

ALL SAINTS NEWS

30th August 2026
13th Sunday of Trinity

Lindisfarne – A Place of Christian Heritage

Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary 651 31st August



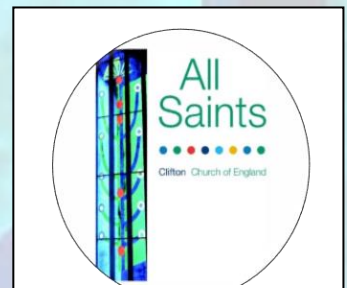
Lindisfarne, also known as Holy Island, is one of the most remarkable places in the history of Christianity in Britain. Lying just off the Northumberland coast, its story reaches back more than 1,300 years and is closely associated with the spread of Christianity throughout the north of England.

In AD 635, King Oswald of Northumbria invited the Irish monk Aidan from the monastery of Iona to establish a Christian mission in his kingdom. Aidan chose Lindisfarne as the home of his monastery and bishopric. From this small tidal island, Christianity spread throughout Northumbria. Lindisfarne became a centre of prayer, missionary work, learning and hospitality, linking the Celtic Christian tradition with the developing church of England.

The island's most famous saint, however, is probably St Cuthbert. He joined the Lindisfarne community in the 670s and became prior before eventually being consecrated bishop in 685. Cuthbert was renowned for his prayerfulness, humility, care for people and love of the natural world. He also spent periods as a hermit, including time on the nearby Inner Farne. He died in 687 and was buried at Lindisfarne.

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Cuthbert has a vision of Aidan's soul being carried to heaven on the night he died, from a version of Bede's Life of Cuthbert.

After his death, Cuthbert's reputation as a holy man grew rapidly. His tomb became a place of pilgrimage, and stories of miracles spread throughout the Christian world. Lindisfarne consequently became one of the great pilgrimage centres of Anglo-Saxon England. It was also a centre of extraordinary Christian art and learning. During the early eighth century the monks produced the beautiful Lindisfarne Gospels, one of the finest surviving manuscripts of the Anglo-Saxon period.

The Christian community suffered a devastating blow on 8 June 793, when Vikings raided the monastery. The attack shocked the Christian world and became one of the most famous events of the Viking Age. Yet Christianity did not disappear from Lindisfarne. The community survived for many years, although eventually the monks left the island, taking Cuthbert's relics with them. His remains eventually came to rest at Durham.

Christian life returned to Lindisfarne after the Norman Conquest. Durham monks established a new priory here in the 12th century, building the impressive church whose ruins we see today. The new church deliberately echoed Durham Cathedral, maintaining the connection with St Cuthbert and his shrine. Pilgrims continued to visit the island, drawn by its sacred history.

The priory was suppressed in 1537 during the Reformation. Nevertheless, the Christian story of Lindisfarne did not end. The parish church of St Mary remains beside the priory ruins, while the island continues to attract visitors, pilgrims and those seeking a place for prayer and reflection.

Today, more than thirteen centuries after Aidan arrived, Lindisfarne remains a living reminder of the Christian heritage of these islands. The ruins, the church, St Cuthbert's Isle and the surrounding landscape all speak of generations who have come here to worship, pray and seek God. A modern monument now marks the traditional site of Cuthbert's original burial place, continuing the island's ancient welcome to pilgrims.

Perhaps Lindisfarne's greatest significance is that it is not simply a place of history. It remains a place of faith – a reminder that prayer, courage and Christian witness can begin in the smallest of places and have an influence far beyond them.

There are two (of a number) Religious Communities currently associated with Lindisfarne:

- ★ **The Northumbria Community**, a dispersed Christian Community scattered across the world yet united in our commitment to a daily rhythm of prayer and a common Rule of Life in saying Yes to Availability to God and others and 'Yes' to intentional Vulnerability before God and others. (Based in Northumberland)

★ *The Lindisfarne Community*, is an independent, ecumenical religious community in the Anglo-Celtic tradition. They are committed to the "new (or secular) monasticism." A friend of the community described them as "A religious order with apostolic succession." (Based in USA)

All Saints Church Pembroke Road Clifton

Saturday

September 5th

4pm

John Humphreys & Allan Schiller

piano
masterpieces
for four hands

by
Mozart
&
Schubert

retiring collection

refreshments

The Sanctuary of San Damiano, Assisi

San Damiano is a very spiritual place which draws pilgrims from all over the world. This was the first church that Saint Francis restored following his conversion, and where he wrote his *Canticle of the Creatures* while he stayed there when he was ill. Saint Clare, whose feast day was celebrated on August 11th, founded her order of Poor Clares here in 1212, together with Saint Francis. It is known as the Second Order of Saint Francis; the First Order was founded by Saint Francis in 1209. It was here that Saint Clare died in 1253, just one day after Pope Innocent IV approved her order.

Saint Clare was born in 1193 to a wealthy family in Assisi, but as a teenager she ran away from home to join Saint Francis' friars at the Porziuncola, a small church outside Assisi itself. Teenage runaways were rather different in those days! She became abbess of the monastery next to the chapel, setting a rule of enclosure and poverty and living by alms alone.

It is well worth a visit, despite all the tourists, and the fact that they tend to ignore signs everywhere requesting silence. When I took this photo of Saint Clare's chapel last month I was alone, and it was very peaceful. Perhaps this was because it was lunchtime and the heat was fierce!



This fresco shows Saint Clare with the nuns of her order, next to the credence recess where the Eucharistic elements were kept

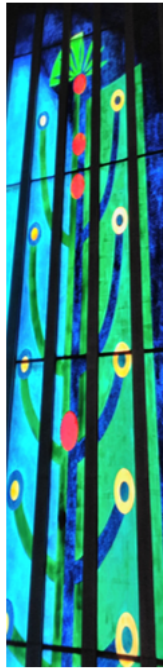


**The Basilica of
Santa Maria in
Trastevere,
Rome**

Santa Maria in Trastevere is another very special place, and one where it is possible to find peace by sitting in the area reserved for prayer at the front. I would encourage anyone visiting Rome to give preference to this basilica over the Vatican; you may be touched by the spiritual atmosphere there, and even feel overwhelmed.

In a recent sermon, Fr Paul Hawkins spoke of experiences of the transcendent - he said that they are moments that can lift us beyond the ordinary and mundane towards a sense of ultimate meaning and beauty. I have felt this several times here, and so have people who have visited with me. Perhaps it is a combination of centuries of prayer, the wonderful frescoes of the apse, or the fact that it is closely linked to the Community of Sant'Egidio, who hold daily prayers there. They focus their work on the homeless, marginalised and refugees, and it was during one of these prayers that, as Fr Paul said, there was a moment when something was revealed that most of the time is hidden. I remember someone from the community coming and asking if I was all right - I was more than all right, I just couldn't speak! Don't be disappointed if you visit and nothing happens - It is still a wonderful place architecturally, and the walls in the portico have ancient early Christian tombstones incorporated into the stonework.

Ruth Baker



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*

24th September 2026

10 am until 12 noon

refreshments available

in the

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



An Invitation to visit the Julian Trust on Friday 11th September

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

A visit to the Julian Trust premises has been arranged for Friday 11th September. It will, of course, be in the daytime when our guests are not present.

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

Vera Sanders



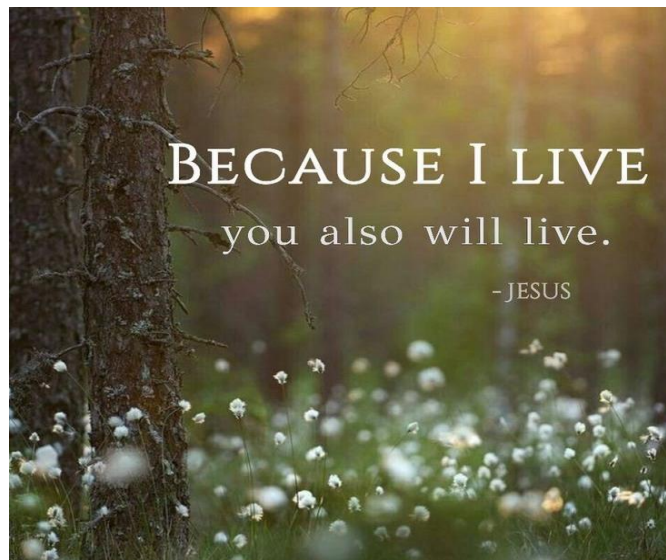
Father Paul Roberts is trying to re-home a cat - elderly, but in good health. (That's the cat, rather than Fr Paul, though he is also fine.) If you know of anyone who would like to adopt a cat, could you call him on 07941 968422.

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 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:

Jean Monro Harold Hanford John Brennand Kenneth Smith Margaret Shatford Bryony Corney

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 31	Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651 Lindisfarne has become a significant place of Christian retreat. Pray for all retreat centres and for those who provide conducted retreats. Also pray for those who attend conducted or private retreats.
Tue September 1	Giles of Provence 710 Pray for those struck by sudden and unexpected misery. For those who face trauma and grief that makes them want to hide from this world.
Wed 2	Mass 10.00am Martyrs of Papua New Guinea 1901 and 1942 Martyrs of Papua New Guinea 1901 These martyrs were murdered savagely by the invading Japanese in WWII. They took a decision to stay and continue the mission work as 'fools for Christ's sake' First day of term. Pray for students, staff and teachers at all our schools – especially St John's Primary School.
Thurs 3	Gregory the Great, Bp of Rome 604 Pray for all who maintain the tradition of liturgy and yet keep it relevant for the time. Gregory was known as the 'father of Christian worship' because of his revision of worship in his day. Pray for all those worshippers across the world and of different denominations that use the same readings and forms of worship each and every day.
Fri 4	Mass 10.00am Birinus , Bishop of Dorchester Pray for those who live in 'new' towns and communities. Places without history that have become established villages or towns. in 1960 Berinsfield (after today's commemorated Saint) was the first English village built on virgin land for 200 years. Berinsfield became the 'dumping ground' for those considered difficult by Oxford City Council. Pray also for challenged and challenging families.
Sat 5	International Day of Charity. Pray for the work of charities, their foundation, employees, volunteers and donors. Remember their causes. In particular pray for a charity of your own choice.
Sunday 6	14th Sunday after Trinity Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth. 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

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If you have any Safeguarding concerns please contact :
The Parish Safeguarding Officers - Caroline Davenport & Janice Callow at safeguarding@allsaintsclifton.org