

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

24<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
St Bartholomew  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity

## Trusting God – with the help of Bartholomew

For a quick view of Bartholomew's style read John 1:43-51!

The apostle Philip was a friend of Nathanael (Bartholomew), an Israelite. We read that Philip tells Bartholomew that he, Andrew, and Peter have found the Son of God! Bartholomew responds, "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"

"Come and see" says Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."



St. Bartholomew (also known as Nathanael and whose feast day is August 24<sup>th</sup>) was one of the twelve Apostles mentioned in the Synoptic Gospels. Not much is known of St. Bartholomew. However, he is traditionally believed to have spread the Gospel to various regions, including Asia Minor, Northwestern India, and Armenia. And it was in Armenia that he was said to have been martyred, rather gruesomely, by being flayed alive and beheaded. Consequently, and not surprisingly, this accounts for him being the patron saint of various groups, including butchers, shoemakers, tanners, leatherworkers, and bookbinders. He is also a patron saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with Saint Jude.

But back to the passage from John's Gospel. It reveals Bartholomew's blunt honesty. He is open about his doubts of any good coming from Nazareth, yet he does not hesitate in stating his belief when Jesus reveals himself. Perhaps this is why Jesus calls Bartholomew "an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

Does Bartholomew reflect the qualities that Jesus encourages? 'Honesty, truth seeking, sincerity and thoughtfulness'. Was it these characteristics that allowed Jesus to come into Bartholomew's life and build trust with him? As a result, was Bartholomew better able to open to new perspectives and reflect on spiritual matters?

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What do we learn from Bartholomew's example? Is it that we can come to know God better in prayerful reflection? This open line of communication with God unlocks our minds to explore different perspectives and gives us the ability and willingness to overcome the boundaries that so often hedge us in and limit our understanding.

## September Placement 2025

During September we will be joined by Revd Jo Moule, a priest, serving her curacy, in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. We look forward to welcoming her into the life and mission of All Saints. By way of introduction, she writes:

### Revd Jo Moule

*I grew up in the beautiful Chew Valley, but my family worshipped at Christchurch, Clifton, where I became deeply rooted in the life of the church. It was there that I met — and later married — my husband, and where our three children also came to cherish the warm and welcoming community. Christchurch will always hold a wealth of special memories for our family.*

*Professionally, I taught at Badminton School before sensing a clear calling to serve a church in Lockleaze. That experience, along with the encouragement of others, led me to explore ordination.*

*I am now thoroughly enjoying my curacy, serving the local churches in Long Ashton, Barrow Gurney, and Flax Bourton. It is a joy to learn and grow in ministry alongside these vibrant communities.*

*When I'm not at church, I treasure time with family — especially my two grandchildren — and enjoy dog walking, gardening, and catching up with friends.*

*I look forward with great anticipation to my time at All Saints, Clifton: to discovering more about the close-knit community there and to sharing together in the life and mission of the church.*

## Growth in Faith

'Growth in Faith' is one of the four key foci agreed and discussed at the November Parish Conference. We said:

*'The growing faith of a worshipping community sits at the heart of parish development and our understanding of the nature of worship, ministry and mission. A worshipping community should also find pathways to enable others, on the fringe or on journeys of exploration or looking for sacred/special space to come closer to God.'*

And, over the last year, there have been a variety of events and activities planned and proposed that were outlined in the 'All Saints Focus' document following the Parish Conference.

Here we draw your attention to a number to a number of opportunities that will be taking place over the next few months. They are either online, in the Diocese or here at All Saints

## In the Diocese or at Home

### Modern Mystics:

Monday 22 September, **Edith Stein** - Webinar led by Professor Peter Tyler  
7.30pm to 9.00pm online (Connection details available from Fr Charles)

Monday 29 September, **Dag Hammarskjöld** - Webinar led by Dr Roger Lipsey  
7.30pm to 9.00pm online (Connection details available from Fr Charles)

Monday 6 October, **Dorothee Sölle** - Webinar led by Dr Sue Yore  
7.30pm to 9.00pm online (Connection details available from Fr Charles)

### Open Conversations with Pioneering Parishes

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November (Bristol)

In response to feedback and requests for coaching, an exciting in-person event with Greg Bakker and Tina Hodgett is planned for November! The goal of this evening is to create space to bring the opportunities and challenges you face in your parish for pondering, practical wisdom, problem solving and discussion. 'Pioneering Parishes' are providing refreshments (gospel mocktails and apologetic nibbles) and the event is free!

If you're interested sign up below:

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 7pm – 9.30pm, Christ Church, Downend <https://cms.org.uk/Bristol251125>

### Bible for Beginners

In the Education Room at Bristol Cathedral, College Green.

#### Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles

Sunday 5 October 1.00pm to 3.00pm

#### Introduction to the Parables

Sunday 23 November 1.00pm to 3.00pm

## And At All Saints:

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

6th-10th October 2025

There are 12 places for the Parish pilgrimage to Walsingham, Retreat led by Mthr Nicola

### Exploring Christianity

Four sessions on Sundays over the winter period, starting at 12.30 and finishing at 1.30pm. Located in the Sacristy and lunch provided.

The purpose of these sessions is to explore what we mean when we talk about being Christian. It will be ideal for those commencing their journey of understanding as well as those already established on the path.

**CS Lewis wrote:** *'Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.'*

Dates:

Sunday 2 November    Sunday 7 December

Sunday 4 January    Sunday 1 February



## Marian Day

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November – *Why Mary?* 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Why did any mention of the Blessed Virgin Mary virtually disappear in much of the Anglican Church after the Reformation? We have long collective memories, but fast forward a few hundred years and thankfully today the study of Mary is finally gaining in popularity.

Over four sessions we will consider the crucially important role of the Mother of God:

### Morning (10.00am)

*What's in a name?*

*Mary in the Bible*

(Lunch will be provided)

### Afternoon

*Mary in art and prayer*

*Marian Shrines*

## All Saints Book Club

*'Have Mercy on us All'* by Fred Vargas

Wednesday 24 September in the Sacristy

## Taizé Service

Sunday October 19 at 6.00pm

## Healing Ministry

21 September, 26 October and 14 December all during the 10.30am Parish Mass

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## Threads through Creation

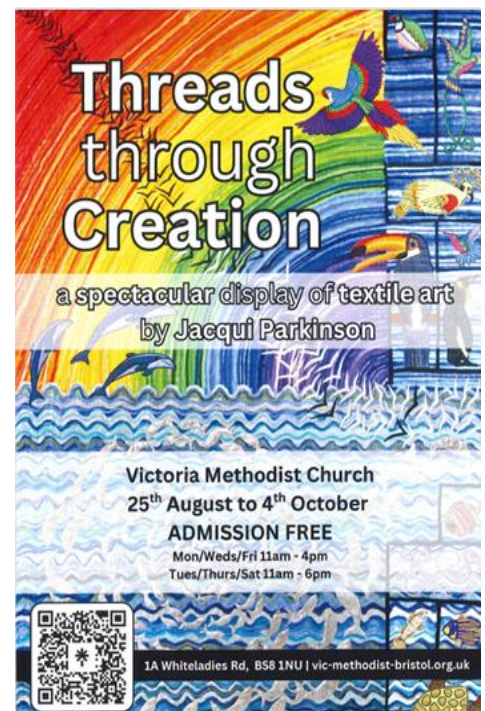
25th August to 4th October

'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.

**Saturday 20th September at 3.00pm**

Jacqui Parkinson will be giving a talk on her work



concert matinée

All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton

Saturday  
September 6<sup>th</sup>  
4pm

# The Lyrical Saxophone

Naomi Sullivan  
saxophone

Charles Matthews  
piano

retiring collection

tea & cake



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## organ recitals

Wednesdays in  
September at 1.10pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Jude Young (St Peter's  
Oxford)

10<sup>th</sup> Paul Walton\* (Bristol  
Cathedral)

17<sup>th</sup> Paul Walton\* (Bristol  
Cathedral)

24<sup>th</sup> Mark Lee (Bristol  
Cathedral)

\*All JS Bach programmes including one  
trio sonata per recital.

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## organ recital

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>  
September at 4.00pm

To mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the rebuilding of the organ

Professor Friedhelm Flamme  
(Honorary Professor of the  
Hochschule für Musik Detmold)

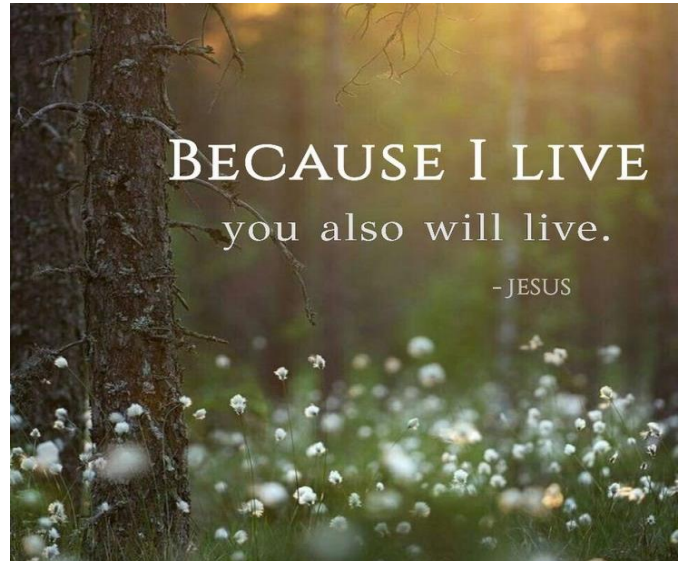
Free admission  
Tea and cake following the recital

## 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:

Anthony Wade Pr John Simpson Nesta Thomas David Machin Christopher Trelawney Ross Helen Reynolds Stanojko Milenković [pronounced: Stanoiko Milenkovich] Gill Cottell Kathleen Raikes Jean Monro Harold Hanford



# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

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| Mon<br>25            | Pray for the work of thrift shops – organizations and people who sell used goods to positively recycle goods, especially when donations are made to charities. Pray for the charity shops in our parish – Oxfam, St Peter's Hospice, British Heart Foundation, Sue Ryder, Cancer Research, Heart Foundation, Save the Children, DEBRA and MIND.               |
| Tue<br>26            | Pray for those who continue to work for the equal treatment of women and for women's rights. Remembering in particular those parts of the world where women are subject to suppression, violence and discrimination. Recognising that no part of the world is completely free from discrimination and stereotyping.   |
| Wed<br>27            | <b>Mass 10.00am</b><br>Some talk of the North-South divide in the UK, King Oswald of Northumbria reigned over a huge kingdom that encompassed much of Southern Scotland and all of the North of England. Pray for economic and political equity and for the avoidance of arguments of difference to score political points.                                   |
| Thurs<br>28          | <b>Augustine of Hippo, 387</b><br>"How can the past and future be, when the past no longer is, and the future is not yet? As for the present, if it were always present and never moved on to become the past, it would not be time, but eternity." Augustine 'Confessions'   |
| Fri<br>29            | <b>Mass 10.00am Beheading of John the Baptist</b><br>John the Baptist said: "One comes after me who is greater than I; and I must decrease, and He will increase." Help us to understand how we decrease so that the Kingdom might increase.  |
| Sat<br>30            | <b>John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688</b><br>John Bunyan served two terms of imprisonment (both for refusing to attend his parish church for divine service). Pray for all prisoners and prison warders and staff, and for the good running of a just, humane and effective penal system   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>31</b> | <b>Trinity 11</b><br><br>O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure<br><br><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.