

ALL SAINTS NEWS

6th July 2025
3rd Sunday of Trinity
Dedication Sunday

St John's School Special



Foundation Governors for St John's School

We have three Foundation Governors: Fr Charles, Caroline Davenport and Jonathan Frere. Additionally, Janice Callow and Fr Charles regularly lead the St John's Service (Assembly).

As Foundation Governors one of our duties is to monitor the delivery of **Religion and World Views**, and **Collective Worship** (sometimes known as Assembly or as Service).

Religion and World Views is a statutory subject that is part of the basic curriculum for schools, but it is not in the National Curriculum. The Religion and World Views curriculum is determined at Local Authority level. The Local Authority must establish an Agreed Syllabus which is followed by all schools in their area. The Diocese also provides resources and training. At St John's children learn about Christianity, exploring questions such as *What kind of world did Jesus want? What does it mean if God is holy and loving? What do we understand by Salvation?* They also learn about Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism and Humanism as they progress through the school, there are visits to a local mosque, gurdwara, temple as well as All Saints and other Christian churches.

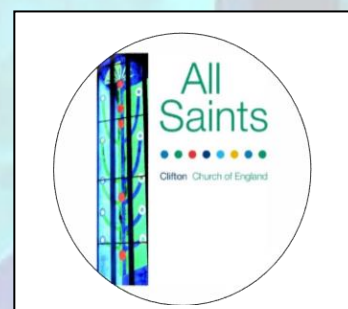
The term **Collective Worship** encapsulates its purpose of bringing everyone together, of all faiths and none, for the purpose of examining what, as a school with a distinctively Christian ethos, we hold worthy of consideration and reflection. This may include themes and topics drawn from other cultures and beliefs. It is fundamental in reinforcing school values and helping to create a sense of belonging. Although children may be withdrawn from Service if the parents/carers so wish, this rarely happens. All the churches close to the school provide people to lead Collective Worship.

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Each week has a central 'question which is published in the weekly bulletin for parents and carers. A recent example was *'In services this week, we have been helping ourselves and others to 'fly high like an eagle' by reflecting on these questions: This week is Refugee Week. How can we show friendship to refugees and others?*

St John's School culture and direction

Foundation Governors are also full members of the Governing Body of the School. Consequently, we are fully engaged in determining the school's strategic future and in enabling the school improvement plan. Not forgetting that this is an outstanding school with a fantastic culture and atmosphere. The quality of the Senior Leadership Team, the teacher and staff and all who work at the school shines through the very life of the school.

Over the course of this year, working alongside the Senior Leadership Team (who also carried out lesson observations and 'book-looks') Father Charles and Caroline have taken part in gathering pupils' views of the teaching and learning of these elements of the curriculum.

We found that the children interviewed on the subject of **Collective Worship** said they enjoyed it, especially as it was different to classroom lessons and that they learned interesting things.

The Junior children mentioned that they valued learning about all sorts of things during Collective Worship, including, for example: autism and ADHD. It was particularly important to them in that they learned to understand other people. They liked the fact that everyone came together (for Collective Worship), and that it was generally a quieter, reflective time when they did not feel any pressure to answer questions but enjoyed hearing different opinions and taking part in various ways. Several mentioned the singing and music associated with Service as enjoyable. This demonstrates that Collective Worship is fundamental in reinforcing school values and helping to create a sense of belonging.



Class Weekly Worship

Additionally, to the 'Whole School' services held in the Hall, classes hold their own weekly service in their classroom, with pupils providing music, topics and framework. This helps to build values such as respect, friendship and collaboration on a smaller scale, and can strengthen relationships and a sense of belonging within the class. It also gives opportunities for performance and self-expression within a 'safe space'.

St. John's Ofsted Report

Letter from Justin Hoyer, Headteacher and Alice Ballard, Chair of Governors

Dear All,

Following our recent Ofsted inspection at the end of last term, I am writing to share with you the final report and thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are delighted to let you know that our school has once again received **Outstanding** judgements in the following areas:

- ★ Behaviour and attitudes
- ★ Personal development
- ★ Leadership and management
- ★ Early years provision

These results are a true reflection of the hard work, skill and care of our staff, the enthusiasm and kindness of our pupils, and the incredible support from you, our families. Ofsted no longer gives schools a single overall one-word judgement (such as 'Outstanding' or 'Good'). Instead, schools are now graded separately in key areas, which provides a more detailed picture of our strengths and priorities for development. We are especially proud that our school has been recognised as a place where children flourish both academically and personally.

While there has been a shift in the 'Quality of Education' judgement from Outstanding to Good, we are proud that the school remains in a very strong position and that educational provision has improved since the last inspection.

The inspection was carried out under Ofsted's more rigorous new framework and reflects the evidence gathered during a short visit. We are pleased that the report recognises our proactive approach, noting that we have already '**accurately identified key areas for development.**' Like all schools, we are committed to continual improvement and are already making progress in these areas. Although we had hoped for an even higher outcome, we are delighted that the report celebrates our many strengths, including the '**magical experience**' of reading and our '**uncompromising drive to give pupils a high-quality education.**'

We are thrilled that our focus on children's personal development, attitudes and happiness comes through so strongly in the report. We wholeheartedly believe that this is at the heart of primary education and setting children up for the future. Recognising that St. John's is a place where '**pupils thrive**' is important to us and important to you. The exceptional feedback from our families with 100% of parents/carers saying they would recommend St. John's (Ofsted Parent View 2024/25) is a testament to the trust and confidence you place in our school every day.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your ongoing support and time for our children and our community. Huge appreciation to all the staff who work tirelessly every day to provide such great learning experiences, surrounded by enrichment and care. Also, to all our governors who give up their time and make such a significant contribution to the leadership and strategic direction of the school. Finally, to our children who make every day varied, exciting and fun – it is you who make our work so worthwhile, thank you.

We know this report comes at a time when we are welcoming new families and preparing for the next academic year. Please be assured that our commitment to providing an excellent, nurturing, and ambitious education for every child remains unchanged. We are proud of our outstanding culture, will continue to build on our strengths and give your children the fullest education in the very special place that is St. John's.

If you have any questions about the report or would like to discuss it further, please do get in touch. Thank you, as always, for your support and for being such an important part of our school community.

Kind regards

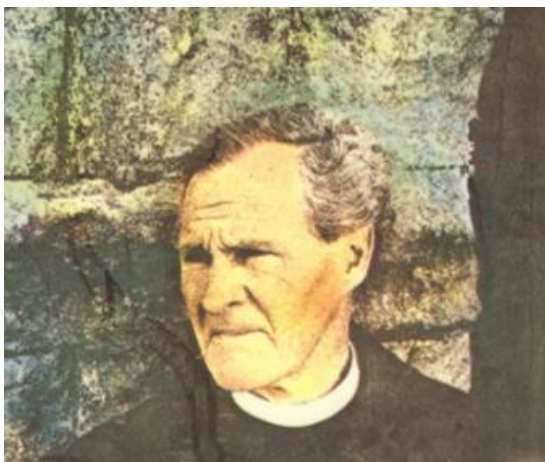
Justin Hoyer Headteacher
Mrs. Alice Ballard Chair of Governors

For Dedication Sunday

Poems selected by Fr Paul Hawkins

From 'Church Going' by Philip Larkin:

It pleases me to stand in silence here:
A serious house on serious earth it is,
In whose blent air all our compulsions meet,
Are recognised and robed as destinies.



'In a Country Church' by R.S. Thomas:

To one kneeling down no word came
Only the wind's song, saddening the lips
Of the grave saints, rigid in glass;
Or the dry whisper of unseen wings,
Bats not angels, in the high roof.

Was he balked by silence? He kneeled long,
And saw love in a dark crown
Of thorns blazing, and a winter tree
Golden with fruit of a man's body.



Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

6th-10th October 2025

There are 12 places for the Parish pilgrimage to Walsingham, 6th-10th Oct. This Retreat will be led by Mthr Nicola

The cost will be £400 per person, for dinner, bed and breakfast (not including lunches). Double and single rooms available, costs are the same. Transport costs are additional (see below).

If you wish to go, please sign up on the list which is in the porch, by July 25th

Walsingham require payment at least 60 days before the pilgrimage dates and for this reason we will have to ask you to make the payment by 1st August. Full information about payment will be given in due course to those who wish to come.

With regard to transport there will be a meeting for those who are coming which will include discussion about how we will get there. There may be some who are prepared to drive, and give lifts (on a shared cost basis) or people may wish to go independently, and it is reasonably easy to do this on public transport.

If you would like to discuss further do have a word with Mthr Nicola

ASC Walks

Everyone, their friends and their dog, welcome.

Saturday 12th July



We're off to Badocks Wood to see the River Trym and the medieval tumulus. The walk will end at Westbury Church, before catching the bus back.

Leaving from the north-bound bus stop, Whiteladies Road, outside Boots, at 10.30

Contact:

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organ recitals Wednesdays in July at 1.10pm

9th Paul Walton* (Bristol
Cathedral)

16th Jed Hughes (St Mary's
Wotton under Edge)

23rd Gavin Phelps (Bath
Abbey)

30th Peter Barley (St Mary's
Cathedral ,Limerick)

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



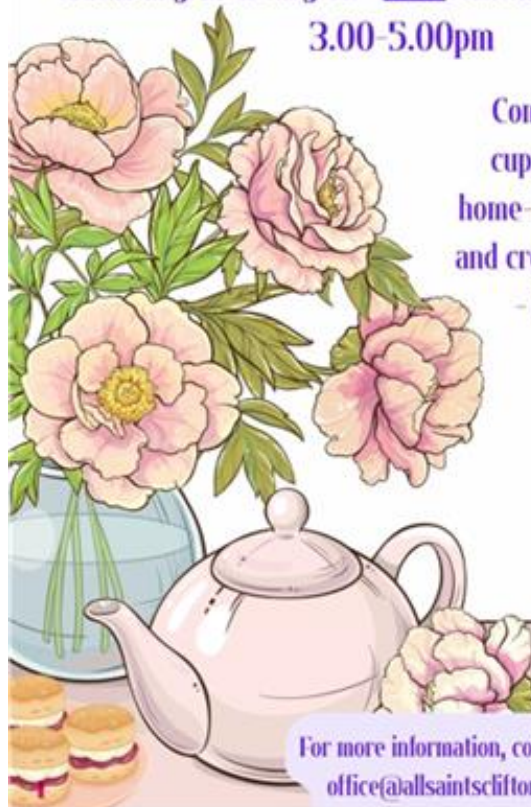
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ALL SAINT'S CLIFTON

Community Cream Teas

Saturday 19th July 19th AND Saturday 23rd August
3.00-5.00pm

Come and join us for a
cuppa, and a delicious
home-made scone with jam
and cream! No need to book
- just come along!



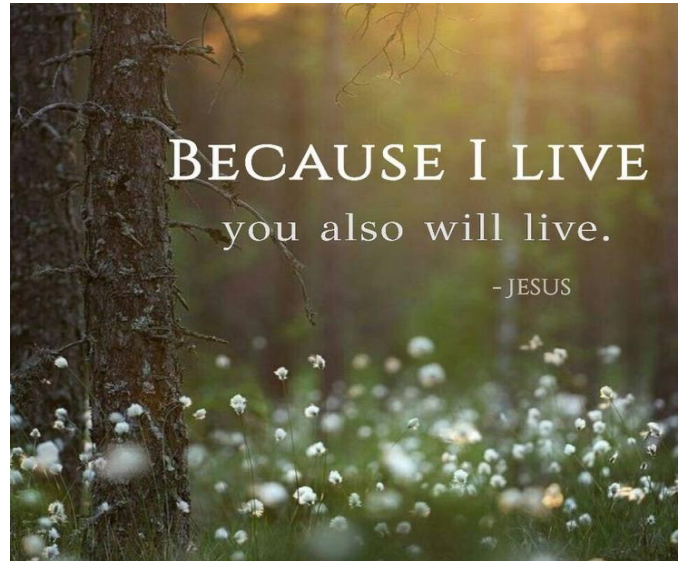
For more information, contact our Parish Office on:
office@allsaintsclifton.org or 0117 974 1355

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 Vy and Angel Wray Nicky Epinay Oussama and Claire Sader Sarah Jean Bradford Adam Chivers Lucille Osafa Andrew French Swarna Simpson Fr John Scott (Pr) Professor David Fenton Jessica Smith

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 Remie 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 Jo Greenbury Anthea Anthony (Pr) Rosalind Hinton

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Rodney King Edith Metford George Fowler Albert Leach Joyce King



ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 7	Pray for refugees and migrants throughout the world. In particular for those journeying in Europe. Remember in our prayers all who suffer from fear and hatred of foreigners
Tue 8	Pray for the fast-paced, complex and influential world of news broadcast media; for integrity, bravery and compassion amongst those who gather and present world news and comment upon it.
Wed 9	Mass 10.00 am Those who teach artistic and creative subjects, their students and those who look at and hear their work. May they give us the opportunity to see our world and our place within it differently
Thurs 10	Pray for all those who are engaged with information technology – that it may provide ways to further understanding, increase connections and work to the common good
Fri 11	Mass 10.00am Benedict of Nursia 550 Patron Saint of Europe. Pray for the European Community at this time. Pray for political stability, and that the UK and other nations may be a blessing to all
Sat 12	“ The Twelfth” marking William of Orange’s Battle of the Boyne victory in 1690. Pray for Northern Ireland on this day when the most significant of Orange Order marches are held. Pray for healing of memories, for forgiveness and peace in communities across the sectarian divide.
Sunday 13	Trinity 4 O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30am



The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 4th July and will reopen on **Tuesday 15th 2025**

If you would like to contact All Saints Office please e mail office@allsaintsclifton.org
Replies may be delayed during Annual Leave periods

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.