

ALL SAINTS NEWS

16th November 2025
2nd Sunday before Advent



What is safeguarding?

Defending the rights of vulnerable people is integral to Christian faith and teaching. Sadly, the church hasn't always done this well. We recognize our responsibility to take safeguarding seriously, and to ensure that we are doing all we can for those who are part of our community. The theme for this year is **Action speaks louder!**

At All Saints we welcome people into our church buildings throughout the day, throughout the week. We want to be a safe and welcoming place for all. These are the **5 standards** to which we are working:



If you have any concerns, please talk to one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers, Janice Callow or Caroline Davenport. Email: safeguarding@allsaintsclifton.org Our Safeguarding policy is on the website, and posters in the porch give more guidance on where to find more help.

Proverbs 31:8 sums up the imperative for safeguarding in the church community:

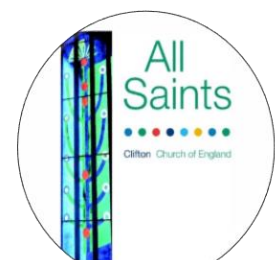
*'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute.'*

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The Atrium Development

Where are we now?

Thank you for all who have been asking when the work will start (and, even better) be finished. There's good news!

We are now at the point where we have:

- ★ Planning Permission (from Bristol City Council)
- ★ The Faculty from the Diocese to commence the work
- ★ Completed both Statutory and Public Consultations (with no objections or questions)
- ★ Invited tenders from potential contractors for a 'Fixed Price Contract'

Remind me, why are we doing this?

We will be finishing work started in 1967 with the creation of a multi-purpose Atrium, and we will benefit in ensuring this is fit for the 21st century. These benefits include:

- ★ Meeting our Carbon Net Zero requirements with the installation of a solar array and air-source heat pumps on the cloister roof.
- ★ Reducing the 40% energy loss (heat) from Church into the Atrium through effective insulation double glazing and under-floor heating.
- ★ Providing additional toilets, including an ambulatory toilet to achieve our accessibility obligations.
- ★ Delivering against recommendations in our quinquennial and fire risk assessment reports (legal obligations).
- ★ Providing a warm and welcoming environment for worshippers and visitors with an increased circulation area for festivals, weddings, funerals and other events.
- ★ Developing existing relationships with the local and more distant community; to further encourage the use of the Church, Randall Room and other facilities to support future income and financial viability.

What happens next?

The next phase of the Atrium work will take us into the construction period. However, first we need to:

- Agree, with the Architect and others, which of the tendered fixed price contracts we accept
- Ensure we have the funds available between the PCC, any available small grants and a request to the Endowment Trust

When this is achieved we will, hopefully, commence work in March 2026 with a target of concluding in October or November 2026. An operations team will meet soon and will ensure the smooth functioning of All Saints over the construction period.

**This is very exciting and will benefit the ministry and mission
of All Saints within this community**

Rt Revd Neil Warwick

Bishop Neil will join us to preach and Celebrate on Sunday 16th November.



Previously Archdeacon of Bristol, Bishop Neil was consecrated into bishop's orders on 30th November 2023; by Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, during a service at Canterbury Cathedral.

He became the third Bishop of Swindon, suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Bristol and is currently the 'Acting Bishop of Bristol'.

We look forward to welcoming him to All Saints



Saturday 29th November

10 am to 3 pm

With any mention of the Blessed Virgin Mary having virtually disappeared in much of the Anglican Church after the reformation, today the study of Mary is finally gaining in popularity.

Over four sessions, two in the morning and two in the afternoon, we will consider the crucially important role of the Mother of God, covering the topics: What's in a name?, Mary in the Bible, Mary in art and prayer, Marian Shrines.

This workshop will be lead by Mthr Nicola Stanley, Lunch is included.

Please book a space by email to office@allsaintsclifton.org stating any dietary needs.

ASC Vestment Care!



Calling all those who can sew - and anyone who can't currently sew but is interested!

Every Thursday at 10.30 am we will be meeting to consider how best to repair some of All Saints' beautiful vestments. The copes (embroidered cloaks) need special padded hangers, so we will be starting with the easy task of cutting calico to pad a coat hanger. Coffee and biscuits will of course be provided!

Please talk with Mthr Nicola or email (nvs@mosaicpublishing.co.uk) if you have any queries or questions.

Madonna of the Harpies – a postscript



A couple of weeks ago, I wrote an article about the reproduction of “Madonna of the Harpies” that hangs in the Lady Chapel. Roger Hopkins has kindly sent me a little more information.

“According to the text in the old AS guide book (published 50 years ago and written by the then vicar Fr John Norton),” writes Roger, “the picture then hung in the eastern bay of the St Richard Chapel (it was probably sited where the illuminated panel from St John's Church is now located).

Fr John says that the supporting Saints are St Francis and St John the Evangelist. Also that the painting was presented by old pupils of Mortimer House School in memory of its founder Katherine Rose Heath. Something in the back of my mind says that there was a connection with St Mary's Tyndalls Park, with which we were joined at the time.”

Neither Roger nor I have been able to find more information, but it is good to know a little more about the picture's origins.

Paul Gale

Warm Coats for Winter

This winter All Saints will be running a ‘warm coats for winter’ coat rack in the porch beside the Food Point. The coat rack will be open throughout December, January and February.

If you have warm coats of any description – men's women's or children's please check what is on the coat rack and donate when you can.

Any coats that are not used will be donated at the end of the scheme.

Take a coat if
you need one.

Leave a coat if you
can.





GOLDEN SUN
Sacred music from the Portuguese Renaissance

Nova
Directed by Huw Morgan

6PM, SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2025

A CELEBRATION OF PORTUGUESE POLYPHONY, WITH MUSIC BY MANUEL CARDOSO, VICENTE LUSITANO, DUARTE LOBO, ESTÊVÃO DE BRITO, ESTÊVÃO LOPES MORAGO, AND DIOGO DIAS MELGÁS.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PEMBROKE ROAD, BRISTOL BS8 3ED
PROGRAMMES AT THE DOOR £10; STUDENTS £5; ACCOMPANIED UNDER-16S FREE



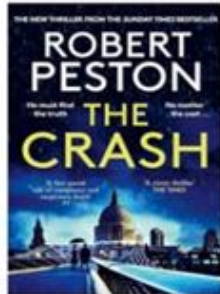
All Saints Book Group

Wed 19th November 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 November meeting will be:
The Crash
By Robert Peston

And do make a note of the next Book Group meeting on Wed 21st Jan 2026



HOME HELP REQUIRED

In Clifton family home with dogs and cat. 2hrs/day for 4 days a week (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri) for all of December. Light housework – ironing, hanging washing, changing beds, some cooking, shopping required. If you can drive that would be good but not essential. Good hourly rate.
If interested please contact Vicky Gordon on 07884191448 or victoriagordon@btinternet.com



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Parish Lunch



Join us in the Randall Room after Mass for
**A Fundraising Sudanese-themed Parish
Lunch**

All proceeds to go towards supporting the education of
our Sudanese students

Sunday 23rd November @ 12.30pm



Delicious home-cooked North-African food

Vegan/Gluten free can be accommodated if requested by Sunday 16th November

Raffle & Cash Bar



Tickets on sale in church from Sunday 2nd Nov

Tickets: £10

(family ticket £20)



For more information, please call All Saints Parish Office on
0117 974 1355; www.allsaintsclifton.org

Traidcraft stall-final sale!

**At the parish lunch on 23rd
November**



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade



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The Fairtrade organisation you have supported for over 30 years
at All Saints has now sadly ceased trading.
This is your last chance to stock up on beautiful, unique products

Support Ethical Shopping

By purchasing Fairtrade products, you support ethical practices and
positively impact communities around the world.

Promoting Justice and Sustainability

All proceeds will go to support our Sudanese students-

Everything must go- bring your cash and grab a bargain!



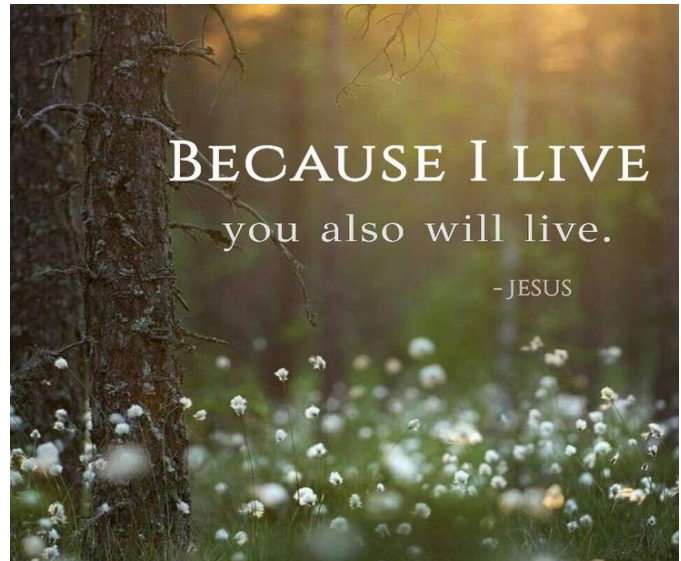
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Prayers Requests

'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 Jenny Oates Sister Rosie Martin Rogers John Pedlar Gillian Clark Pepe Messel

Monday

Sathia Aruliah Susie King Arthur Cleaver

Tuesday.

Pam Parker Oussama and Claire Sader

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Remie Clarke

Friday

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

Saturday

The Departed

Hugh Farry Lucille Osafo Mary Whittington Diana Verity

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Winifred (Molly) Sharpley Dorothy Ching Roy Morris Jeremy Winston (Pr)
Mike Lindsey Fredrick Anthony

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 17	Hugh Bishop of Lincoln 1200 Pray for those who work amongst people in need and in desperate circumstances, for the homeless and people who live on the periphery. In particular the work of the Sisters of the Church and the Julian Trust here in Bristol.
Tue 18	Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia 1231 Pray for those children who are adopted or are in the process of being adopted. Give thanks and pray for the families who are willing and able to adopt children. This is a life-changing event for the children and the families. (International Adoption Day)
Wed 19	Requiem Mass 10.00 am Pray for the work of Bristol Zoo project – education, research and conservation. Pray for those who work with animals in our community, vets and their staff
Thurs 20	Pray for the organization of this Diocese, and in particular the work and ministry of our Archdeacons. The work of Diocesan House in support of the work and ministry of those who are ordained, licensed and disciples.
Fri 21	Mass 10.00 am Pray for members of the Daily Office Team. Each day at 8am and 6pm the Daily Office is said at ASC, sometimes by one person, sometimes with others from our community, often joined by 'unknown people' who simply walk in and join in. We pray for them all and those who visit this church.
Sat 22	Cecilia, Martyr of Rome 230 Pray that our Church may find ways to effectively respond to the advance of nationalism and secularism.
Sunday 23	Christ The King The Sunday Next before Advent Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30 am

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 safeguarding@allsaintsclifton.org