

ALL SAINTS NEWS

9th August 2026
10th Sunday of Trinity

John Mason Neale; English Anglican priest, scholar Day of Commemoration: 7 August

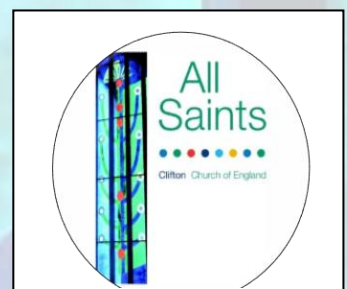
John Mason Neale was an English Anglican priest, scholar, and hymnwriter whose legacy profoundly shapes Christian worship and hymnody today. Born on 24 January 1818, Neale was a brilliant linguist and a key figure in the Oxford Movement, which sought to recover the Catholic heritage of the Church of England.



Because of his High-Church views and chronic ill health, Neale was largely sidelined by the ecclesiastical establishment. He spent most of his career in the modest role of warden at Sackville College, an almshouse in East Grinstead. It was here, however, that his intellectual and creative output flourished. He founded the Sisterhood of St Margaret, an order of nursing sisters that faced initial local hostility but went on to do vital work for the poor.

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Neale's greatest contribution lay in his work as a translator and scholar of ancient texts. At a time when English hymnody was dominated by post-Reformation compositions, Neale looked backward to the rich, forgotten traditions of the medieval church. He single-handedly rescued hundreds of obscure Christian texts from oblivion, translating them from Greek, Latin, Russian, and Syrian into accessible English verse.

His efforts transformed *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, the foundational hymnbook of the Anglican Church, of which he contributed nearly an eighth of the contents. His most enduring seasonal creation, "Good King Wenceslas," written in 1853, set a legendary tale of winter charity to a 13th-century spring carol melody, creating a timeless Christmas classic.

Today, John Mason Neale remains highly important because he serves as the primary bridge between the ancient, undivided church and contemporary worship. Modern congregations across various denominations—Anglican, Catholic, and Protestant alike—continue to sing his words without realizing their antiquity. Hymns like "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," and "The Church's One Foundation" are central to the global Christian calendar because of Neale's poetic skill.

Furthermore, Neale is celebrated today for his ecumenical spirit. Long before modern interfaith and inter-denominational dialogues became standard, Neale appreciated the deep spiritual beauty of Eastern Orthodox and Western Catholic traditions. By integrating these distinct voices into English worship, he created a shared musical language that unites believers across historical divides. His life reminds modern scholars and worshippers that spiritual renewal often comes from a deep, respectful engagement with history.

All glory, laud, and honour

All glory, laud, and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels
is praising you on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
As you received their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness,
O good and gracious King!

Behind the lyrics.....

Behind the lyrics is a story of imprisonment and betrayal; behind the melody is praise from one of the most successful musicians to ever live.

Theodolph (Theodulf) of Orleans was born in Spain in 760. He spent his life in dedication to God, writing poems and preaching sermons. Beloved by many, his influence eventually reached Charlemagne, the emperor of that age who attempted to revive the fallen Roman Empire. Theodolph and Charlemagne became close friends, and Charlemagne appointed Theodolph as Bishop of Orleans. Their friendship lasted many years until Charlemagne's death in 814. Charlemagne's son, Louis, took his place as emperor, and that is when life took a bad turn for Theodolph



Louis, like many of the time, was paranoid of plots to overthrow him, and Theodolph came into the line of fire of this paranoia. In the same year as his father's death, Louis imprisoned Theodolph in the monastery of Angers during a crusade to cut off all possibility of being overthrown. Theodolph largely spent the rest of his life imprisoned, and it was during this time that he wrote *All Glory, Laud and Honor*. Indeed, his dire circumstances brought forth a fuller appreciation of the promise of eternal life that awaited him.

Imprisonment did not treat Theodolph well, and he died seven years into it. However, legend says that before Theodolph's death, Louis ended up releasing the once beloved Bishop of Orleans. According to the popular story, Louis had been walking near Theodolph's cell and heard the bishop worshipping and praying. Upon hearing *All Glory, Laud and Honor* being sung by Theodolph, Louis was overwhelmed with regret for what he had done and quickly ordered Theodolph's release.

How truthful is this story? Uncertain! But what is certain is that the hymn found a way to spread far beyond Theodolph's cell in the monastery of Angers and into our hymnal by way of John Mason Neale.

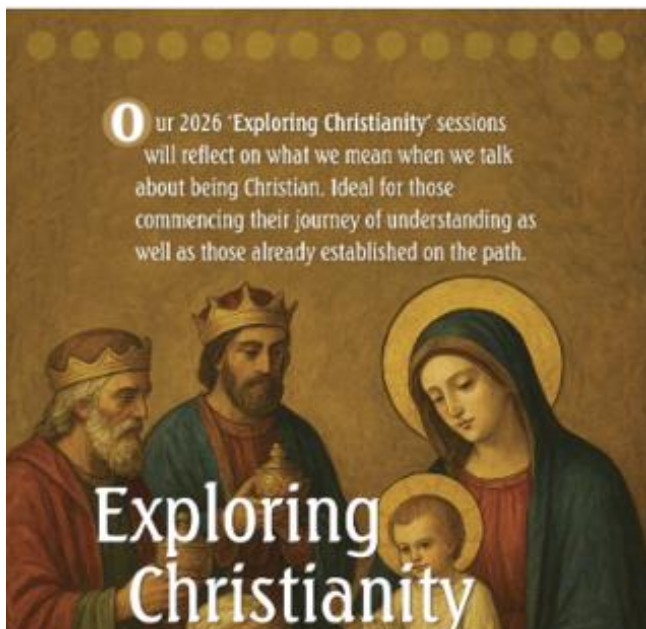


The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 31st of July 2026 and will reopen on Tuesday 11th August 2026

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A priest will be available at the 10.00am Mass
on Wednesday and Friday.



The next sessions of Exploring Christianity have been planned.

All sessions are held in the Randall Room at 12.30 after Parish Mass and a light lunch is provided.

You are warmly invited to attend any or all of the sessions

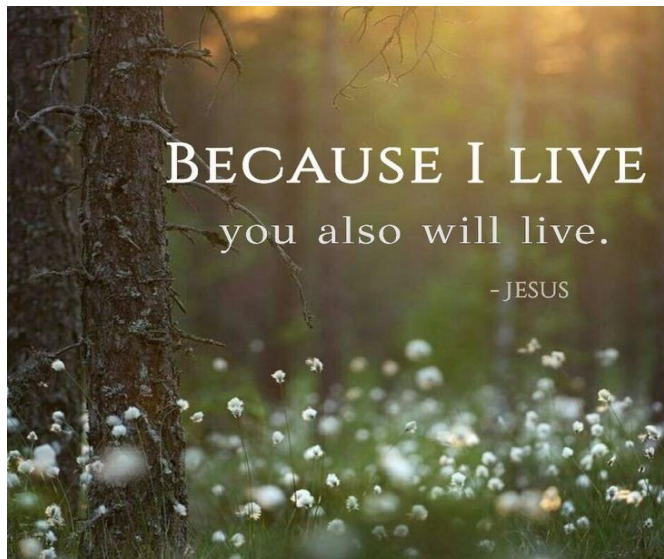
Sunday 11 th October	Prayer: Answered and Unanswered	Fr Paul Hawkins
Sunday 25 th October	Anglicanism	Fr Paul Roberts
Sunday 15 th November	The Sacraments	Mthr Nicola Stanley

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 Georgina Harford

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

Brian Davage Jean Payne Jeremy Younger (Pr) Judith Bramhall Andrew Densham

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Gordon Richards Jessie Bowery Mary Ensor Francisca Tandy Lucie Renée Desenne Derek Baker John Bradley (Pr) Wilfred Gregory Nicholas Turnbull

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 10	Pray for young people – here in our parish and school. Also that all countries take an opportunity to assess their investment in and commitment to youth
Tue 11	Clare of Assisi Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253 John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890 Pray for the Sisters of Clare, the Second Order of St Francis, – living lives in community and giving service where they can. Pray for all churches and parishes that emerged from the Oxford Movement. In particular ourselves here at ASC. Pray that we may reflect the catholic traditions of worship and focus on social need.
Wed 12	Mass 10.00am Pray for all those who get involved in the wellbeing of the next generation of humanity
Thurs 13	Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor 1667 Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace
Fri 14	Mass 10.00am Maximillian Kolbe, Friar 1941 Pray for those who sacrifice their life for another or for others. Sometimes the literal giving of life, but very often the sacrifice of health, wealth, pleasure or opportunity to allow others to benefit and grow.
Sat 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom.
Sunday 16	Trinity 11 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Transferred) Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom. O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30am

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Parochial Church Council of All Saints

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