

ALL SAINTS NEWS

5th July 2026
5th Sunday of Trinity
Dedication Sunday

Administration of Communion at Mass

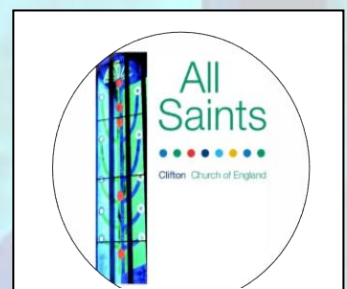
This short piece is to try and explain the ministry exercised by our Lay Ministers and our ministrants. It is a separate ministry from serving. Though a few of our servers have been given permission to administer the chalice at mass, serving and Eucharistic Lay Administration are two very different and separate ministries. It is a very special ministry and should be approached with prayer.

In the Church of England, a Eucharistic Minister—officially known as a **Lay Minister of Holy Communion**—is an authorised lay person permitted to assist the priest in distributing Holy Communion during services, or to take previously consecrated bread and wine to the sick and housebound. In the Church of England, the role of lay ministrant evolved from strict post-Reformation restrictions into authorized modern ministries. While lay people have long assisted with pastoral care and non-Eucharistic worship, sacramental consecration remains reserved for ordained priests.



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The latest ruling on this in the Church of England states:

Who may be authorised:

Any regular communicant may be authorised to distribute the sacrament under the regulations. This includes confirmed children, and also children who are not confirmed but are admitted to Communion under the Admission of Baptized Children to Holy Communion Regulations 2006. Conditions for authorisation as noted above, only regular communicants may be authorised. The person granting the authorisation should be satisfied that the person is a regular communicant and is in good standing. A person should not be authorised where the person granting the authorisation is aware of safeguarding concerns relating to him or her (e.g if the person is subject to a safeguarding agreement). No-one may be authorised without the consent of:

- the PCC (in a parish context);

The new Administration of Holy Communion Regulations came into force on 1st October 2015. They make new provision for the authorisation of lay people to distribute the sacrament at Holy Communion in accordance with Canon B12.

In the early Church the consecrated sacraments were distributed by laity, even children. The oldest account of ancient church going describes the first Christian community in Jerusalem as devoted to 'the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers' (Acts 2.42).

The Eucharist developed from Jewish ritual meals, in which all were active participants. In the early centuries of the Church, Christians respected the eucharistic bread as the body of Christ and symbol of shared communion. They did not worship it. Lay people gave communion to themselves and others. Lay people would take the blessed bread out to the sick.

In the following centuries, the people were distanced from active participation in the liturgy. However, in the Church of England, the role of lay ministrant evolved from strict post-Reformation restrictions into authorized modern ministries.

This lay ministry is symbolised visibly at the mass here at All Saints when at the Agnus Dei the ministrant moves from the body of the church to the sanctuary to receive the sacrament at the altar and take it to the people. Our ministrants wear a white alb and sit in the front pews during mass until they go up to the sanctuary. An ministrant reads the epistle at mass each Sunday. I always think of the account of Mary and Martha where Mary sits at Jesus' feet while Martha works in the kitchen. Here we see the roles of ministry of the Word and of the role of table service, both of which are also diaconal roles.

Some of our ministrants also take communion to the housebound and to the sick, which is a special ministry, it is a pastoral ministry. Our Licensed Lay Ministers/Readers are ministrants as it is part of their official ministry. A Licensed Lay Minister who volunteers on the Hospital Chaplaincy team may have the ministry of taking the sacrament in the form of the host to any patient who asks for it.

Liz Badman



Taizé at All Saints

Sunday, 5th July, 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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An Invitation to visit the Julian Trust.

The Julian Trust (2026 Lent Giving)

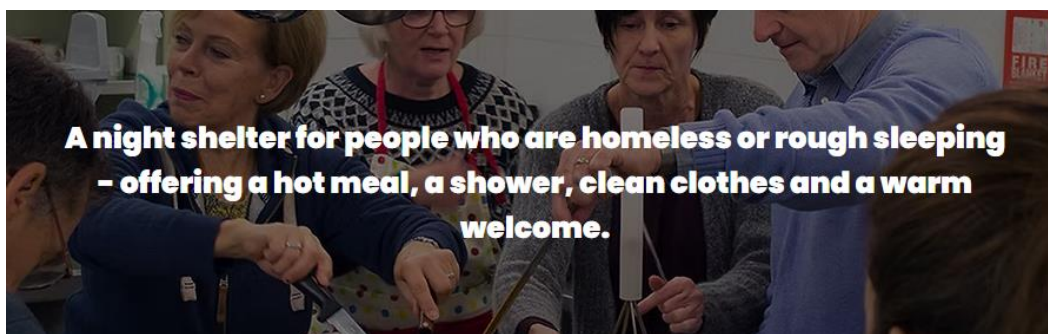


Thank you all very much for your generous donations to the Julian Trust.

If anyone would like to visit the Julian Trust premises, I will be very happy to collect you and take you there. It would, of course, be in the daytime when our guests are not present.

If you would like to undertake a visit, please speak to me at church or call on 01275 814002 and please, please leave a message.

Vera Sanders





As You Like It – Illyria

Wednesday 26th August 2026 – 7pm

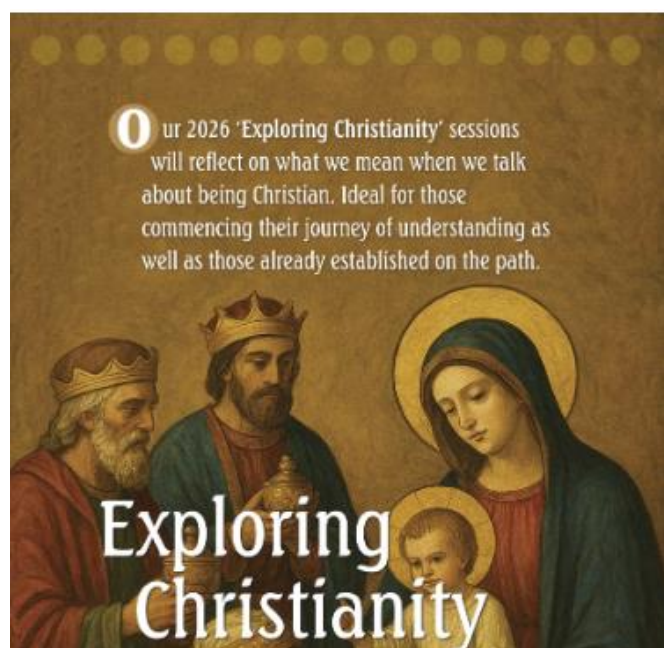
Yeo Valley Organic Garden, Blagdon

Magnus Gordon will be touring the UK with the repertory company Illyria to perform "As You Like It".

The performances are outdoor, starting on July 3rd in Cornwall and ending up in the Netherlands on September 6th.

The nearest venue to All Saints is Yeo Valley Organic Garden on 26th August but you can find all dates and venues on illyriatourdates.co.uk/asyoulikeit2026.htm

Tickets can be purchased from the Illyria website. Bring a picnic and enjoy an entertaining evening out!



Exploring Christianity

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

July 12 The Sacraments

July 26 Heresies

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

Thank You!

Here at All Saints, we are in a season of Anniversaries, Birthdays and Events. This is very much in keeping with the ASC approach and wholly to be approved by the departed Rt Revd Mervyn Stockwood.

Fr Mervyn was introduced to Anglo Catholic worship here at All Saints which reinforced his love of ritual and sense of the dramatic. As you know, he was a flamboyant character, a socialist (and Labour Councillor) and a supporter of LGBTQ+ (not known as such in his day!). He had the capability to see strength in surprising individuals – John Robinson was one of his appointments (*'Honest to God'*, published 1963). Very influential to me (Fr Charles) in the 1970s during discernment.

I digress because Fr Mervyn continues to fund much of our hospitality. So back to Anniversaries:

Licensing of Mthr Nicola.

Thank you for all those who came in support and provided the refreshments. It was great to see so many people and very affirming in terms of Mthr Nicola's Ministry amongst us.



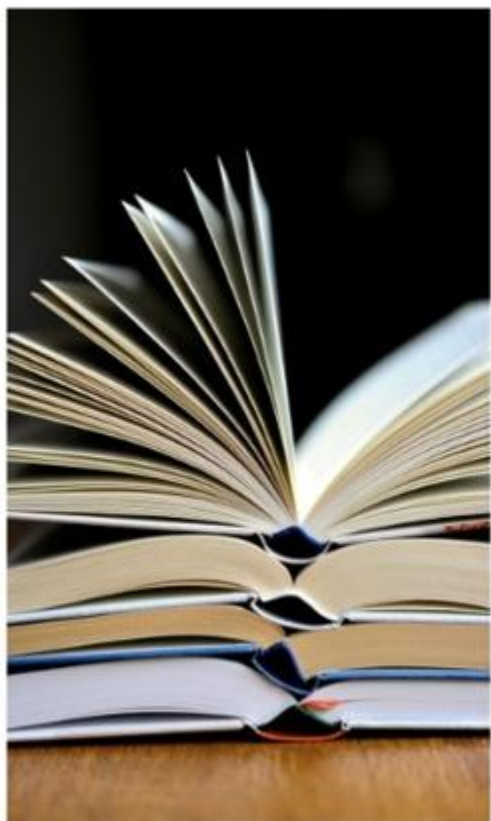
Anniversary of Fr Charles Ordination as Priest (45 Years!)

Thank you, for the good wishes, the cards and so many kind words. I was pleased to hear that my previous National Role as 'Advisor for SSOM' was remembered, as was my Diocesan role as lead for one of the two most successful element of the Diocesan Strategy. Thank you Martin and Bishop Neil.

But mostly, thank you, the worshipping and wider community that makes ASC so very special.

And thank you, Fr Mervyn, working thorough the 'Church and Community' group - who make these events happen to the benefit of us all.





All Saints Book Group

Wed 22nd July 2026, 7-9 pm

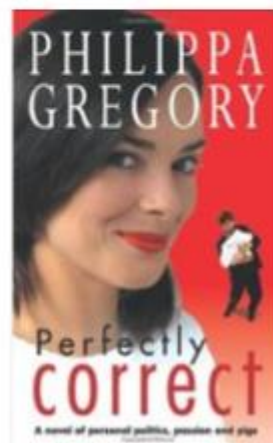
Join us for our bi-monthly All Saints' book group

Every other month, a new book – bringing readers together for lively discussions and great company!

The book for our July 2026 meeting will be:

Perfectly Correct
By Philippa Gregory

Future Dates (all Wednesdays)
23 Sept; 25 Nov 2026



Clifton Church of England



Walks For Everyone!

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

Suitable for everyone, and well behaved dogs are welcome!

Saturday 11th July Walk for All: Arno's Vale to Temple Meads

The walk will take us from the southern edge of Arno's Vale Cemetery, past the Cross of Sacrifice and Sailors' Corner and down the hill to the Bath Road then further down to cross the river using the newly refurbished Sparke Evans Bridge. We will pick up the River Avon Trail and follow it along the river to the University of Bristol's new Temple Quarter development and then to Temple Meads to catch a bus or train back to Clifton. The walk is 3.2 miles long. Even in dry weather some of the paths through Arno's Vale are likely to be muddy.

Meet at 10:30 at the bus stop on the eastern side of Whiteladies Road, opposite Clifton Down Station.

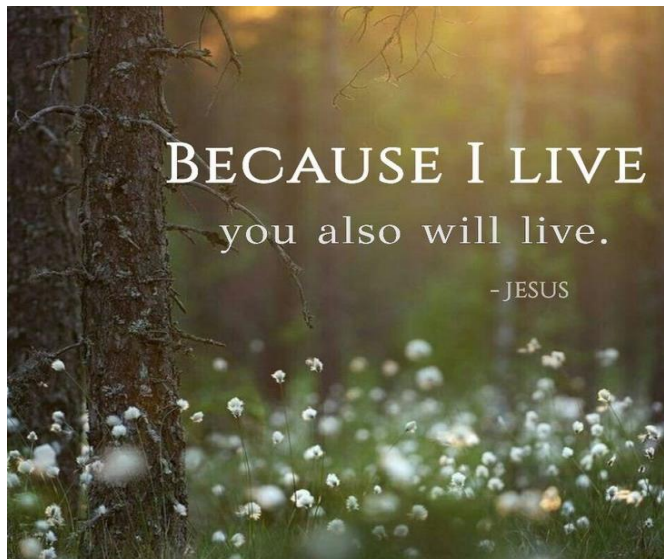
N.B. if the ambient temperature is excessive, the walk may be cancelled.

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 Epinaý Sarah Jean Bradford Ossama & Clare Sader Debbie Gibbs Sara Maitland Jessica Smith 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 Osaía Antony Keyworth-Berridge Chris Griffin Jenny Oates Brian Davage Jean Payne Jeremy Younger (Pr) Judith Bramhall

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Rodney King Edith Metford

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 6	Thomas Moore and John Fisher Reformation Martyrs 1535 Pray for Bristol Royal Infirmary: for medical staff and patients; administrators and managers as they meet the needs of their community. Pray also for the staff and patients at Southmead Hospital and in smaller hospitals and medical care units in the Bristol area.
Tue 7	Pray for refugees and migrants throughout the world. In particular for those journeying in Europe. Remember in our prayers all who suffer from fear and hatred of foreigners
Wed 8	Mass 10.00am Pray for the fast-paced, complex and influential world of news broadcast media; for integrity, bravery and compassion amongst those who gather and present world news and comment upon it.
Thurs 9	Those who teach artistic and creative subjects, their students and those who look at and hear their work. May they give us the opportunity to see our world and our place within it differently
Fri 10	Mass 10.00am Pray for all those who are engaged with information technology – that it may provide ways to further understanding, increase connections and work to the common good
Sat 11	Benedict of Nursia 550 Patron Saint of Europe. Pray for the European Community at this time. Pray for political stability, and that the UK and other nations may be a blessing to all
Sunday 12	Trinity 6 Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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