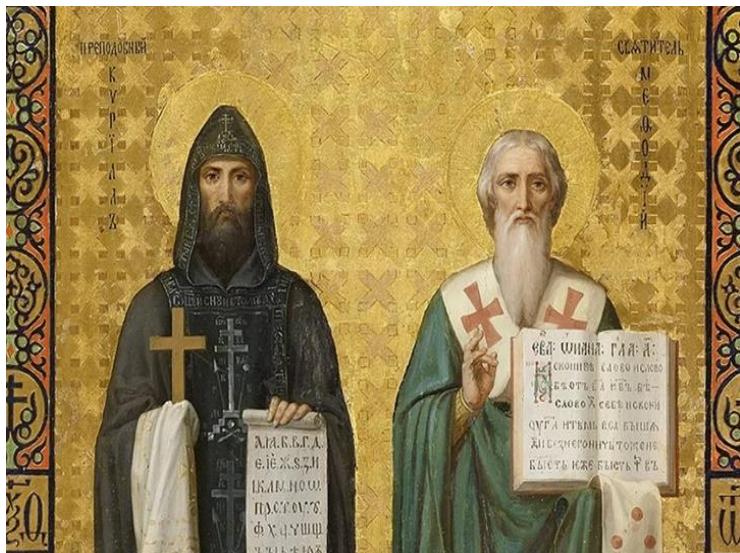


ALL SAINTS NEWS

8th February 2026
2nd Sunday before Lent

Legacy of Cyril and Methodius (14th February)

**The eleven-century-long impact on the cultural history and cultural identity of the Slavs!
The Cultural Route of Saints Cyril and Methodius is a journey that can be followed in the mind or walked in pilgrimage.**



The main focus of the Cultural Route of Saints Cyril and Methodius, also known as the Holy Brothers or Apostles to the Slavs, are cultural ideas and cultural content that the two brothers of Greco-Byzantine upbringing introduced during the mission they led primarily among the Slavs of Great Moravia from 863 to 868 (their mission activities also included the Slavs of the polity of Lower Pannonia). This initial period was followed by equally intense activities led by Methodius (after Cyril died in 869), and, after Methodius' death in 885, by the two brothers' direct disciples who, expelled from Great Moravia, spread the Cyrillo-Methodian legacy across the Slavic world.

The mission led by Cyril and Methodius was undertaken as a response from Byzantine Emperor Michael III to the request of Duke Rastislav of Great Moravia, with the main task of introducing an intelligible language for the sacred and public use in that Slavic polity, as well as of buttressing and strengthening Christian faith of their inhabitants.

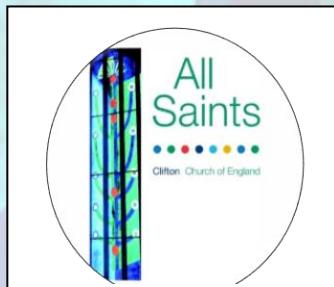
Cyril and Methodius, however, did not only refine the Slavic vernacular (by supplementing vocabulary and grammar) to meet the needs of theological, philosophical, legislative, administrative, and literary discourse, but boldly went even further, with Constantine inventing a script tailored to fit the Slavic phonemic system, that is, the Glagolitic script.

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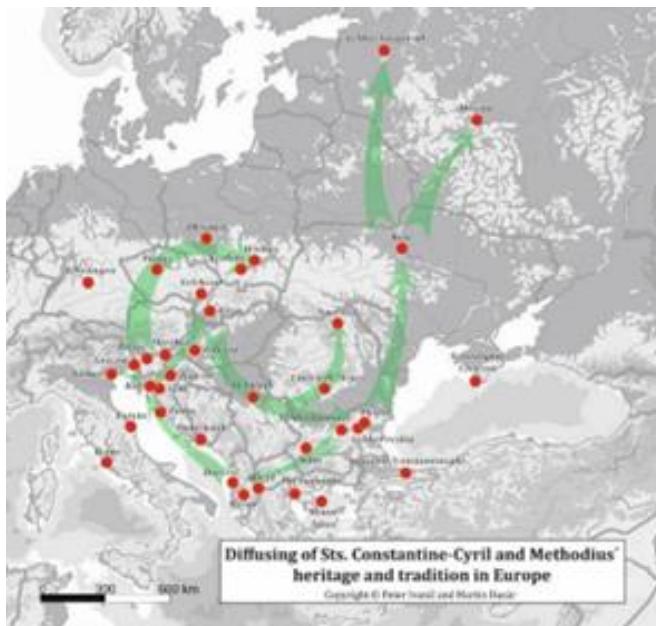
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At the end of the 9th century, the Cyrillic script was created in the South Slavic lands, most likely in the Bulgarian Khanate. While Glagolitic script was still relatively widely used during the 11th century (especially within the Ohrid Literary School) from the 12th century onward the Cyrillic script prevailed, serving as the equivalent of the Greek alphabet for Slavs of the Eastern Rite, who lived in the civilizational and political environment of the Eastern Roman Empire. The Glagolitic script remained in use among Croatians, with the last Glagolitic text printed in 1927.

The Cyril and Methodius cultural heritage is identity-oriented

It is impossible to define the Cyrillo-Methodian heritage without pointing out an important fact: it has always been and is irreversibly oriented towards questions of culture and identity. This was evident from the very beginning of this heritage, i.e. from the moment when Rastislav turned to Emperor Michael III. and Constantine and Methodius set out on their mission – its aim was the (re)formation and development of a cultural (but also political) Slavic identity that would be distinct from the already firmly established and mature cultural (and political) identity of the German or Byzantine ones.

The core of Cyril and Methodius' cultural legacy has its intangible and tangible aspects. The intangible ones include, first of all, the written variants of the Old Slavonic language as well as the Glagolitic and Cyrillic alphabets. The tangible aspects consist mainly of the texts written in the specific languages and scripts associated with the Cyrillo-Methodian legacy, but also a number of archaeological and historical monuments dating from the period of the Cyrillo-Methodian mission, as well as monuments testifying to the respective stages of the subsequent development of Cyrillo-Methodian cultural ideas in individual countries.

Cyril and Methodius heritage in the context of European values

Saints Cyril and Methodius significantly influenced the cultural development of European nations and laid the foundations for the development of Europe's culture. The saint brothers remain symbols of the fundamental values of European civilisation, such as human dignity, tolerance, democracy, freedom of thought, conscience, religion and expression, the rule of law, and the right to a fair trial. By spreading the European values that Saints Cyril and Methodius helped create in the 9th century and keep creating as copatron saints of Europe even today, the Cyril and Methodius Route contributes to promote the concept of modern Europeanism, i.e. mutual understanding, cultural dialogue, and the unity of the continent.

Since Cyril and Methodius' cultural legacy centres around such fundamental cultural areas as language and literacy, it was destined from the beginning to have a profound and lasting impact on the cultural history and identity of the Slavic people. Indeed, Cyril and Methodius' cultural thought and its contents have proven sufficiently pregnant and complex that they have retained an inspirational charge in modern times and have been consistently used as a distinctive claim to Slavic identity over other cultural or political identities.

With thanks to the Council of Europe



Cyril and Methodius
Route

Cultural route
of the Council of Europe
Itinéraire culturel
du Conseil de l'Europe



Confirmation and Baptism

Historically, in the Early Church, baptism and confirmation was a single, unified rite of Christian initiation. Adult converts received washing, anointing, and the laying on of hands simultaneously to signify purification and the reception of the Holy Spirit. Over time, as infant baptism became common, the rites separated, with confirmation delayed and reserved for a bishop to seal the initial baptismal grace with the gifts of the Spirit.

Preparation for Baptism and Confirmation

At the moment there are quite a few adults and young people thinking about becoming baptised and/or confirmed. We recognize that not everyone follows the same path in this journey! So, over the next period we will be offering individual pathways, and also groups for adults and, of course, young people to explore the journey to Baptism and Confirmation.

If you are already on this journey, we will have contacted you recently. If we haven't contacted you, and you would like to move forward to Baptism or Confirmation then please email or call Fr Charles (or one of the Ministry Team) or have a conversation with one of us whilst at church.



Taizé for Lent at All Saints

Sunday, 15th February, 5.00 pm

Please come and enjoy a cup of tea (or coffee) followed by a simple, meditative service based on the worship practised by the ecumenical Taizé community in France (www.taize.fr).

Everyone is welcome - all those who have a Christian faith and those who struggle to believe.

This will be a contemplative service in a relaxed, candlelit setting, with beautiful chants, prayerful silence, and short readings. Taizé chants are repeated many times to help quiet the mind and enable reflection. You are free to join in with the singing or drop out at any point.

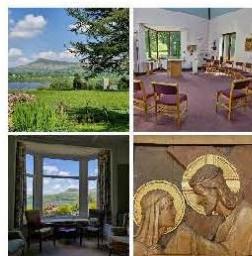
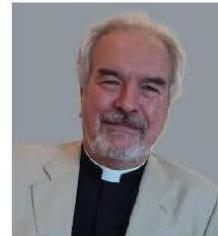
Tea will be served from **4.30 pm**. The Taizé service starts at **5.00 pm** and will last around 45 minutes.

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The 2026 All Saints Parish Retreat Llangasty Retreat House, Friday 15th to Sunday 17th May 2026



Our Parish Retreat will once again be held at Llangasty Retreat House from **Friday 15th to Sunday 17th May 2026**. The retreat leader this year is our own Fr Charles Sutton, Vicar of All Saints, Clifton.



The cost is £250pp for the whole weekend, and includes accommodation and all meals. As always, the retreat will follow a scheduled programme, based around the daily offices and a number of presentations. However, you can choose entirely what you want to join in with – some just use the time to rest! **The Parish Retreat is always a silent retreat** (from after supper on the first evening, until before lunch on Sunday), **but you are of course free to talk in your rooms or anywhere outside in the grounds of the retreat house.**

Numbers are limited, so **book now** by adding your name/contact details to the Sign-up Sheet in the Church porch OR by sending an email to Helen (helen@helensutton.com)

NB. The full cost @ £250 will be due by Friday 1st May & is non-refundable. Information emails/letters will be sent out a week beforehand, with full payment information and the programme for the weekend.

See the All Saints website for full information on this year's retreat via the link & QR code below:

<https://tinyurl.com/2yyc8ynr>



The All Saints Bar - Everyone's welcome

Open after Mass every Sunday up-stairs in the Randall Room, the Bar provides a good opportunity to meet and get to know one another in a relaxed social environment.

We have a 'club licence' which enables us legally to sell alcoholic drinks. There is an annual subscription of £1 on your first visit, or you can be 'signed-in' as a guest.

We offer a wide range of alcoholic, 0% and soft drinks at low prices - and we are still able to make a profit. At our annual AGM, Bar members can decide prices and donations. Last year we donated £1100 to All Saints, the Sudanese Students Fund and the USPG Lent Appeal. Watch out for this year's AGM in the Spring.

The Bar continues to play an important part in the social life of All Saints. We're open to all. Why not pay us a visit? You'll be very welcome.

Janice Hopkins
Bar Steward



Walks For Everyone – Greenbank and Eastville Park

Saturday 14th February 10:15am – 1:00pm



Walks For Everyone

Guided walks on The Downs and other interesting areas of Bristol.
On the **SECOND Saturday morning of every month** – plus some Bank Holiday Monday walks.

Suitable for everyone, and well behaved dogs are welcome!

Following our popular walk at Arnos Vale, this is a visit another of the city's necropolises. We will take the 09:58 train from Clifton Down to Stapleton Road and walk gently uphill from there to Greenbank and possibly onwards and round Eastville Park and back through the Royate Hill nature reserve should people be feeling vigorous.



LUNCHTIME CONCERT



Clifton High School Lunchtime Concert

Wednesday 11th February

1:00pm – 2:00pm

All Saints Church, Clifton, Bristol **concert matinée**

Saturday
February 14th



4pm

Music for
Valentine's
Day

Richard Lennox
piano

retiring collection

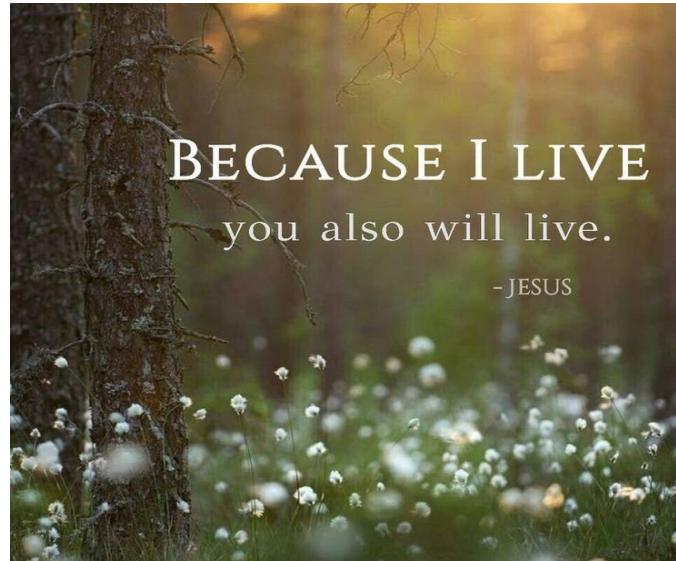
tea and cake

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 Andrew French Swarna Simpson Jenny Oates Sister Rosie Martin Rogers Gillian Clark William and Lincoln Sue GayLard – Hughes Aiden Downton Lucy Briggs- Owen Sara Maitland Clive Welham (Pr) Jenny Jennings

Monday

Sathia Aruliah Susie King

Tuesday.

Pam Parker Oussama and Claire Sader

Wednesday

Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, Samantha Tucker, Maureen Mumford

Vy and Angel Wray Jennie Williams

Thursday

Remie Clarke

Friday

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

Saturday

The Departed

Hugh Farry Lucille Osafa Mary Whittington Diana Verity Rhona Bennett Tim Draycott Arthur Cleaver Jonathan Welland Gwladys Hughes Antony Keyworth-Berridge Alice Teitz

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Colin Turnbull Dick Meredith- Jones (Pr) John Trelawney- Ross John Bounds Patricia Spry
Rani Kingman Mary Andrews Constance Kemp

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 9	Wardrobe Day. What's in your wardrobe that could easily go out to either clothe others or provide income for charity retail outlets? Pray for those whose level of income is such that they have to choose between being warm and eating, or even who it is that can eat....
Tue 10	Give thanks for good neighbours; remember our neighbours and those who live in our immediate community. Pray that we may be good neighbours – keeping an eye of care out for those who live around us.
Wed 11	Mass 10.00am Pray for academic and commercial chemists; those working in chemistry research and the practical application of knowledge. Our university School of Chemistry – staff and students (Periodic Table Day) . Also for the pharmaceutical companies that develop and distribute drugs for the good of humankind – including veterinary products.
Thurs 12	Pray for those working in the field of electronics. Remembering Thomas Edison pushing aside the veil of darkness to reveal modern electronics. Impact of media channels – TV and radio – for positive effect.
Fri 13	Mass 10.00am Pray for those who are on the outside of society. Physical, mental and/or emotional reasons cause people to be cut-off from society (or 'shut-in'). Pray for them and those who visit to make a difference.
Sat 14	Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs 869 Pray for families with more than one child, those with twins and triplets (and so on). Life is more exciting with siblings yet also more complicated. Cyril and Methodius were brothers.
Sunday 15	Sunday Next before Lent Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30 Taizé 5pm

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