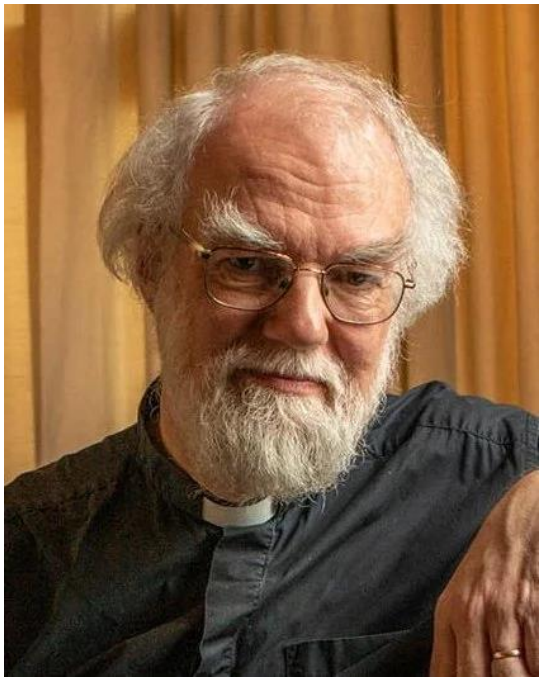
ALL SAINTS NEWS

1st November 2026
All Saints Day

Welcoming Lord Rowan Williams to All Saints Clifton



On the Feast of All Saints, we are delighted to welcome Lord Rowan Williams (Fr Rowan) to All Saints Clifton, where he will preach and preside at our Parish Mass. A distinguished theologian and former Archbishop of Canterbury, Fr Rowan has devoted his ministry to exploring the depth of Christian faith and the Church's witness in the world. Many of us will remember his conducting of the ASC Parish Retreat in 2016.

His visit this Sunday is especially fitting on our patronal feast, when we celebrate the communion of saints: those whose holiness has revealed something of Christ to the world, and whose witness continues to inspire us. And, of course, ourselves, when we recognize that all baptized believers are united through Christ as the Church Militant — actively living out holiness, love, and service in daily life

At All Saints, we rejoice in the richness of our worship and the continuity of the Church's tradition. We look forward to this celebration as an opportunity to renew our calling to holiness, rooted in Christ and shared with the whole company of God's people.

Reception Invitation
Parish Mass will be immediately followed by a reception in church which will include drinks (tea, coffee, non and alcoholic) and a finger buffet

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The Sundays before Advent

The Sundays before Advent invite us to look outwards at the world and inwards at the quality of our discipleship. They remind us that Christian faith is not simply about preparing ourselves for the future that is 'beyond', nor is it an attempt to escape the difficulties of the present time.

Rather, we are called to live now in the light of the kingdom that Christ will bring to fulfilment. We are to be watchful without being fearful, hopeful without being naïve, and committed to justice without losing sight of mercy.

In the worship of the Church, particularly in the celebration of the Eucharist, we encounter the Christ who gave himself for the life of the world. We are then sent out to serve that world in his name. In the words of the Dismissal "Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord" and (historically) "Ite, missa est" – meaning, 'Go, you are sent'.

As our liturgical year draws to its close, the question is not merely whether we believe that Christ will come again. It is whether our lives, our churches and our communities bear witness to the kingdom for which we pray: a kingdom of truth, peace, justice, reconciliation and love.

Five themes might form a coherent spiritual journey through this season:

Theme	**The question for us today**
Watchfulness	Are we awake to the realities and needs of the world?
Hope	Can we persevere without giving in to despair?
Justice and mercy	Whom are we overlooking, and how are we called to serve?
Remembrance and the saints	What have we inherited, and what will we pass on?
Christ the King	What kind of power, leadership and society reflect the kingdom of God?

Summary of November Acts of Worship and Reflections

There is a great deal happening at All Saints during the month of November in terms of Worship and Reflection. This summary is intended to provide a structure across the month that fits with the 'movement' described previously.

Those to Remember:

The lists for those to be remembered at the Requiem Masses (and All Souls) will be available in the Richard Chapel for the final two weeks of October and into November.

Day	Date	Event
All Saints Day	Sunday 1	9.00 am Early Worship 10.30am Parish Mass
All Souls Day	Monday 2	10.00am Mass
Requiem Mass	Wednesday 4	10.00am Mass
Ivor Gurney Reflection	Saturday 7	10.00am to 1.00pm (followed with lunch)
Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 8	9.00am Early Worship 10.45am Parish Mass and Two-minute Silence 5.00pm Remembrance in Music and Words
Armistice Day	Wednesday 11	10.50am Whiteladies Road War Memorial
Requiem Mass	Friday 13	10.00am Mass
Second Sunday before Advent	Sunday 15	9.00am Early Worship 10.30 Parish Mass (with healing)
Requiem Mass	Wednesday 18	10.00am Mass
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	Saturday 21	5.00pm Exposition (one hour)
Christ the King	Sunday 22	9.00am Early Worship 10.30 Parish Mass
Requiem Mass	Friday 27	10.00am Mass
Advent Sunday	Sunday 29	9.00am Early Worship 10.45am Parish Mass 5.00pm Advent Carol Service

Charles and Debbie were married on Wednesday 28th October.

We send them our love and congratulations.

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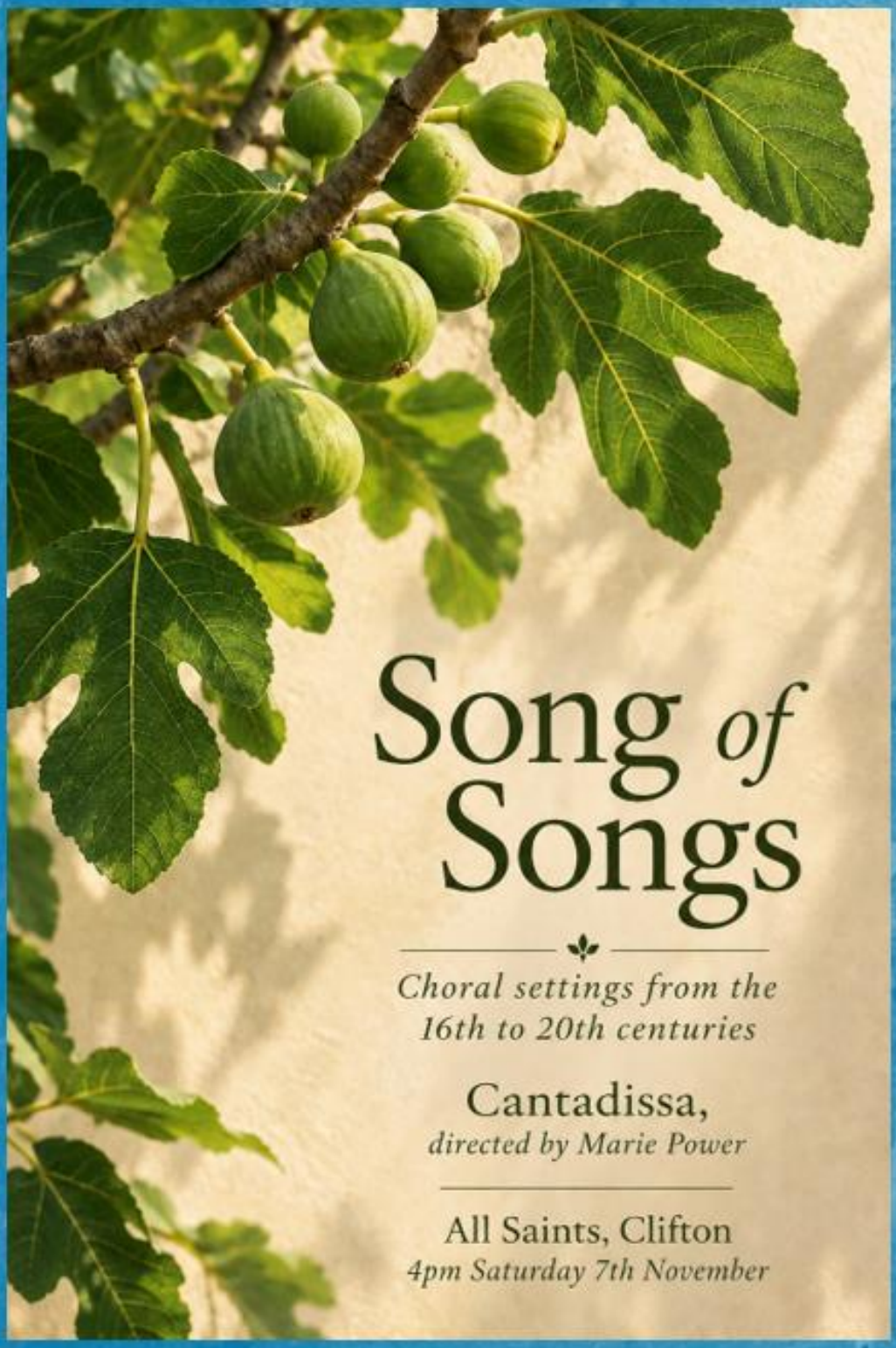
4PM NOVEMBER 7TH

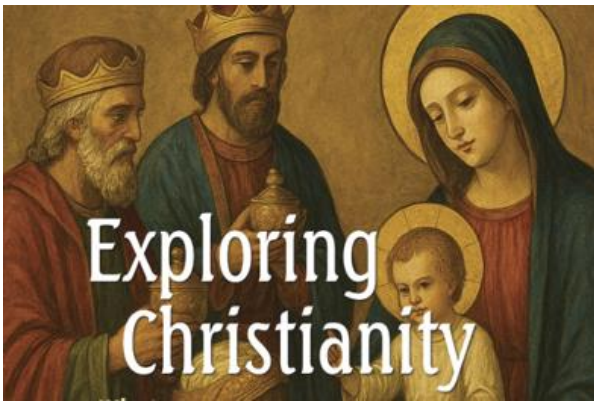


Song *of* Songs

Choral settings from the 16th to 20th centuries

Cantadissa,
directed by Marie Power

All Saints, Clifton
4pm Saturday 7th November



The next session of this popular group
is on 15th November;
Mthr Nicola Stanley explores the Sacraments

A sandwich lunch is provided

HEINRICH SCHÜTZ AND HIS CONTEMPORARIES

Sunday 15 November 2026

6pm

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
PEMBROKE ROAD
BRISTOL BS8 3ED

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

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SAMUEL SCHEIDT

The service for Remembrance Sunday begins at 10.45 am with the two minute silence at 11.00 am.

Remembrance in Music and Words will be at 5 pm on Sunday 8th of November.

An Armistice Day service will be held at the Whiteladies War Memorial beginning at 10.50 on the 11th of November

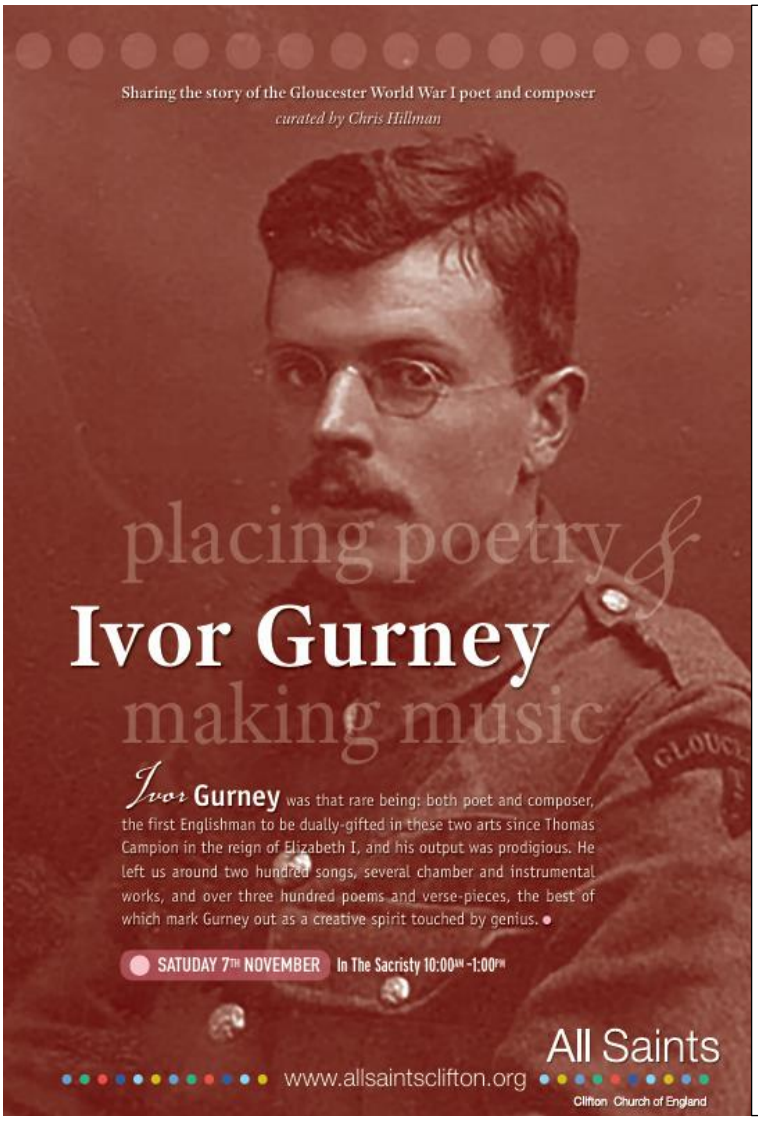
Requiem Mass will be held on the 4th 13th 18 and 27th

All Saints' Walks For Everyone

November Walk: Leigh Woods
Saturday 14th November

The November walk will be through Leigh Woods where the seasonal leaf fall promises to be in full swing. Be prepared for a bit of mud, to be welcomed after the long period of desiccation we endured in the summer.

Meet either at All Saints at 10:15 or at the entrance to Leigh Woods on North Road (what 3words ///glad.arrow.much; ST 5536 7302) at 10:45. Parking charges apply on North Road. "



Gloucester-born Ivor Gurney was inspired to become a composer after hearing Vaughan Williams's Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis at the 1910 Three Choirs Festival. He went on to study at the Royal College of Music alongside Herbert Howells, but his studies were interrupted by the First World War, where he discovered a gift for poetry as a way of making sense of the brutality and strange beauty of war.

Gassed and sent home in 1917, he struggled with his mental health and spent his later years in a mental hospital, still writing about the trauma of the war and his beloved Gloucestershire.

Largely forgotten after his death in 1937, he has since been recognised as a poet and composer of real worth. This morning explores his poems, his music and his love of nature and asks how we understand and care for those who struggle with mind and mood.

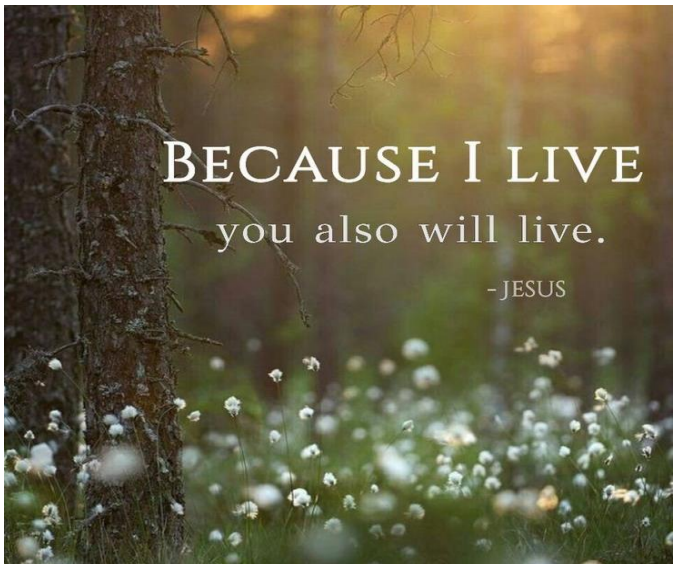
Saturday 7th November 10 to 1 pm
In the , acristy enter via Alma Vale Road.

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 Alex Ross

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

Andrew Densham Victoria Barry Rogerson (Bp) William Ching Georgina Harford Jenny Rogers Fiona Bristow

Years’ Minds - this week we remember:

Nobby Davis Roger Bull (Pr) Jack Ostler John Maggs John Hall Ursula Boulding Myra Lury

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 2	**All Souls Day Mass 10.00 am** Commemorate the faithful departed – of this parish, among our families and friends. Remember those you have loved but are now numbered amongst the Saints. Remember in your prayers all those who have been bereaved this year and held funerals at ASC.
Tue 3	**Richard Hooker Priest 1600** Pray for theologians; the Bristol University Theology Dept., staff and students; Trinity College – staff and students.
Wed 4	**Requiem Mass 10.00 am** Pray for those who are unemployed, for those unhappy in their employment and for those looking for fresh employment. Pray for those who are retiring at this time and are working to make sense of this life-changing event.
Thurs 5	Pray for the ordained and licensed priests and ministers who work in this parish. Those who perform other ministries in this parish – choir, servers, teaching, preaching, administration, sidespeople, cleaner, tea rota, wardens, and the daily office team. Pray for those who do so much for us but are often in the background.
Fri 6	**Mass 10.00 am** Pray for your Members of Parliament - for Bristol, Darren Jones, Carla Denyer, Kerry McCarthy, Karin Smyth, and Darren Egan. May they benefit from your wisdom and guidance.
Sat 7	**Willibrord of York, Missionary 739** The people who live and work in the Netherlands (historically Frisia and the home of Willibrord). May we learn from the government and organization of this liberal and socially tolerant nation.
Sunday 8	**3 before Advent (Remembrance Day)** Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule. **Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass <u>10.45am</u>**

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