

ALL SAINTS NEWS

3rd August 2025
7th Sunday of Trinity

The Quiet Revival

Did you see the Lioness, Michelle Agyemang, giving glory to God during an interview after their Euro victory last week end? Her faith in God was clear and she belongs to the generation which is contributing to what's being called 'a quiet revival' in church going. These young people – and the trend is apparently most notable amongst young men – are, apparently, seeking meaning amidst the background noise and uncertainty of their lives.

It's hoped that this increase in church going and the exploration of faith will lead to a corresponding increase in vocations. Of course every Christian has a vocation, but it's vocations to the ordained life that are in short supply in the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches. The path to explore a calling to ordination differs from individual to individual and from Diocese to Diocese, but I thought it might be helpful for anyone reading this who is considering ordination, or who is interested in how the selection process works, to have a rough idea of what might lie ahead:

Am I called to be ordained?

This particular calling is experienced differently by everyone who senses that God might be inviting them to respond to the invitation to serve as an ordained person. It's important to remember that it is an invitation and there is no requirement to say yes. Being reconciled to God's call within oneself and then articulating it to others requires courage, because whether or not it comes to anything, it's almost certainly life-changing.

What next?

A calling to ordination should first of all be discussed with the parish priest where the person worships. Together they will start to ascertain whether the calling is realistic, obedient and informed and will do some preparatory work with the potential candidate. For example: do they have a Spiritual Director/mentor, do they regularly say the Daily Office/attend Mass, how involved are they in the life of the church, what is their family's reaction and are they aware of the stresses and strains that may lie ahead?

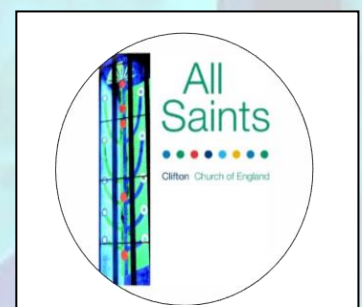
Once the parish priest is content that the person is ready to proceed, they will write to the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, (DDO) introducing them to the potential candidate.

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The Diocesan Process

The DDO and the candidate will meet several times as the discernment process gets underway. The candidate may be asked to undertake short placements in churches of different traditions, in order to fully understand the breadth of the Anglican Church. There may be the requirement for greater involvement in the local worshipping community, to gain experience, for example, of working with volunteers or children. The candidate may be asked to preach and lead intercessions, and possibly write a few paragraphs about their understanding of various aspects of the Christian faith and church life. Every DDO works in a different way with their candidates and the length of time this part of the discernment process takes varies considerably, from a few months to a few years.

The period of local discernment usually ends with a Diocesan Discernment Day, when candidates participate in a practice Selection Panel. Depending on how they cope with this, they will then proceed to the national team of Selectors.

National Selection Process

The National Selection happens in two stages, beginning with a set of brief chats with Bishops' Advisors on zoom, known as a Carousel. Each chat is given a score and if it's felt the candidate is ready to move on to the second stage, they are asked to attend a residential Panel. These take place in many locations around the country and the candidates stay for one night and two days. There are up to six candidates on each Panel and whilst there they will take part in a group exercise, have interviews and informal chats, participate in worship and write a reflection.

Following the Panel the candidate is either recommended for training – sometimes with conditions for further work prior to training – or not recommended. The whole process is undertaken with great care and professionalism and in my opinion it's something the Church of England does really well. Once recommended for training the candidate becomes an ordinand and must inform the Bishop of any important changes in their personal circumstances, such as engagement, marriage etc.

Training takes place in a theological college and may be residential for younger candidates, or non-residential, full-time or part-time. It lasts for two or three years. During training, the college, the DDO and the Sponsoring Bishop take the decision as to whether or not to recommend the ordinand for ordination. At that point they will either be offered a curacy (title post) in their sending Diocese, or if none are available they will be released to find a post elsewhere in the country.

Everyone is ordained a deacon first, then usually after a year, they are ordained priest. Curacy in a title post usually lasts for three years. After that, when the curate is 'signed off' they are free to apply for posts anywhere in the Anglican Communion.

Serving as a priest is a huge privilege – the best job in the world!

Let's pray that the 'quiet revival' in church going will lead to more vocations to the ordained life. If you sense that God might be calling you or someone you know to ordination, please do confide in Fr Charles or a member of the clergy team for help and advice.

Mthr Nicola

Take a look at this photo from Ordinations - Priests 2024 collection by Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham



Alma Tavern – Thursday All Saints Table



The weekly table at the Alma Tavern has now closed for the summer.

The All Saints Table will reopen on September 11th as a monthly meeting opportunity on the 2nd Thursday in the month



This Saturday's Matinee is given by the pianist, Richard Leigh Harris. Richard has given a number of recitals at All Saints in recent years, and his programmes are always attractive and popular. This Saturday he is playing four Sonatas by Scarlatti, Variations by Haydn, Ravel's- Prélude: Menuet sur le nom d'Haydn and Debussy's - La Cathedrale Engloutie.

The Merry Wives of Windsor



Magnus Gordon is touring with Illyria repertory company performing The Merry Wives of Windsor. They will be coming to Yeo Valley Organic Garden on Tuesday, August 19th and we thought it might be fun for a group from All Saints to attend. Vicky has more information and tickets and could talk to anyone after Mass on Sunday or can be contacted via victoriagordon@btinternet.com

The performance starts at 7pm (doors open at 6pm) and it is suggested that we take a chair or picnic rug and a picnic! The performance will go ahead whatever the weather! More info can be found on the Valley Arts website or google Illyria. Hopefully we can combine lifts.



News from the Bishop's Office



Dear friends,

On Saturday 30 August 2025 we will say farewell to Bishop Viv at a special service in Bristol Cathedral at 3pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend this service which will be followed by light refreshments. Please feel to share this invitation with your congregation.

To assist with planning, we ask that all guests book in no later than 20 August 2025 via:

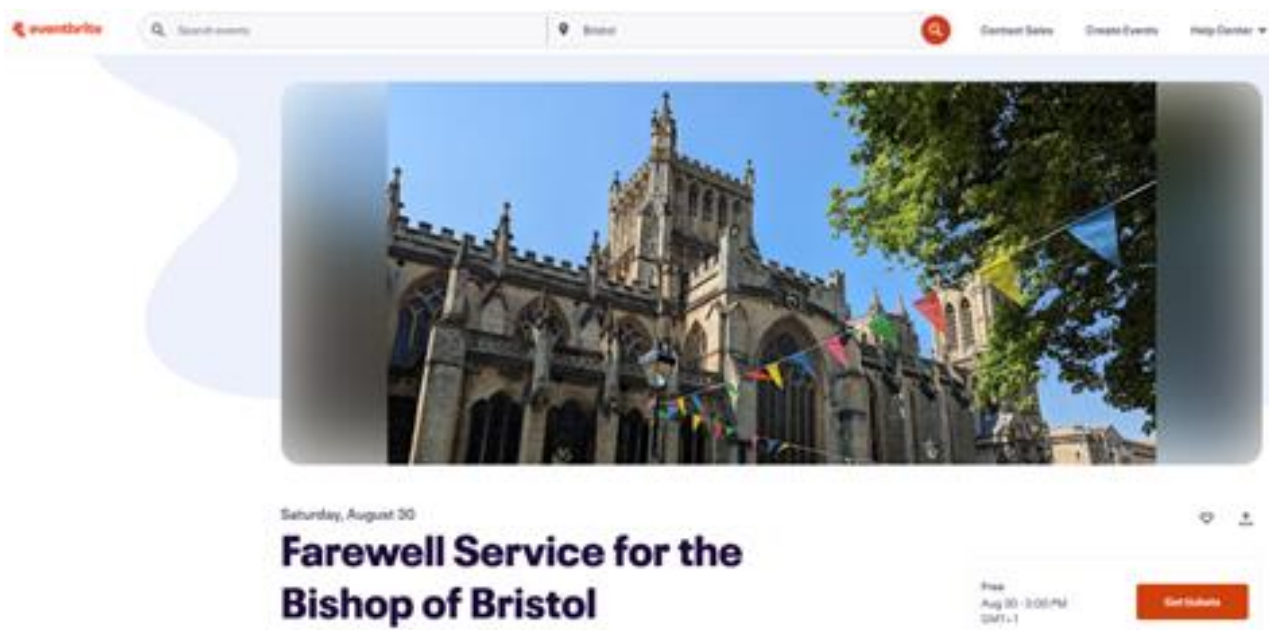
[Sign up to attend the service here](#)

The College of Canons (Residentiary, Honorary and Ecumenical) will be robing and processing for which instructions will be issued.

We look forward to welcoming people from worshipping communities across the Diocese of Bristol and beyond to give thanks for Bishop Viv's ministry amongst us.

Maria Quantock

Head of Office, Bishop of Bristol



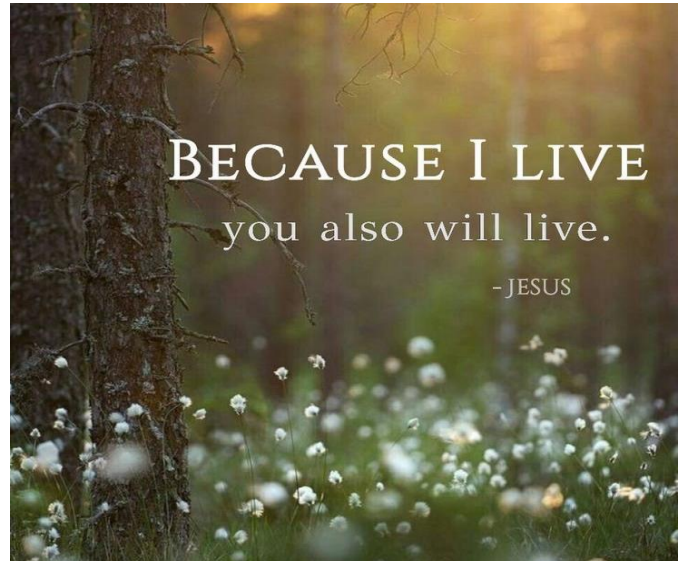
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/farewell-service-for-the-bishop-of-bristol-tickets>

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 Epina 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 Alisa Temple

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Connie Brooks Roger Ayscough Betty Taylor Hilda Durham Lois Atherden Gordon Richards

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 4	<p>Jean Baptiste Vianney 1859. Jean-Baptiste Vianney was the 'Cure d'Ars' and is the patron saint for all parish priests. Pray for all priests who have all or part of their ministry in parish life.</p> <p>Pray for Fr Charles, Fr. Charles Sutton, Fr. Paul Hawkins, Fr. Paul Roberts, Mthr. Nicola Stanley, Fr. Paul Tiernan, Fr Clive Welham, Fr. John Pedlar, Fr. Peter Dill and Fr. John Hadley</p>
Tue 5	<p>Oswald, King of Northumbria, 642 Pray for all who are involved in the training and provision of Assistance Dogs. For those charities engaged in the fundraising and for those for whom these dogs change the quality of life.</p>
Wed 6	<p>Mass 10.00am The Transfiguration The Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. Please take time to reflect on the meaning of this in the way we live our Christian lives.</p> <p>Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is.</p>
Thurs 7	<p>John Mason Neale, Priest 1866 Fr Neale was part of the catholic renewal at a time when many in the Anglican Church were suspicious of anything suggestive of Roman Catholicism. He was attacked and stoned by protestant crowds. Pray that we can overcome the ignorance and suspicion that continues to linger in the hearts and minds of different divisions within the church.</p>
Fri 8	<p>Mass 10.00am Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221 Pray for all Brother and Sister members of the Dominican Order (Order of Preachers) and for the Dominican houses throughout the world. Pray for all who work to preach and teach the 'Word' – "Only say the Word and my servant will be healed" Mt 8:8</p>
Sat 9	<p>Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921 Pray for the Mothers' Union, an international Christian membership charity that aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action through the transformation of communities of all faiths and none throughout the world. Pray for its work and the 4 million members who try to bring Christian care to families of all kinds.</p>
Sunday 10	<p>Trinity 8</p> <p>Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul;</p> <p>Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30am</p>

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.