

ALL SAINTS NEWS

1st March 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday Themes in Lent – Second Sunday in Lent Salvation through Faith

Fr Clive, just before the start of Lent, drew our attention to the meaning and themes of Lent. This Sunday it is 'Salvation through Faith'. You can see his article on the ASC Website and look for the ASC News for the *Sunday before Lent*.

The relationship between 'Faith' and 'Works' is a strongly debated subject in theological thought. Rather than being viewed as opposites it is more beneficial to consider them as inseparable partners. Whilst faith may be considered the root of salvation, good works are surely the growth and fruit – the evidence of faith.

The result of faith must be the reality of observable actions of love and obedience to God.

Salvation

Last Sunday we reflected on the account of Adam and Eve, which led to evil entering the world, or more accurately, that all humanity is subject to sin and death. And, as Paul pointed out in Romans, God offered salvation (*the healing of a broken relationship between people and God*) through the person of Christ.

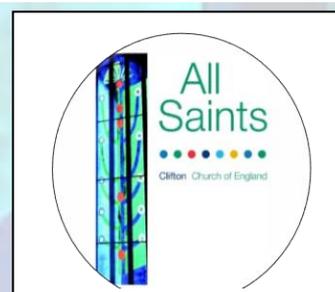
For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! Romans 5:17

Just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. Romans 5:21

This means human souls can be saved from 'eternal punishment' (or separation from God) and are offered the promise of eternal life (and be in the presence of God).

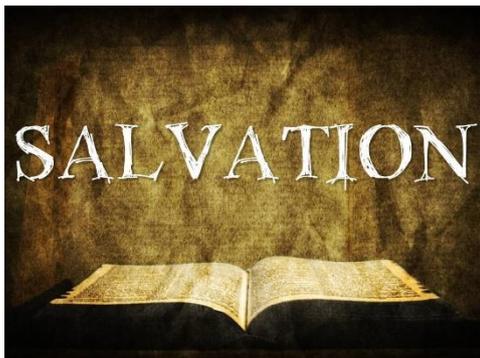
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In order for this salvation to happen, God set a process in motion:



- God gave his only son, Jesus, so that all humans could be saved.
- Jesus was a perfect human - he had no sin.
- God placed the sins of the world upon him at his crucifixion.
- Jesus' actions meant that there was reconciliation (*a return to new relationship*) between God and humanity - his death atoned or made up for human sin.

We believe that this process shows how loving God is, as he gave his only son to save humanity. It also shows that he is able to forgive humans.

However, as is to be expected, there are several different ways that people offer so as to achieve salvation. And, as we are aware, the question of the relationship between faith and works has been a point of division between those of a more catholic persuasion and those with protestant foundation.

■ **Salvation through law**

Some Christians believe that people can achieve salvation by following God's teachings and carrying out good deeds that will please God. An example is caring for those who are less fortunate or giving to charity.

■ **Salvation through grace**

Grace is the unconditional love that God has for everyone. Salvation does not need to be earned. Instead, it can be achieved by believing in God and his son Jesus Christ.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith ... it is the gift of God.

— Ephesians 2:8

■ **Salvation through spirit**

The *Holy Spirit* helps Christians to follow the teachings of God, and God recognises that everyone will sin but that they will turn to God in repentance (Acts 20:21). This means that, despite sinning, humans will try to make amends and ask for forgiveness by agreeing that God exists.

Nevertheless, in scripture, we see that salvation is received not on the basis of works but on the basis of faith in God alone. Jesus himself emphasizes this through many parables and sayings, and Paul argues explicitly against the inclusion of works in the basis of our salvation. James, though arguing that justification is by works "and not by faith alone," can be harmonized with the rest of the New Testament when it is realized that James still expects us to sin—he is combatting faith *without works*, not faith alone *as the basis* of salvation.

So, the New Testament teaches that we are justified by faith, but the faith that justifies necessarily flowers into good works.

The question to ponder....

Can a person of a different faith or, particularly, a person who doesn't believe in God receive salvation through good works?



- ★ Some may distinguish between merely believing God exists and actually "believing God" (trusting His word), suggesting that if a person's life reflects a trust in truth and justice, they are seeking the source of that goodness.
- ★ Others argue that because all are made alive in Christ, or that God is loving, or that we are made in God's image salvation may be broader than traditionally thought. Consequently, good works, in a sense, show an acceptance of God's grace, even without explicit belief.

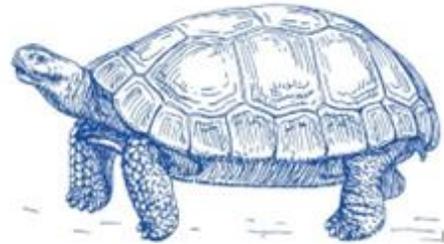
Mainly Slow Organ Music
11:00am - 12:00pm, Sat 28th February
Free Admission

mainly slow organ music

Part of Huw Morgan's mainly slow organ music series.
Free Admission. Bring a coffee, come and go as you please!

Programme:

Peter Garland: Plain Songs: "Love Comes Quietly" (after Robert Creeley - first UK performance)



For full information [mainly slow organ music website](#)

concert matinée All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton



Saturday
March 7th 4.00 pm

Music from
Georgian England

John Davenport Harpsichord Meg Rees Soprano

retiring collection tea and cake



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A FEAST OF TALLIS

DIRECTED BY
HUW MORGAN

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
PEMBROKE ROAD, BRISTOL BS8 3ED

6pm, Sunday
8th March
2026

IF YE LOVE ME // O SACRUM CONVIVIUM //
WHY FUM'TH IN FIGHT // GAUDE GLORIOSA
& A RANGE OF OTHER WORKS FROM ACROSS
THE ERAS OF HIS CAREER

Programmes at the door £10; students £5; accompanied under-16s free

LENT
prayer, fasting,
almsgiving and
celebratory
events

Lent Events ²⁶ @ All Saints

18TH FEB-2ND APRIL

Our 40 day season of prayer, fasting and
almsgiving begins on Ash Wednesday
18th February and ends at sundown
on Holy Thursday, 2nd April 2026.

Exploring Christianity ²⁶

- a space for the curious

- SUN 1 MAR 'Christianity and other Faiths'
- SUN 8 MAR 'Death and Dying'
- SUN 29 MAR 'The Meaning of the Cross'
- SUN 7 JUN 'Anglo Catholicism'
- SUN 21 JUN 'God in the Old Testament'
- SUN 12 JUL 'The Sacraments'
- SUN 26 JUL 'Heresies'

Sundays in The Randall Room @ All Saints
12:30-1:30pm • Lunch provided

Lent Conversations ²⁶

Matters of Life and Death
- Health and Faith

- WED 4 MAR At Alma Church, St John's Rd
- THU 12 MAR At Cotham Parish Church, Cotham Rd
- WED 18 MAR At Tyndale Baptist Church
- WED 25 MAR At Redland Friends Meeting House

Refreshments @ 7.00pm
Conversations @ 7.30pm

Lectio Divina for Lent ²⁶

Scripture and Prayer
- The Lent Gospel Readings

- WED 4 MAR WED 11 MAR
- WED 18 MAR WED 25 MAR

In The Richard Chapel at 3.00pm

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Clifton, Church of England

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!

Our next walk will be.....



SATURDAY 14th MARCH 2026

**A History Walk - discovering Mediaeval Bristol
Churches, and a graveyard; The Nails; the only private
house still standing, and the Chapter House of the
Augustinian Priory.**



Meet **at 10:30** at St. Peter's Church near Castle Park.
Nearest bus stop on Wine Street (for Buses 1, 2 & 8).
We'll end up near the bus stop on College Green.

Any questions, contact: georginaharford@hotmail.com
07767 746168 (**text only**)



All Saints



Clifton Church of England



Parish Lunch



Join us in the Randall Room after Mass for
Mothering Sunday Parish Lunch

Sunday 15th March @ 12.30pm

A delicious home-cooked 3-course meal
(main, pudding, cheese & biscuits)

Vegetarian/vegan/gluten free can be accommodated if requested in advance

Cash Bar

Tickets: £7 each

On sale in church from Sunday 1st March

Contact Janice: rhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk

OR

All Saints Parish Office
0117 974 1355: www.allsaintsclifton.org



***Lectio Divina* for Lent 2026 at All Saints' Church**

3pm on 4th March, 11th March, 18th March and, 25th March



Would you like to pray during Lent using the receptive and gentle practice known as *Lectio divina*?

The Latin phrase *lectio divina* means 'divine reading'. It is an ancient way of praying with Scripture, rooted in the belief that Christ is present in the Word and that, as we listen attentively, God speaks to us.

Lectio divina is simple and accessible to everyone. No prior experience, preparation or study is needed – only a willingness to come and be still.

We will meet on four Wednesdays during Lent in the Richard Chapel (there is no obligation to come to every meeting). Each gathering will last about 30 minutes.

During our time together, we will listen slowly to the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. We will reflect quietly on what draws our attention and rest in silent, personal prayer. This is a personal reflective practice. You will not be asked to speak, read aloud or to share your reflections.

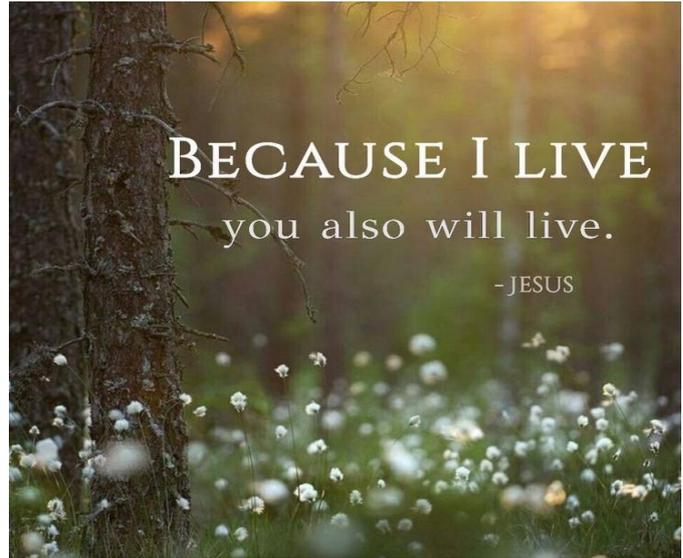
All are warmly welcome. Come as you are.

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 Debbie Gibbs Sue GayLard – Hughes Aiden Downton Lucy Briggs- Owen Sara Maitland 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 Chris Griffin

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Neil Monro Frank Plaice Margaret Ostler Katherine Charnley Christopher Baker

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 2	St Chad 672 Bishop of Mercia, remembering his mission work in Britain and continue with this work in the present. Pray for deepening the relationships between the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion – Chad worked to align Roman and Celtic Christianity in Britain.
Tue 3	Pray for Migrants and refugees – Since 1970, the number of people living in a country other than where they were born has tripled.
Wed 4	Mass 10am Give thanks for all of creation and our part in this, and our responsibility for this. Give thanks for the richness of the living world and pray for those who work for environmentally focused organizations and for increased awareness of the impacts of climate change.
Thurs 5	Pray for the 57 th Bristol Brownies who meet in the Randall Room .Pray for the Scouting Movement. Brownies, Guides, Scouts, Rangers – members, volunteers, organizations. Those who work to enable young people to play constructive roles in society.
Fri 6	Mass 10 am Pray for dentists and dental nurses. Remember those who have difficulty with their teeth and suffer as a result.
Sat 7	Perpetua , Felicity and Companions 203 Pray for those who are willing to give their lives for what they believe, for Christian martyrs (especially women) in our world now. Pray for all Christians who are equal in the sight of God (high born Perpetua was martyred with slaves)
Sunday 8	The 3rd Sunday of Lent Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30

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