
- P Royal York Crescent
- Q St Vincent's Rocks
- R St. Andrew's Churchyard
- S Victoria Square
- T Worcester Terrace
- U Maple Leaf Court
- V Dowry Square
- X Clifton Hill Meadow

### Points of interest

- 1 Victoria Square
- 2 Fosseway fountain
- 3 Historic walking route
- 4 The Strangers' Burial Ground
- 5 Dover Place notice
- 6 Bobbies' Field
- 7 Saville Place gateposts
- 8 Royal York Crescent notice
- 9 Prince's Buildings coat of arms
- 10 Historical plaques
- 11 Sion Hill sights
- 12 Caledonia Place stone blocks
- 13 The Clifton Club
- 14 Christchurch Green monuments
- 15 Channings Hotel

### Tickets & information

All Saints Church  
Suspension Bridge  
Dowry Square

Clifton Down Shopping  
Centre car park, Alma Road  
West End car park

Scan to download  
map to your  
smartphone or go  
to Googlemap at  
[www.gssg-bristol.com](http://www.gssg-bristol.com)



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.

The map above shows all the gardens that are open.

Thank you to the Hosts who have volunteered to meet and greet, show people the gardens and encourage them to visit the church and admire the John Piper windows.

## Clifton & Hotwells OPEN GARDENS

Sat 7 & Sun 8 June  
10:30am-5pm

GREEN  
SQUARES  
& SECRET  
GARDENS



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.

[gssg-bristol.com](http://gssg-bristol.com)

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## Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Pilgrimage Dates: Monday 6 – Friday 10 October 2025.

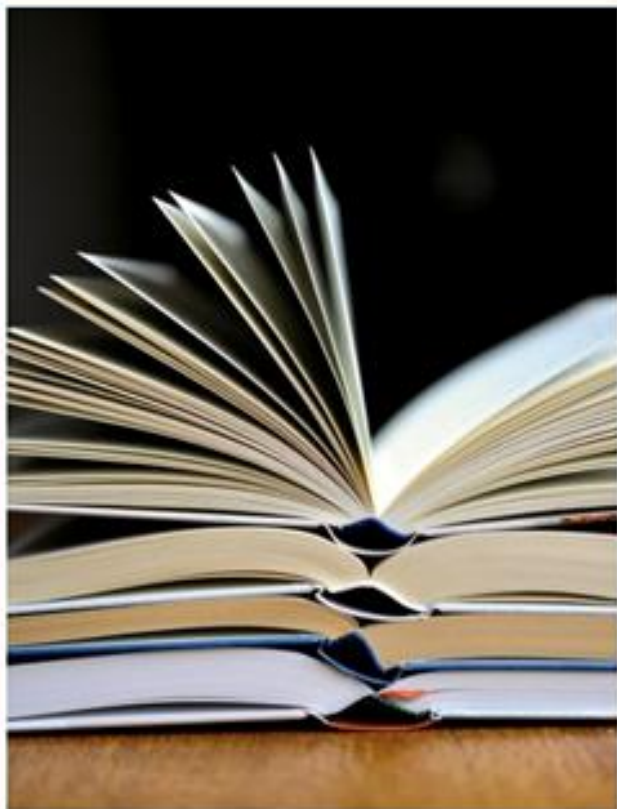
### *'Save the Date'*

During the autumn there will be a series of session exploring the place and significance 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 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**

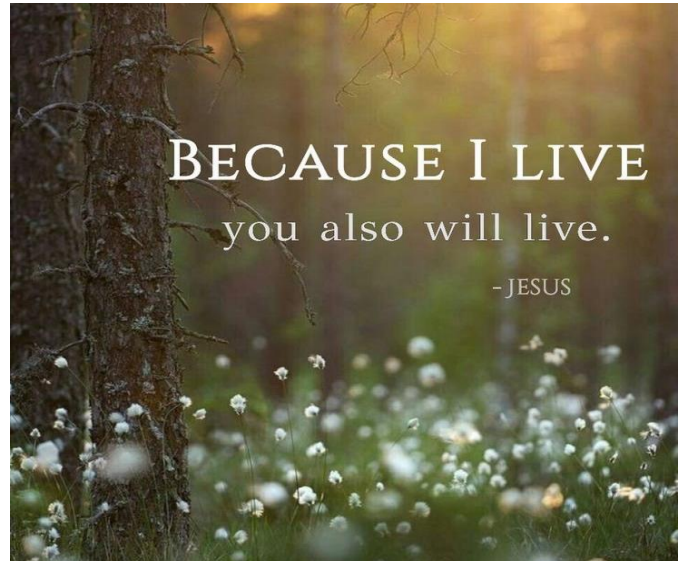


## Prayers Requests

'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 Swarna Simpson

### 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 Mary Thompson Jo Greenbury

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

Gordon Pavey (Pr) Diane Wilkins John Dixon Monty Beacham Dee Cirdland Alan Rundle Patricia Handford Brian Callow



# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 9	<b>Columba, Abbot of Iona 597</b>  Pray for the many thousands of young people who will be attending music festivals this summer. Pray for Christians who offer a place to be, friendship and support in “ Spirit/Faith Zones” during these events.
Tue 10	Many of us take our food and its variety for granted, pray for those working to ensure food production for the poorest areas of the world in a way which encourages self-sufficiency and healthy eating
Wed 11	<b>Mass 10.00am Barnabas the Apostle</b> Pray that the example of Barnabas “the encourager” will inspire us to encourage those around us, that they may have a sense of value and worth, both in their unique gifts and in themselves
Thurs 12	Pray for those who today will visit a church, perhaps for the first time, with a sense of curiosity, a heavy heart or a sincere desire to find God. Pray that they will find welcome and encouragement in their first steps of faith.
Fri 13	<b>Mass 10.00am</b> Pray for children and young people who will go into Care today: for courts, social workers, parents and foster parents as they strive to put vulnerable children first.
Sat 14	<b>Richard Baxter, puritan divine 1691.</b> Today is the anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire in North Kensington, London. Pray for those who live in and with the aftermath of the fire, in grief, loss and anger, and those who support them.
<b>Sunday 15</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>  Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever  <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  
[office@allsaintsclifton.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@allsaintsclifton.org) marked for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.