

ALL SAINTS NEWS

19th March 2023
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It's optional, but we like it — when the Church's sacred ministers wear rose (pink) on Laetare Sunday — the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

The day's theme comes from the entrance antiphon reflecting on Isaiah 66:10-11: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

Laetare is the first word — meaning "rejoice" — in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Call it pink — or, more fittingly, rose — this change in colour indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the sombre days of Passiontide.

The joy of Easter being around the corner is symbolized in a few other interesting liturgical possibilities. During Lent, the instruction and tradition forbid flowers in the Sanctuary or adorning the altar. But on Laetare Sunday (as well as solemnities and feasts within the season), there's a temporary halt to these penitential observations! Many churches in the Catholic tradition decorate the altar with pink roses.

Historically, marriages were generally avoided during Lent, but Laetare Sunday was often associated as a day when marriages could be celebrated during the penitential season. While marriages are now absolutely avoided on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, Laetare Sunday is still a fitting day for those wishing to be married before Eastertide.

Laetare Sunday is the Church's way of giving us a "shot in the arm" as we approach the darkness and horror of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It's an opportunity to savour and keep in the back of our minds what awaits us on Easter Sunday — the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and that our hearts will always be filled with joy!

Being aware of traditions and customs assists us in celebrating the beauty of our faith.

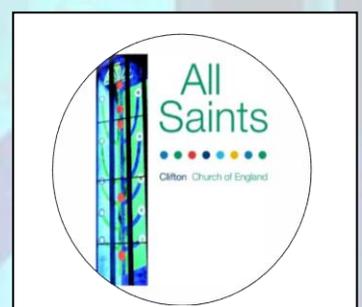
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Mothering Sunday

Each year on the fourth Sunday of Lent, countries around the world celebrate Mothering Sunday. This typically involves lavishing Mums with gifts and attention and celebrating the women who have nurtured us throughout our lives. But with the day becoming increasingly commercialised, how many people are aware of its very different origins?

The Journey to the Mother Church

In the 16th century, Mothering Sunday was less about mothers and more about church. Back then, people would make a journey to their 'mother' church once a year. This might have been their home church, their nearest cathedral or a major parish church in a bigger town. The service which took place at the 'mother' church symbolised the coming together of families. This would have represented a significant journey for many.

A day off to visit Mother

Another tradition was to allow those working in the fields on wealthy farms and estates in England to have the day off on the fourth Sunday of Lent to visit their mothers and possibly go to church too. This was a variation on the theme of visiting the 'mother' church and was a move towards a more family focussed occasion. Before the days of cars and roads, family get-togethers were far more rare, (and facetime was still a long way off). In some ways this tradition is still alive today as grown up children often visit their parents on mothering Sunday.

Simnel Cake

Simnel cake has a strong affiliation to Mothering Sunday as it is usually associated with spring and Easter. It resembles a Christmas fruit cake but should be slightly lighter in texture. The other difference is the two layers of marzipan. Yum. Simnel cake should have a layer of marzipan running through the middle like a Victoria sponge and then another layer of marzipan on the top. Traditionally, you should also roll some marzipan into eleven eggs and place these on the top. The eggs are supposed to symbolise the disciples who followed Jesus – note that Judas is excluded.

The question is, do you boil or bake your simnel cake? Some say it's necessary to do both because of an argument from folktale where two people could not agree on the correct way to cook the cake.

Traditions today

This Sunday, churches around the country will be sharing their own traditions, celebrating and giving thanks to the huge impact mothers have on each of our lives. The main service on Mothering Sunday in churches across the country is central to the life of the church.

The church recognises that the day may be difficult for some people and so it is common place for services to include prayers for those who don't find the day particularly easy.

Families across the country will be preparing little presents and cards and in some churches flowers or natural products (such as seeds) are blessed and handed out during the services.

Families come together to have lunch, or children make breakfast in bed for their mothers, leaving all the mess to be cleared up later! It's all about showing appreciation and many make a huge effort to make their mother feel special.

Church of England 'What Is?'

Sparkling for Easter

Each week a very large number of people come through All Saints, both the church and all our other spaces. We are always open to worshippers and visitors, and we host a wide variety of events. All this is very much part of our tradition and our missional focus.

This great level of welcome has an impact on cleaning and condition – it's a tough task, staying on top of the demand!

Traditionally, prior to Easter, we have a cleaning day when people volunteer to give some time and participate in 'cleaning activities' (and drink coffee, eat cake and engage in everyday chit-chat).

This year the Cleaning Day will be:

Saturday 1 April between 10.00am and 12 noon.

There are loads of opportunities:

- ★ Join the silver team in the Sacristy
- ★ Vacuum with purpose – Atrium, Church, Richard Chapel
- ★ Wipe down pews, railings and other items
- ★ Polish glass and de-web windows
- ★ Waxless Sanctuary floor (old credit card is very useful!)

The more the merrier and the more efficient the outcome.

Please feel free to sign-up on the list under the Tower if you're able to give some time for this activity.

Many Thanks one and all!!



Mothering Sunday

This year we are again celebrating Mothering Sunday in its widest meaning.

So there will be a wee packet of wildflower seeds for everyone to take home, should they wish.

The seeds can be scattered in any suitable place.

The best places are where the soil is poor and unloved - there they will flourish!

Memories and Memorabilia



A Coronation Exhibition 6th- 8th May

What do you remember about the coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth, our late Queen, in June 1953? If you are too young to remember, perhaps you have some older relatives who do! We'd like to have any photographs, news clippings, tea cups, plates, spoons, or any other items. Do you have any memories of that happy day? It would be wonderful if you could lend the items and share your memories for a free exhibition to be held in the Sacristy here at All Saints during the long Coronation Weekend.

We will need your items by Sunday 30 April, so that we have time to arrange the exhibition. Don't worry, care will be taken to keep everything safe and secure. You can email your recollections now so that they can be put into a larger format for display. Thank you.

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All Saints Lent Programme Encountering God

Evening Mass with Reflection
Thursdays in Lent at 7.00pm

23rd March
30th March

Holy Week

Holy Week 2023 will be led by the Archdeacon of Bristol
The Venerable Neil Warwick

Lent 2023: Faith and Art Today

Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham & Redland bring you the last in a series of talks based at Victoria Methodist Church (and RWA), and an art exhibition that explores the 'Articles of Faith' from works in the Methodist Modern Art Collection



Tuesday 28th March 7.30pm One life, several (interlocking) careers:

Clive Hicks-Jenkins in conversation with Rebecca Gibbs.

Clive's arresting artwork 'Christ writes in the dust' features in the exhibition. Simon Callow has called Clive "one of the most individual and complete artists of our time". He talks to Rebecca from the Collection's Management Committee.

APCM and Revision of the Electoral Roll

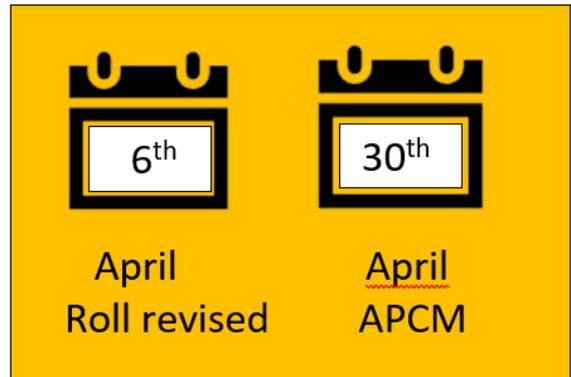
The APCM will be held on Sunday 30th of May 2023 in the Randall Room.

The Electoral Roll is being revised for 2023 Notice is being given and Applications invited from Sunday 19th of March 2023.

If you wish to join the Electoral Roll please complete an application form and return it to the Parish Office.

If there are any other changes or your entry needs updating please e mail the office : office @allsaintsclifton.org.

All changes must be completed by Thursday 6th of April at 10.00am. The revised Roll will be available for inspection from Sunday 9th of April for 14 days.



It is time to update the Electoral Roll before the APCM on the 30th of April.

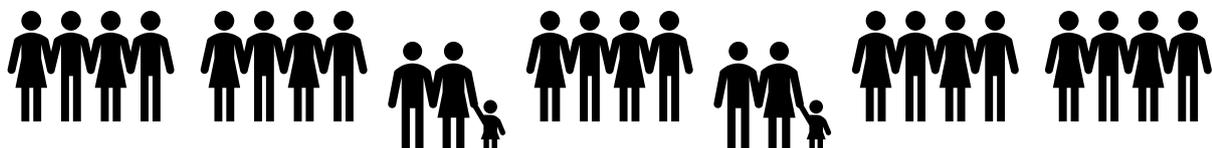
The current 'Name Only' Electoral Roll will be displayed on this and the next two Sundays in the Atrium.

Being on the Electoral Roll enables you to be part of the core processes of All Saints, electing Deanery Synod members to express your views on changes in the whole Church, electing PCC members to support the Clergy in promoting the mission of the church and maintaining its financial stability and identifying members of the congregation prepared to serve as Churchwardens to oversee the daily running of the Church and support the Vicar.

If you would like to apply to be on the Electoral Roll, please complete an application form (which can be found on the desk next to the Electoral Roll) and return it to the Parish Office.

Applications for election to the PCC, proposals for Deanery Synod representatives and proposal for Churchwardens are also available.

The number of people on the All Saints Electoral Roll has been in decline for the past three years. Please encourage new members of the congregation to join so that the Roll fully reflects the All Saints congregation.





All Saints Church Clifton

**Passion
Sunday
March 26th
6pm**



**Fauré
Requiem**

All Saints Choir & Players

The Early Worship team will be building the Easter Garden ready to be blessed on Easter Day. We'd like to involve everyone by inviting contributions during Lent and Holy Week.

We would welcome any of the following:

- ❖ Small jam jars - the sort you get fancy jams , chutney, honey in - essentially with a narrow neck - we are trying to avoid Oasis!
- ❖ Small flat pebbles or stones for the paths. (also good for weighting pots)

- ❖ Small bunches of garden flowers if you can spare them.
- ❖ Small pots (9 or 11cm) of plants eg violas/primroses /daffodils or whatever's around in the shops. (can go in the courtyard or garden afterwards).
- ❖ Bits of greenery from spring pruning and clipping
- ❖ Some places have a tradition of using grasses in their 'Resurrection Gardens'- so those too if you have any.

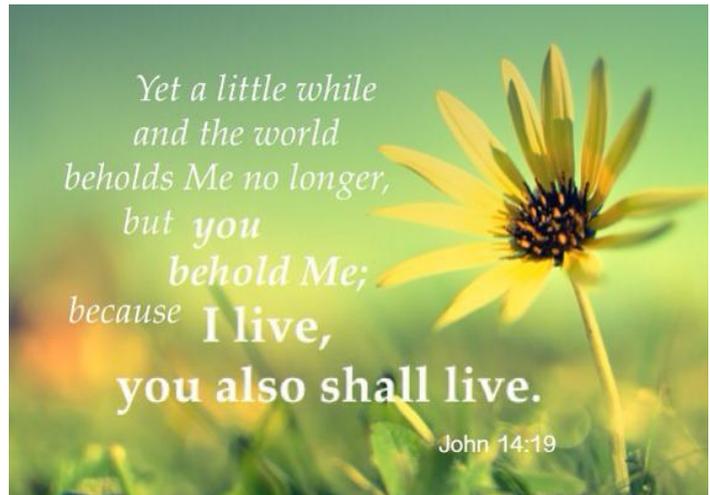
- There will be a box under one of the benches in the Atrium to receive jars/pebbles any time during Lent.
- Live items – greenery, flowers and plants can be left in the box on Good Friday or Saturday am (or for those unable to come in the week small plants could be contributed even on Easter Day and added to the garden.

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 who we remember in our Prayers.

Sunday Tabitha Clark, Ruth and Richard Harding, Katie Norman, Neal Gordon, Joyce Shepherd, Cynthia Ashford Sarah Bradley Sue Hilliar Steve Cooper Ruth Marson Valerie Donkin Ryan Lindsey Joanne Cooper Hugh Barron

Monday

Tuesday. Diana Verity

Wednesday , Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, Samantha Tucker, Hugh Farry Shamin Azad

Thursday

Friday Charlotte Hopkins, Andy & Gina Ford, Elisabeth Morgan, Caroline Semon

Saturday

The Departed

Molly Sharpley James Johnson-Brown Jane Selby Rio Fisher Audrey Huntley Graham Llewelin Tanner Malcolm Davis Jeanne Callow Mileno Graca Rory Young Ros Hawkins Dorothy Bennett

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Gwen Francis Gwyneth James Moya Tandy Mary Harris Catherine McLean George Deverson John Hawley Cynthia Lloyd

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 20	<p>Joseph of Nazareth Pray for husbands and fathers, and for those who work with their hands (carpenters) but also technologists those who make things out of materials. Reflect that in the Judaic/Christian account of creation God makes everything from nothing, and that it was good.</p>
Tue 21	<p>Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop, Reformation Martyr 1556 Pray for those who raise children on their own – single parents. Pray also for those who help and support them in this task – grandparents, neighbours and friends. Pray for those who work to change ideologies, behaviours and shift public opinion. Those who suffer from discrimination or prejudice because of race</p>
Wed 22	<p>Mass 10.00am Nearly every job is dependents upon water. Pray that the right use of ‘the power of water’ may positively transform people’s lives (World Water Day).</p>
Thurs 23	<p>Pray for those who suffer from Tuberculosis (TB), those who care and nurse, and those who work in TB research. The majority of deaths (95% which equates to about 1.5 million people) occur in developing countries – pray for more effective health care in developing countries.</p>
Fri 24	<p>Mass 10.00am Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396 Paul Couturier, Priest, Ecumenist, 1953 Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980</p> <p>Paul Couturier - French priest who was instrumental in establishing Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; studied under Dom Lambert Beauduin and Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. Pray for Christians who are scientists, who in their work find a real or philosophical expression of their faith. Pray for the Bristol Christians in Science</p>
Sat 25	<p>The Annunciation</p> <p>We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection</p>
Sunday 26	<p>The 5th Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</p> <p>Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30</p>

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

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