# ALL SAINTS NEWS

15<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Trinity Sunday

## How do you paint the invisible God?

Trinity Sunday, is the Sunday following Pentecost, observed in the Western Christian Church as a feast in honour of the Holy Trinity. On this day, the church ponders and celebrates the saving work of all three members of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

But how does one depict this mystery?

Until the 12th Century **God the Father** was represented by a hand emerging from the clouds in blessing and often surrounded by a nimbus containing a cross. By this hand is symbolised divine omnipotence. In 13th and 15th century works one sees the face and then figure of the Father. From the 15th Century the Father is represented as an old man in the garb of a pontiff.

Up to the 12th Century **God the Son** was at first represented by a cross, by a lamb or again by a gracious youth, in the same way that Apollo was represented in the pagan world. From the 11th to the 16th century Christ appeared bearded in the prime of life. From the 13th century He is seen carrying the cross and often he is depicted as the lamb.

The **Holy Spirit** was at first represented under the form of a dove, whose outspread wings often touched the mouths of both Father and Son to show that He proceeds from both. For the same reason from the 11th Century He is depicted as a little child and in the 13th Century as a youth. In the 15th Century He is a man of ripe age, like the Father and the Son but with a dove above His head or in His hand to distinguish Him from the other two persons. Since the 16th Century the dove and the fiery tongues are the only two representations of the Holy Spirit.

Quite recently it was expressly forbidden, in the Roman Church, to represent the Spirit under a human form.

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Allegory of the Holy Trinity. This painting fuses three faces into one. It is a medieval fresco in Perugia, Italy. This kind of depiction is unconventional and is held to be controversial among some Christian groups, as its theological implications are suspect. Picture by Giovanni Dall'Orto. Since 1628 this has been forbidden in the Roman Catholic Church - the 'monstrous picture' of three faces on one body.

Three Angels (Old Testament Trinity) by Andrei Rubylev (ca. 1420). Because of an Eastern reluctance to represent the Father in artwork, they often portrayed Christ in his stead. Here are two angels visiting Abraham, as a depiction to help people visualize the trinity, in place of representing the godhead. The Byzantine style of painting was kept alive well after the collapse of the empire. This painting stands out because of its vivid colours and spiritual power.





Book of Hours. In this Book of Hours, a medieval form of devotional book, the Trinity is depicted at the coronation of the Virgin Mary. All three members of the Trinity are seen giving the sign of blessing. This kind of trinitarian depiction was more common in books like these during the medieval times.

Baroque Trinity, Hendrick van Balen (1620). This heavenly scene of the Trinity is in the Baroque style, a high realism approach to art which emphasizes details and intricate work. Notice the many cherubs, likely reflecting a complex angelology which makes perfect sense during the baroque period.





The Trinity at the Death of Christ, Peter Paul Rubens (ca 1600). This work is also in the high realism style and evokes a lot of emotion and wonder. It is easy to notice the grief of the Father. The Holy Spirit, though in the shadows, is depicted in the form of a dove. The angels surrounding the Trinity are also filled with grief and can be seen crying.







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

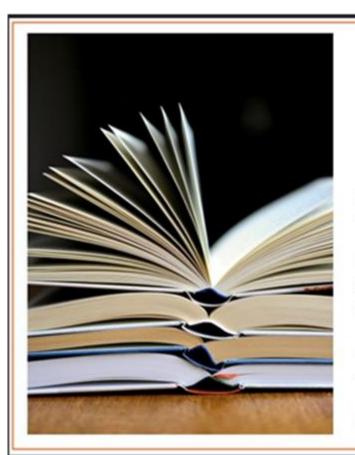


### Saturday 14th June:

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 or text 07767746168



## 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>tl</sup>

June meeting will be:

The Heart of the Matter

By Graham Greene



## L®NELINESS AWARENESS WEEK

Using the map below, beautifully illustrated by local artist Jess Knights, follow the trail to find 50 conversation starters and questions attached to benches around the beautiful harbour.

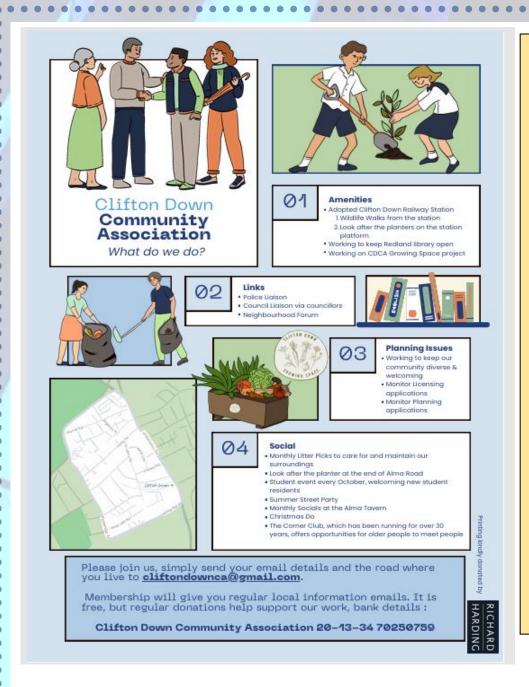


It's the perfect opportunity to start a conversation with someone new, or chat to your friends or family about something you haven't spoken about before.



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Clifton Down Community Association

**AGM** 

Tuesday 17th June

7.00 pm

In the Sacristy at All Saints



## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025

#### **FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

Day of Thanksgiving for Christ's Institution of the Holy Eucharist

SOLEMN MASS
AND
PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

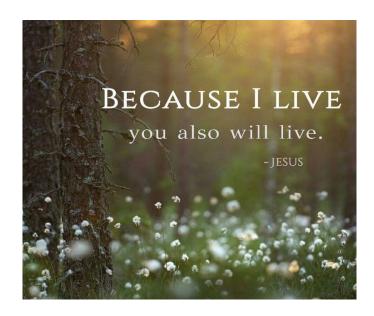
7.30 PM

#### **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 Jean Bradford Adam Chivers Lucille Osafa 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:

Molly Gapes Diane Clover Max Cameron Mary Barty John Sanders

## ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon	Richard Bp of Chichester 1253
16	Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, For all the benefits Thou hast given me, For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.
	O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, May I know Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly
Tue	Samuel and Henrietta Barnet, Social reformers 1913, 1936.
17	Pray for those who continue to work for social reform: for individuals, agencies and charities working with the very poorest in our communities. Remember Sisters Teresa and Rosie and their work here in St.Pauls.
Wed	Mass 10.00am Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShana, Martyr 1896
18	Biro brothers bought and established the 'bic' pen. 774 Million adults are unable to write (2/3 are women) – literacy sits at the heart of learning, personal empowerment and social progress – it is a fundamental human right. Pray for those working for international literacy.
Thurs	Corpus Christi Mass 7.30pm
19	We thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption.
Fri	Mass 10.00am Fillan, Abbot 8 <sup>th</sup> C
20	Pray for the Church in Ireland – Anglican Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian and Free Churches.
Cot	Also for those who suffer from psychiatric disorders (St Fillan is the patron saint).  Pray for performers, especially those engaged in circus. A circus is a company of performers –
Sat 21	clowns, acrobats, trapeze, tightrope walkers, jugglers, hoopers, unicyclists, object manipulators.  Pray for performers and the work of the Bristol circus schools
Sunday	Trinity 1
22	God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.
	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 <a href="mailto:office@allsaintsclifton.org">office@allsaintsclifton.org</a> marked for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.