

ALL SAINTS NEWS

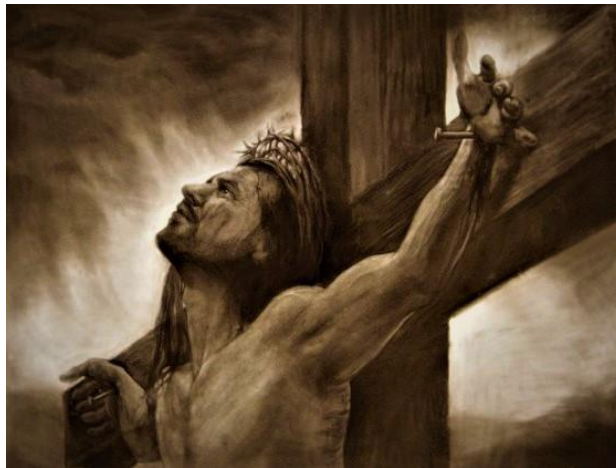
14th September 2025
13th Sunday of Trinity
Holy Cross Day

A reflection for the Feast of the Holy Cross

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The cross compels us toward justice and compassion

The cross used to be nothing more than an instrument of torture and death. The Romans used it to punish those they considered criminals, to strike fear in the hearts of those who might dare challenge their so-called peace. It was the cruellest form of execution.



Everything changed the day Jesus was crucified. Once he died upon the cross, what was once merely an instrument of Roman punishment became in Christ the symbol of humans' salvation from pain and death. It became an instrument of divine mercy, a symbol of love, and above all, our hope for God's total deliverance at the end of time.

In Christ, the cross now tells not a human story of oppressive power and dehumanizing punishment, but the divine story of redemption. In the cross, Jesus reveals the very heart of God. He shows us how precious each of us is to the Father, and how far God is willing to go for our salvation: "For God so loved that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." On the cross, Christ proves God's love for us and answers the deepest questions of human life. God alone is the ultimate purpose of our existence.

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The cross teaches us that it is better to give than to receive. That, as Jesus teaches, unless the grain of wheat falls and dies, it bears no fruit. That a life lived for others is the fullest life. That death is not a calamity when it crowns a selfless life of charity and service. It teaches us the meaning and power of humility. Jesus embraced the cross in humility as an example for us. He emptied himself for our sake to model for us what it means to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The cross compels us toward justice, compassion, and solidarity with all those who suffer. It challenges us to open our eyes to the plight of the poor, the hungry, the sick, and the oppressed, and to vehemently challenge the structures responsible for their suffering, while we do what we can to alleviate their distress. It warns us not to rest until there is justice for all, to resist the constant temptation to participate in corruption or selfishness, but to transform the vicious circle of life into a circle of grace and mercy.

Above all, the cross challenges us to take God and our faith more seriously. For every Christian, the cross remains the most powerful reminder of the religion of love, justice, and peace that Christ inaugurated.

Trinity College Ordinand on Placement

This year we will be joined by David Lanstrom, a Trinity Ordinand, who will be with us from the start of the Academic Year.

David Lanstrom



I'm originally from Gothenburg in Sweden, and I was raised in the Lutheran Church there. However, I've lived in the UK since 2011, so I feel very settled here.

I've recently moved to Bristol and to Trinity College, where I will hopefully spend two exciting, and perhaps at times challenging, years training for Ordination. Before I became an Ordinand, I spent 13 years as an Anglican Franciscan Friar with the Society of St Francis. Those years have deeply shaped me and my theology, and I carry with me a special concern for ministry to the marginalised, for justice, peace and care for creation.

I have over the years, lived in many different parts of the UK, for example, Newcastle, London, Leeds and most recently in Birmingham, where I was involved with ministry to asylum seekers and refugees. In my spare time, I enjoy going for walks, listening to music and following sports, especially Liverpool FC.

I look forward to spending time with you all at All Saints, Clifton, during my time here in Bristol, and I pray that it will be a blessing for me and for you.



All Saints



Clifton Church of England



Parish Harvest Supper



Join us in the Randall Room for our

Parish Harvest Supper

Friday 3rd October @ 07.30pm

Raffle, Quiz & Cash Bar

Tickets: £7 each
(Children Free!)

On sale in church from Sunday 14th September

Contact Janice: rjhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk OR All Saints Parish Office 0117 974 1355

Vegetarian/gluten free can be accommodated if requested in advance

All profits divided between the Community of the Sisters of the Church (Loaves and Fishes Ministry) and supporting the education of our Sudanese Students

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All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton Bristol

organ recitals

Wednesdays in
September at 1.10pm

17th Paul Walton* (Bristol
Cathedral)

24th Mark Lee (Bristol
Cathedral)

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

Organ Restoration 10TH Anniversary Concert

A recital by renowned organist Friedhelm Flamme

SAT 20TH SEPTEMBER 4:00PM



Friedhelm Flamme is a highly-respected organist with an award-winning discography, as well as being artistic director of the Vox Organi festival in Germany's beautiful Lower Saxony region, and a distinguished teacher. Following multi-disciplinary studies at the Hochschule für Musik Detmold and Paderborn University, he achieved the highest German academic degree in Sacred Music, won an accolade for an outstanding performance with his artist diploma concert, and was awarded a PhD for his thesis on the pianist and composer Friedrich Gulda. In 2018, Flamme was appointed Honorary Professor of the Hochschule für Musik Detmold. His recent recording on the CPO label of the complete works of Buxtehude has been met with universal acclaim.

When All Saints Church was rebuilt in 1967 the new Walker organ soon gained national interest as a distinctive and fine instrument with its bright tone in a lively acoustic, which came to be called the 'Clifton Sound'. Although the design of the organ was based on continental Baroque practice, some aspects of the organ were experimental,

and, after over forty-five years, the action was proving unreliable and electrical components were failing. A decision was made to rebuild the organ with a traditional mechanical action, renew the electrics and alter some of the tonal excesses of the instrument. Much hard work, as well as fun, was had in fundraising, together with generous

donations, and, particularly, the support of All Saints Trustees. The work was entrusted to Nicholsons of Malvern, who fulfilled every expectation, so that the 'Clifton Sound' continues to enrich not only worship at the church but to be a source of pleasure for the countless organists from all over the world who play the instrument.

ASC Walks
everyone, and their dog, welcome



Saturday September 13th

**Mary Benton will lead us on an adventure to
Brislington Brook and St Anne's Woods.**

**Meet at 10:00 sharp outside Christ Church,
Clifton Village, to catch the number 5 bus.**

**The return can be either from number 1 bus, or
a bit later on the number 5.**

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Friends Together in 2026



The All Saints Friends Together, Dementia Friendly Café has been welcoming those living with dementia, their friends, family and carers to our free, monthly Café for nearly 10 years now!

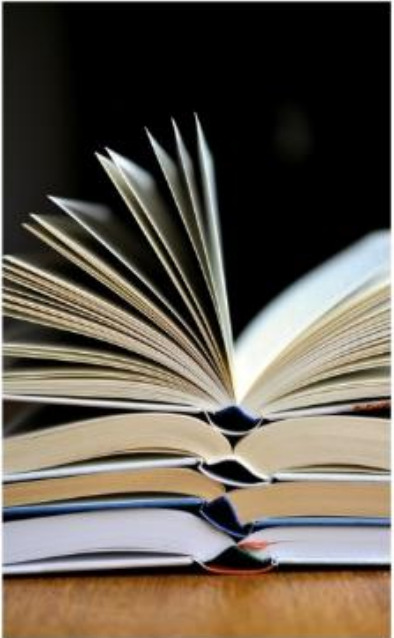
Held on the first Thursday of every month from 10 am to 12 pm, in The Randall Room, and offering delicious homemade cakes and hot drinks, a dedicated team of volunteers provides support, companionship, conversation, and one-to-one help.

The Café is a key element of our community outreach at All Saints and its success has contributed to All Saints being awarded a 'Dementia Aware Organisation Gold Award' *for the third year running* by [Bristol Dementia Action Alliance \(BDAA\)](#).

As we head towards 2026, we're now looking for help running and co-ordinating Friends Together moving forwards. There are a number of roles available, and previous experience of those living with dementia is not a requirement, so if anyone is interested in finding out more, then contact **Helen Sutton on 07802 256315** or helen@helensutton.com.

For more information on the All Saints Friends Together Café, do have a look at the ASC website page: <https://tinyurl.com/Friends-Together-Cafe>

Thank you!



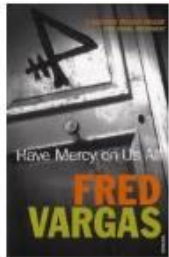
All Saints Book Group

Wed 24th September 2025, 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 **September** meeting will be:
Have Mercy on Us All
By Fred Vargas

And do make a note of future dates....
Wed 19th Nov & Wed 21st Jan 2026

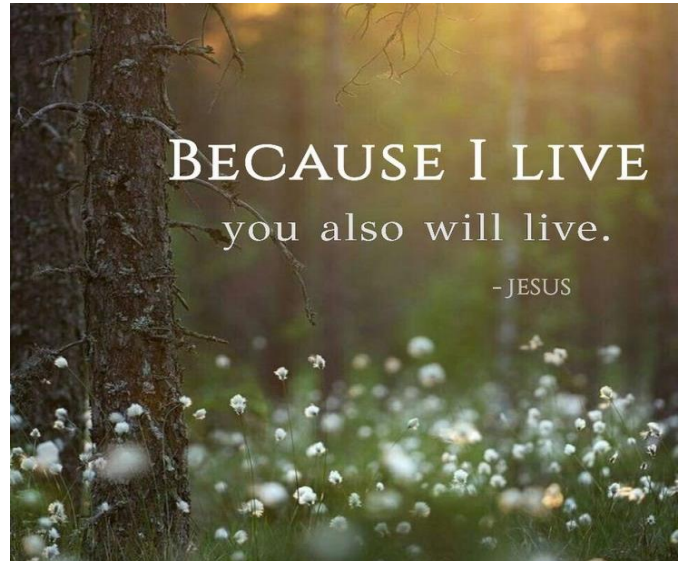


Prayers Requests

'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 Epina Sarah Jean Bradford Adam Chivers Andrew French Swarna Simpson

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

Judy Torrens Armin von Doneck

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Alice Hawkins Sylvia (Joyce) Briarley

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 15	Cyprian 258 Pray for those whose faith has been damaged because of experience or tragedy. Pray for those whose faith has declined over the years. Pray for those who are constantly challenging and changing. Pray for ourselves.
Tue 16	Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle to the Picts 432 Pray for the people of Scotland, the Episcopal Church in Scotland and the Church of Scotland (as well as the many and various forms that comprise the 'wee frees').
Wed 17	Mass 10.00am Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen 1179 Pray for all those who are in positions of power and authority. Especially that they use their power and influence to the good of humankind and all of creation. Power has always been subject to abuse and the attraction of corruption – this seems especially so in current times (we need look no further than our 'Western neighbours in Europe and the USA). Hildegard worked against corruption in the church.
Thurs 18	Pray for all who work to manage and protect the flora and fauna of the British meadows. Pray for those who holiday in this country and enjoy the beauty and variety of our landscapes. Remember all who work amongst and with butterflies – an important group within earth's biodiversity and a 'flagship group' indicating the health of the environment.
Fri 19	Mass 10.00am Theodore of Tarsus 690 Anglo Saxon scholarship flourished as a result of Theodore (Archbishop of Canterbury). Pray for academics who work to lift our understanding of the literature, culture and history of this period that shaped the British people. Pray for our nation and the wealth of our modern culture due to centuries of continuing immigration. Pray for the work of Theological Colleges – especially Trinity College, its Ordinands and all staff.
Sat 20	John Patteson and martyrs of Melanesia 1871 Pray for the people of the Solomon Islands. Pray too that we may have due regard for the culture of others on this world and not impose 'Western ways' on people with very different understandings.
Sunday 21	Trinity 14 Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth. Matthew, Apostle Give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ 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.