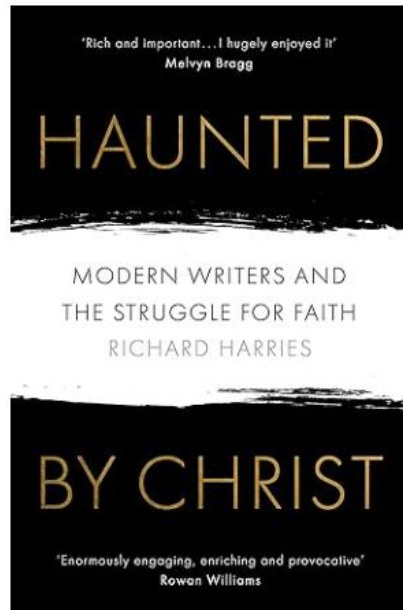


ALL SAINTS NEWS

10th August 2025
8th Sunday of Trinity

Holiday Reading

Some suggestions for holiday reading, on the more serious side and then something lighter.



Haunted by Christ – Modern Writers and the Struggle for Faith by Richard Harries, former Bishop of Oxford. This is a collection of fifteen essays, so just right for holiday reading, on a variety of novelists and poets. Harries' writing is always stimulating and thought provoking. These essays can reignite one's appreciation and understanding of already read authors and stimulate one to tackle previously unread writers.

I very much like Harries' words on Graham Greene and that novelist's ability to portray grace amidst failure: 'Greene's special insight was to refuse divide the world into good and bad people. He knew that the division went straight through every human heart. He seemed to relish stories of the failures of the institutional church; at the same time he recognised its power to produce Saints. For me, wrote Greene, the sinner and the saint can meet; there is no discontinuity, no rupture. I believe in reversibility. But the basic element I admire in Christianity is its sense of moral failure. That is its very foundation.'

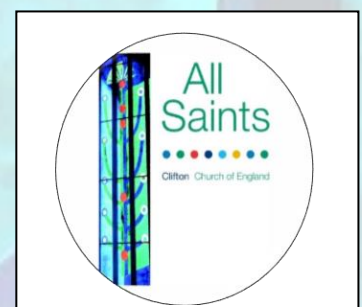
Among the other authors Harries includes are Dostoevsky, R S Thomas, C S Lewis, Marilynne Robinson, and Stevie Smith.

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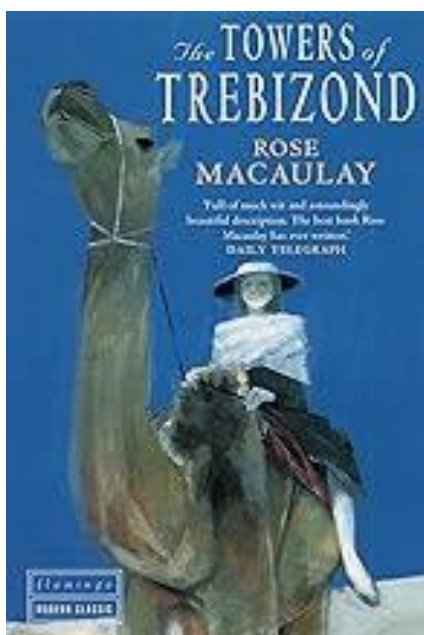


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Something lighter: every Anglican Christian in particular should enjoy Rose Macaulay's **The Towers of Trebizond**. Its opening sentence is surely one of the most famous opening lines in English literature: 'Take my camel, dear,' said my Aunt Dot, as she climbed down from this animal on her return from High Mass.'

This entertaining, amusing, but also serious novel was published in 1956 and is the marvellously absurd story of the indefatigable Aunt Dot, her niece Laurie and Father Chantry-Pigg. They set off for Turkey with the idea of setting up an Anglican mission there, but Fr Chantry-Pigg also wants to meet the fanatics who occupy the summit of Mount Ararat and Aunt Dot wants to liberate Turkish women through the wider use of the bathing hat. Laurie's aim is to enjoy herself.

The New York Times called this novel 'an utter delight, the most brilliantly witty and captivatingly charming book.....Fantasy, farce, high comedy,and a succession of illuminating thoughts about love, sex, life, churches and religion are all tossed together with enchanting results. Humane and shrewd.



Lastly, a novel that is both challenging but also a page turner: **Johanna at Day Break** by R C Hutchinson. Hutchinson is a largely forgotten post WW2 author, but writes with power and conviction, his pages full of beautiful paragraphs and sentences. This novel is about Johanna, a German refugee who has fled Germany after the war and ended up in a hostel in Holland. She is haunted by something she did in the war, something so despicable and terrible that it has become buried within her and she cannot remember what she did. But she is wracked by guilt and by a sense of being chased down. Gradually she is forced to remember.

This is a powerful story about the possibility of redemption, of good out of evil, of coming to terms with the past and taking on the present. Hutchinson is a profoundly Christian writer but the underlying Christian themes of the story are implicit rather than explicit, but all the more powerful for that.

Fr Paul Hawkins



As usual during August the All Saints Flower Team highlight their skills with dried flowers to decorate the church. Choosing blues and yellows for the Ukraine table, black, red and green for the Gaza table and sculptural reds and whites for the altar. The tower boasts a trio of handmade wreaths celebrating summer flowers and crops. Many of the flowers have been dried after use in the church in the first part of the year.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Services for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on Friday 15th at 10 am and on Sunday 17th at 10.30 am



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Community Cream Teas

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

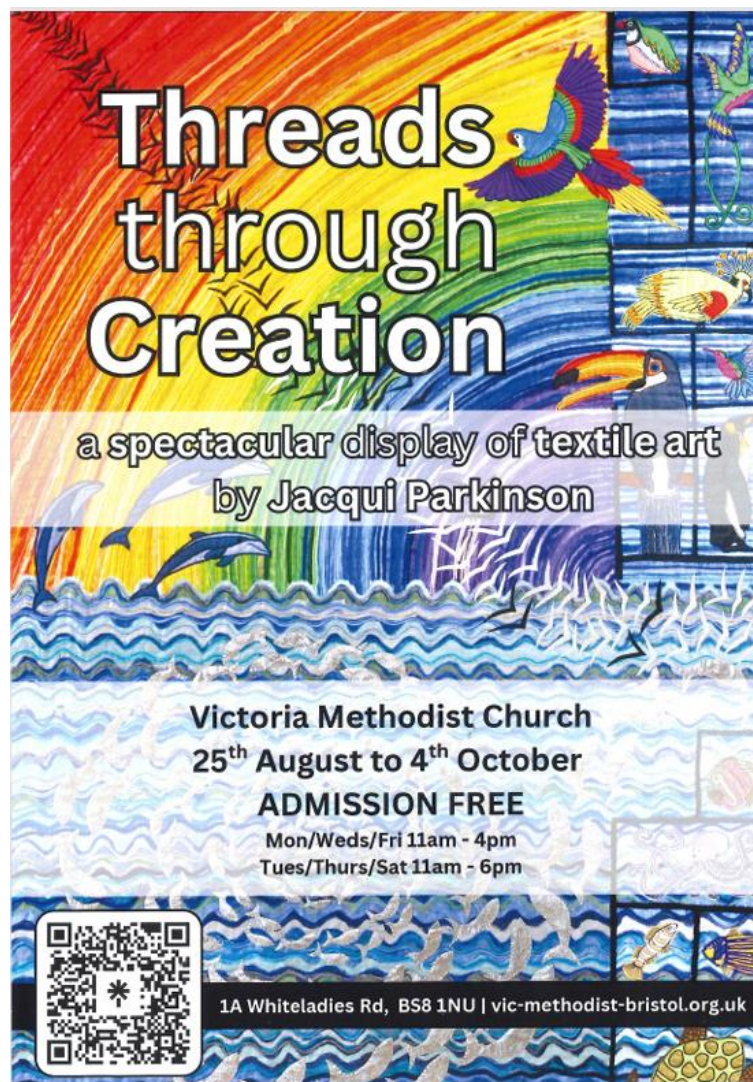
Come and join us for a cuppa, and a delicious home-made scone with jam and cream! No need to book – just come along!



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

Edward Desenne

Would like to contact anyone who remembers his mother Lucie Renée Desenne who died on the 11th of August 1995. She is buried in Haycombe Cemetery.
Please call on 07749447223



Threads through Creation

25th August to 4th October

'Threads through Creation' is a spectacular sequence of twelve huge textile panels. It's an exuberant retelling of the creation story in the book of Genesis, a retelling which many visitors will find both moving and breath taking. Viewers are treated to a wonderful variety of colours, shapes, patterns – and of course lots of creatures!

The exhibition is one of the largest textile projects by a single artist, ever. It took Jacqui nearly three years to complete. It follows on from 'Threads through Revelation', her first huge exhibition which visited 14 cathedrals from 2016 to 2018, and was displayed at Victoria in September 2024 to huge positive acclaim.



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:

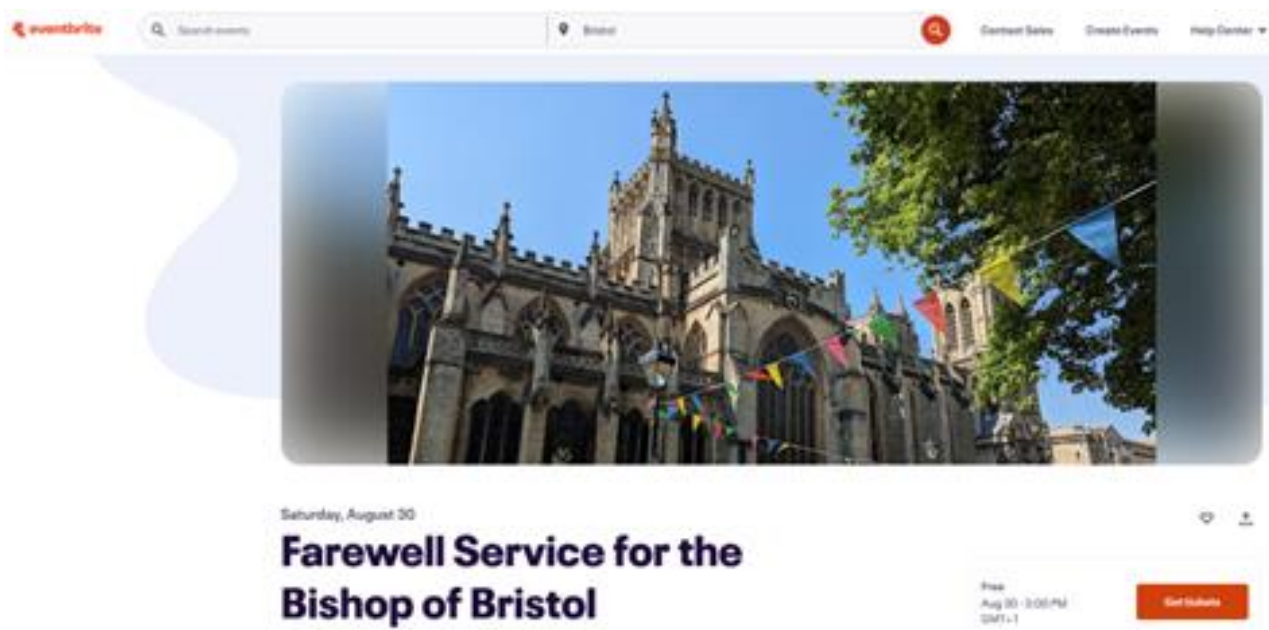
[Sign up to attend the service here](#)

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



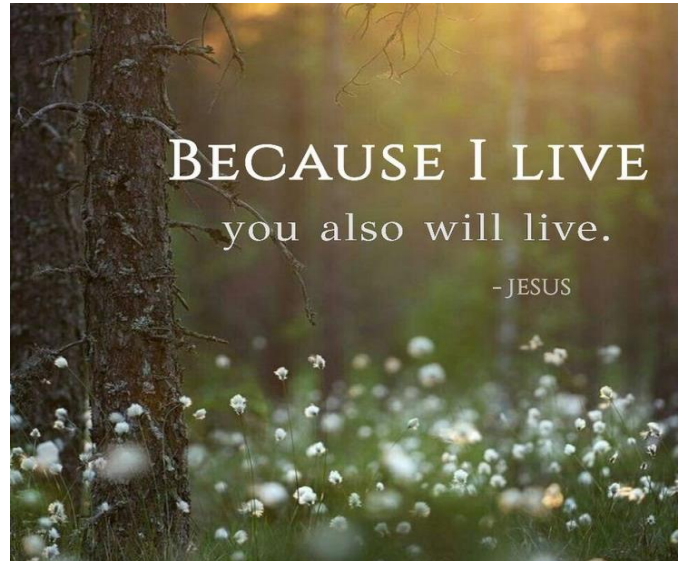
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/farewell-service-for-the-bishop-of-bristol-tickets>

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 Nicky Epinay Sarah Jean Bradford Adam Chivers Andrew French Swarna Simpson Fr John Scott (Pr) Professor David Fenton Judy Torrens

Monday

Hugh Farry Sathia Aruliah Susie King Arthur Cleaver

Tuesday.

Pam Parker Oussama and Claire Sader

Wednesday

Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, Diana Verity, Samantha Tucker, Maureen Mumford Vy and Angel Wray

Thursday

Remie Clarke Lucille Osafa

Friday

Charlotte Hopkins, Caroline Semon, Nadine Benn The O'Sullivan family

Saturday

The Departed

Silvio Pegado Jo Greenbury Alisa Temple

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Jessie Bowery Mary Ensor Francisca Tandy Lucie Renée Desenne Derek Baker John Bradley (Pr) Wilfred Gregory Nicholas Turnbull

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

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| Mon 11 | Clare of Assisi Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253 John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890 Pray for the Sisters of Clare, the Second Order of St Francis, – living lives in community and giving service where they can. Pray for all churches and parishes that emerged from the Oxford Movement. In particular ourselves here at ASC. Pray that we may reflect the catholic traditions of worship and focus on social need. |
| Tue 12 | Pray for young people – here in our parish and school. Also that all countries take an opportunity to assess their investment in and commitment to youth. |
| Wed 13 | Mass 10.00am Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor 1667 Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace |
| Thurs 14 | Maximillian Kolbe, Friar 1941 Pray for those who sacrifice their life for another or for others. Sometimes the literal giving of life, but very often the sacrifice of health, wealth, pleasure or opportunity to allow others to benefit and grow. |
| Fri 15 | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 10.00am Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom |
| Sat 16 | Flying Ambulance Services. Pray for all those who work to deliver this life-saving service, pilots, medical specialists, volunteers, fundraisers. And those who have been (and will be) served by their dedication |
| Sunday 17 | Trinity 9 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace 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 office@allsaintsclifton.org marked for the attention of the Safeguarding Officer.