

ALL SAINTS NEWS

21st June 2026
3rd Sunday of Trinity

Richard of Chichester

The ASC Richard connection

As you'll be aware, it was in 1862, that a committee was set up to provide a large church for the Clifton area of Bristol. It was planned to be in the Anglo-Catholic tradition (within the Oxford Movement) and would be a free church with no rented pews. The original church was built between 1868 and 1872 by George Edmund Street. The chancel was consecrated on 8 June 1868.

The narthex was added in 1909 by George Frederick Bodley, and a sacristy was added in 1928 by Frederick Charles Eden. The narthex houses the Chapel of Saint Richard of Chichester, built as memorial to Richard Randall, the first Vicar of All Saints, who became Dean of Chichester.

Richard of Chichester

Richard was born in around 1197 in Wych (now Droitwich) near Worcester. His parents were landowning farmers, but they died before Richard's older brother came of age.

Mismanagement by the guardians meant Richard had to leave his studies to help his brother restore the family fortune. He succeeded so well that his brother offered the estate to him, but Richard wanted to return to Oxford and was a distinguished scholar, moving on to study in Paris and Bologna. He returned to Oxford as Chancellor of the University in 1235.

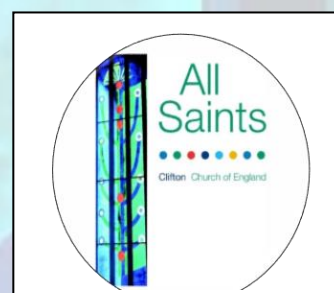
His tutor and friend at Oxford, the saintly Edmund of Abingdon, had been appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, and he asked the able Richard to become his Chancellor. Edmund was involved in disputes with both the Pope and King Henry III and eventually went into voluntary exile in France, accompanied by Richard, who was with him when he died. Richard actively supported his friend's canonisation, which occurred six years later. Richard went to Orleans to study and was ordained a priest.

The new Archbishop of Canterbury was Boniface of Savoy. He was more worldly than Edmund, but also a reformer, and he asked Richard to return as his Chancellor.

When the Bishop of Chichester died in 1244, the Canons elected Robert Passelew, a favourite of Henry III, to succeed him. However, many Bishops objected, considering him unsuitable, and Boniface recommended Richard, who was duly elected instead. King Henry was furious and refused to accept the appointment, forbidding anyone to help him.

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The Pope supported Richard's claim and consecrated him at Lyons, but Henry would not restore the episcopal estates to him until the Pope threatened him with excommunication two years later.

During that time, Richard was penniless and could not enter his Cathedral. He was able to preach and travel on foot round Sussex, because some areas were under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury. A priest named Simon of Tarring (now part of Worthing) took him in, and it is said Richard cultivated figs in the garden there.

When Henry restored the estates of the bishopric, Richard continued to live frugally. He never ate meat, would not eat off silver and wore a hair shirt under his clothes. He also set about reforming the behaviour of his clergy, while strongly defending their rights. He overruled Henry III on many occasions, for example, defrocking a priest who had seduced a nun, even though Henry had petitioned in his favour.



Richard instituted yearly offerings from the parishes to pay for the upkeep of the Cathedral, which were later known as 'St Richard's Pence'. There had been two fires in the twelfth century and, although the Cathedral had been reconsecrated in 1199, rebuilding and enlargement continued in Richard's time. He began work on the chapels in the north and south aisles, and he dedicated the first chapel to his friend St Edmund.

In 1253, the Pope asked Richard to go on a preaching tour to rekindle enthusiasm for the Crusades. He travelled along the coast and on into Kent, but it took a severe toll on his health. He dedicated a chapel to St Edmund in a cemetery for the poor in Dover, but collapsed the next morning. He died at a hospice called Maison Dieu on April 3rd 1253, aged about 56. His friends, Simon of Tarring and biographer Friar Ralph Bocking, were by his side. Richard's heart was buried in the chapel he had just dedicated to St Edmund, and his body was taken to Chichester, followed by a huge crowd of mourners, rich and poor alike. He was buried in St Edmund's chapel in the Cathedral, as he had wished.

Fr Rod Cosh – an Introduction

We will be seeing a great deal more of Fr Rod in the future and we welcome him as an active member of the Ministry Team.

Here's a little bit of background to Fr Rod:



Fr Rod was ordained in Bristol in 1981, serving his title in Swindon. From there he went as chaplain to The Royal Marsden Hospital. Following this he had two incumbencies in London; Whitton and Staines. Whilst in London he was a Bishops' Adviser on Deliverance Ministry.

He then became full-time area dean of Burnham and Slough in the Oxford diocese. He and Pam returned to Bristol in 2020 where he was chaplain to St Monica's during the very challenging period of Covid.

After retirement he became Interim Minister at Henbury and, more recently, St Peter's, Filton.'

Website and Social Media

At our Parish Conferences the subject of 'Communication and Visibility' has always been a key focus, at the end of 2024 we identified this as being one of our four priorities. There are a number of ingredients that build an effective communication platform. Here at ASC they include:

- **ASC News** and its wide circulation
- **'What's On'** publications across the year's seasons
- **Signage** outside church
- **Streaming** of Sunday services and Occasional Offices (and concerts and events)
- **All Saints Website**
- **Social Media** footprint

Of these we have had great success with the **ASC News** and the **'What's On'** publications. The **Streaming** is planned and we have a faculty application to enable this to happen.

Of particular significance has been the **website** which is seen as a really strong and professional living site. We have many positive comments relating to quality, ease of use and the professional structure – and now it is used as a leading example by other parishes to consider how they might structure their own sites. It is with thanks the Helen (Sutton) that this has been achieved!

Looking to the future, with retirement looming, Helen is handing over the website management to Sian Hoskins who manages websites professionally. This is in line with our strategic intent to maintain the quality and build on success. So, a warm welcome to Sian.

What we have done a great deal less well is to establish our Social Media footprint. This is increasingly important as it allows real-time connection and engagement with various communities, builds awareness and communicates our values, and provides effective information about the many things that happen at ASC. Consequently, to enable us to move from a ground start to an advanced position we are going to work with Emma McCraith for a given period to enable this to happen. So, we welcome Emma and look forward to the many and various ways we (and especially others) will establish our social media.

Early Worship – Back to the Richard Chapel

With the only way into church, at the moment, being via the Richard Chapel we have experimented, over the last couple of weeks, with moving Early Worship into the main body of the church.

However, those who gather for Early Worship would far rather continue to meet in the Richard Chapel!

Consequently, that is exactly what we will do! From this Sunday the Early Worship is back in the Richard Chapel. Many thanks for all those who gave feedback on this.

Early commers to Parish Mass. If you wish to arrive early (before 9.30am) to prepare for the Parish Mass then feel free to enter church by way of the Alma Vale Road (Randall Room) door which will be open.



All Saints Clifton

Church of England



Two Special Celebrations

We warmly invite you to join us for two special celebrations in the life of our parish.



Friday 26th June

10.00am Mass

Licensing of Mother Nicola Stanley

Please stay afterwards for refreshments.



Sunday 28th June

10.30am Parish Mass

Father Charles Sutton celebrates the 45th anniversary of his Ordination as Priest

Please stay afterwards for refreshments.



All are warmly invited to join us for either or both celebrations.

● ● ● **Friends Together**
at All Saints, Clifton



All Saints and the Friends Together
Supporters are offering
Dementia Awareness Training

led by

Leanne Parkes

*Dementia and Older Persons
Mental Health Advisor
Diocese of Bristol*

25th June 2026
1.30 pm to 3 pm

Randall Room at All Saints.

Would you like to know more
about dementia and how to
support people living with
dementia, please book a free place
by emailing

office@allsaintsclifton.org



Walsingham Pilgrimage: 31 August to 4 September, 2026.

Due to a cancellation, there is one remaining space on the
Walsingham Pilgrimage.

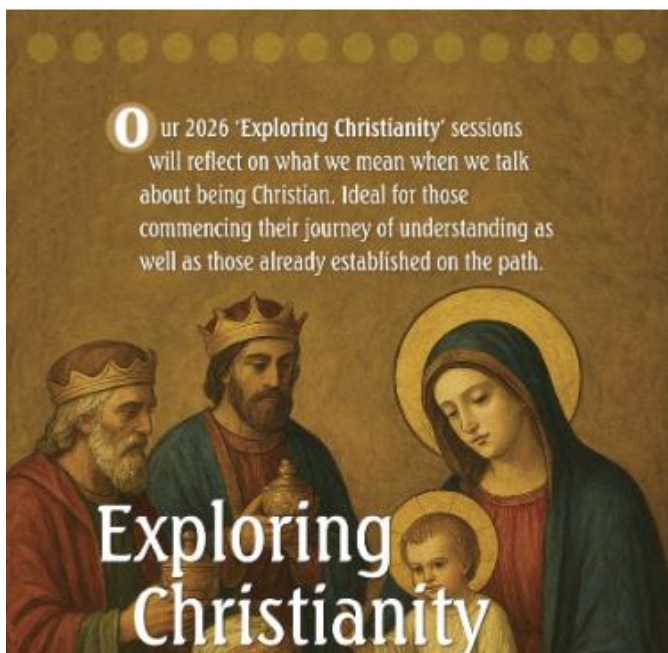
If you would like to join the Pilgrimage or discuss details,
please have a word with Mthr Nicola on Sunday.



B24/7

Despite dreadful weather on the Open Gardens weekend the All Saints gardens were visited by over 70 people. The roses and topiary were featured in the report published on the local B24/7 website. We have Alistair McDonald, our wonderful gardener, to thank for this magnificent display.

The Gert Lush Choir were happy to sing in the church on Saturday .



Our 2026 'Exploring Christianity' sessions will reflect on what we mean when we talk about being Christian. Ideal for those commencing their journey of understanding as well as those already established on the path.

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12.30 - 1.30 (with sandwiches) in the Randall Room after Mass on Sundays :

June 21 God in the Old Testament

July 12 The Sacraments

July 26 Heresies

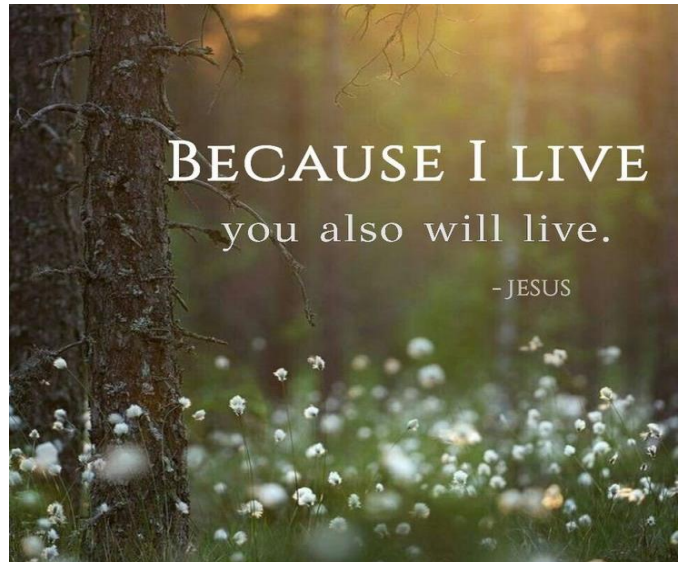
All welcome, at whatever stage of the journey of faith.

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 Ossama & Clare Sader Debbie Gibbs Sara Maitland Jessica Smith Judith Bramall Sue Gaylard-Hughes

Monday

Tuesday.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Friday

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

Saturday

The Departed

Lucille Osafa Antony Keyworth-Berridge Chris Griffin Jenny Oates Brian Davage Jean Payne Jeremy Younger (Pr)

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Margery Caish John McKenna Gordon Eddy Joan Tierney Robert Pyne (Pr) Cornelia O' Regan Sue Barnard

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 22	Alban, First Martyr of Britain 250 Pray for refugees and victims of torture. Much myth and speculation surrounds the Anglo Roman Alban.
Tue 23	Ethelreda, Abbess of Ely 678 Anglo Saxon aristocratic daughter of Onna (King of East Anglia). Retired from secular life and founded monasteries – pray for the religious and for the life and work of Ely Cathedral.
Wed 24	Mass 10.00am Birth of John the Baptist Pray that the Church may have the courage of John the Baptist, so as to constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice and patiently suffer for the truth's sake
Thurs 25	Pray for all those engaged in creating and promoting popular music. Song writers, composers, musicians, 'disc-jockeys', marketers, critics and TV contestants. All who have a power to influence the attitudes and behaviours of young people – that they may do this to their benefit.
Fri 26	Mass 10.00am Pray for those who find media allows them to lift spirit, communicate positively, find help and support. Pray also for those who are bullied or become overly focused on themselves. Social media has the power to do good and harm.
Sat 27	Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria - teacher of the faith, 444. Pray for those working in areas of religious polarization, that faith may become a point of human reconciliation and unity, rather than division.
Sunday 28	Trinity 4 O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal Peter and Paul, Apostles. Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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 safeguarding@allsaintsclifton.org