

ALL SAINTS NEWS

30th April 2023
Easter Four

English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

On May the 4th the Church of England celebrates the witness of the Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era.

What is significant about this day is that we are not simply remembering 'our own' martyrs, those like Cramner, Ridley and Latimer, who died for maintaining adherence to the Church of England in the face of Roman Catholic persecution.

We are also remembering those Roman Catholics who died at the hands of Protestants for maintaining their Faith and allegiance. We are recognizing that there was true Godliness and great courage in martyrs on both sides of that divide, and therefore also recognizing that there was terrible error and great evil committed by those who ordered the martyrdoms on both sides!

It is a salutary lesson in humility; personal humility as one stands in awe of the holiness and courage of those who witnessed unto the point of death, but also corporate humility, humility and repentance for the Church as an Institution as we remember how Christians have turned so swiftly from being oppressed to becoming oppressors.

The Reformation in England

In the early sixteenth century the people of England and Wales, like nearly all other European nations, practiced the Roman Catholic faith. The birth of an independent Church of England was brought about partly as the result of the movement of religious reform in continental Europe that we have come to call the 'Reformation'. Theologians such as Martin Luther in Germany, and Ulrich Zwingli and later John Calvin in Switzerland, protested against what they saw as abuses in the Roman Church (hence the term 'Protestant').



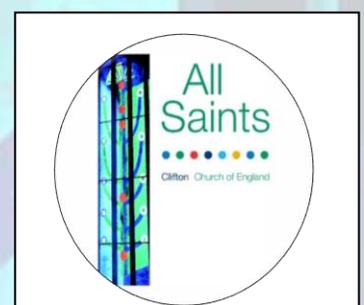
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The Early Reformation in England

In England, the creation of an independent national church was directly powered by political events. In 1527 Henry VIII attempted to obtain a divorce from Katherine of Aragon. When the Pope would not comply, Henry adopted a solution suggested by his advisor Thomas Cromwell that he take the title of 'Supreme Head of the English Church'. Monasteries were forcibly disbanded and images and shrines were destroyed (in attacks known as iconoclasm). Henry's Roman Catholic Lord Chancellor, Thomas More, who had refused to accept Henry's supremacy of the church, was executed and the Bible appeared in English for the first time. However, it was not until the accession of the boy king Edward VI that the English Protestant Reformation touched the lives of the people of the realm more widely. Under a protectorate of Protestant nobles, significant religious reforms were executed in the king's name. A Book of Common Prayer was issued in English and over the period 1547–1553 the structure of church ceremonies was simplified. The appearance of parish churches continued to be drastically transformed; communion tables replaced altars, images were removed, the king's royal arms were installed and walls once filled with paintings were whitewashed.



Return to Roman Catholicism under Mary I

There was an abrupt halt to reform with the accession of the Roman Catholic Mary I. In 1553 Queen Mary appointed Cardinal Pole as Archbishop of Canterbury and the Catholic Mass was reintroduced. Many Protestant clerics left England to study abroad. Others, such as Thomas Cranmer, who was responsible for the first Protestant Book of Common Prayer, were accused of treason and executed.

Religious Reform under Elizabeth I

When Elizabeth I came to the throne in 1558 she reversed Mary's Roman Catholic policies. As the daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, whose marriage had caused the original break with Rome, Elizabeth has been described as the 'literal and biological product' of the Reformation. She may have been destined to uphold the Protestant faith, but the less ardent version of reform she introduced reflected her desire to attain unity with people of varying religious outlooks. As a consequence, the Elizabethan Church pleased neither extreme Protestants nor Roman Catholics.

The Bible and the Book of Common Prayer were republished in English and Queen Elizabeth adopted the title of 'Supreme Governor of the English Church'.

How far, and how quickly people in England and Wales adopted the reformed religion is a matter still debated today. Some parts of England, such as Kent and Devon, enthusiastically supported reform while other places, like Yorkshire, retained strong groups of those loyal to the Roman Catholic faith. Yet, as a result of the relative prosperity and stability that the country experienced under Elizabeth I, the Protestant religion slowly became an accepted part of life in England and Wales.

APCM Sunday

The two Meetings that make up the All Saints Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) are the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (open to all residents within the parish) and of the Annual Meeting of the Parochial Church Council (at which only those on the Electoral Roll are eligible to vote). This meeting is annual and must take place prior to the 31 May 2023.

The All Saints APCM will be held on Sunday 30 April 2023 Randall Room, following Parish Mass.

Advance notice: Date first published on 1 May 2022 and, as required, published **by notice** and **ASC News** since 17 March 2023.

Electoral Roll Revision: The Electoral Roll has been open for revision for more than two weeks, is now closed and will open again after the APCM.

Business of the APCM

- Receive the Annual Report from the PCC. This report will have already been Presented to and Approved by the PCC (11 April). The report contains financial information (the audited Accounts), fabric report, PCC and Officer Membership, Safeguarding Report.
- Receive the Annual Revision of the Electoral Roll (next 'new' roll is in 2025)
- Receive the Bristol West Deanery Annual Report
- Elect two Churchwardens
- Elect maximum of four PCC Members (for 3 years) and one (for 1 year)
- Elect two Deanery Synod Representatives – for three years 2023 – 2026
- Appointment of External Examiner

Placement Students at All Saints

We are hugely fortunate in having Ordinands and those training for other ministries on placement at All Saints. Over this last year Lisa Price has continued her annual placement with us (and Christ Church Clifton) we shall be sorry to see her go to her first parish in June. We shall have more of this later.

We have also had the continuing presence of Sister Teresa over the two years of her time as an Ordinand at Sarum College. She will be made Deacon at Petertide this year – again more of this later.

Over the summer we will have three students on Placement, each following a slightly different path. The first of these will be joining us this week, Helena Whitwell, we warmly welcome her to All Saints.



Helena Whitwell

I'm Helena, married to Chris with two daughters. I work as a doula: providing emotional support for those on pregnancy and birth journeys. A few of my favourite things: Sunny holidays by the sea in Pembrokeshire, sewing and chocolate. I'm halfway through my part time ordination course at Sarum college and really looking forward to getting involved and learning about life at All Saints during May and June.

Deepening Understanding.....

Exploring Christianity, offered by the Diocese of Bristol

Exploring Christianity is a ten-week course to help you grow in discipleship, deepen your faith and explore the Bible.

Do you ever wish you knew more about your faith? Have you ever wondered about how we got our Bible? Do you wish you could answer your neighbours' questions with more clarity? Do you feel you could be more active in the life of your church if you knew more? If so, this course is for you.

There are six modules covering prayer and spirituality, Old and New Testament, questions of faith and doctrine, ethics and the church. Courses are held across the diocese, there are no age limitations and no previous experience is necessary. Come willing to share your experience and to listen with an open mind.

Our Exploring Christianity course is for Christians who are interested in finding out more about their faith. The course runs following the academic year. There is one module per term for six terms but the course can be joined at the start of any term.

Next course dates: Contact Claire Eade at mindevadmin@bristoldiocese.org for more information.

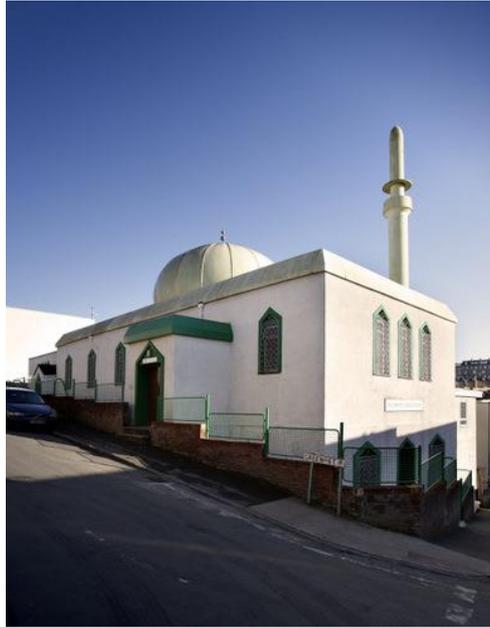
Certificate in Theology, Ministry and Mission, offered by Trinity College Bristol

This course is ideal for those wishing to begin studying theology. With careful time management, it is possible to study alongside a full- or part-time job. The part-time student community consists of a mixture of ages and church backgrounds. A few will be preparing for Anglican Ordination but most will be wanting to explore their Christian faith and deepen their knowledge of God to equip them for their current or future ministry.

An open evening will take place at Trinity on 6 June 2023 – please let Fr Charles know if you are interested in hearing more about this.



All Saints Trip to Totterdown Mosque



Saturday 29 April 2023

Programme:

- 11.50 am Arrive
- 12 noon Tour of Mosque
Followed by talk about Islam and the Mosque with the Imām
- 1.15pm Prayers in Mosque (Duhr Prayer)
Followed by refreshments
- 2.00pm Finish visit

Transport:

Please arrange transport to travel to Totterdown. Parking is available on street, at Tesco (if you're shopping) and at Oxford Street car park.

Address: Green St, Totterdown, Bristol BS3 4UB

Dress code:

Men and women should both dress modestly, in looser-fitting clothing that covers the arms and legs—no shorts or sleeveless shirts for either gender. Women should also bring a scarf. Female visitors to cover their heads, but it's a [sign of respect](#) to have a scarf ready. Makeup is OK.

You'll also want to be sure to wear clean socks or stockings, because you'll be asked to remove your shoes before you enter the prayer area. (Many mosques have a room/shoe rack just off the entrance where you can safely store your shoes and other personal belongings.)

CAMENAE DE CYMRU

ANTONIO VIVALDI

THE FOUR SEASONS SELECTED ARIAS



Kristina
Bitina



Yuri
Savkin



Tabitha
Selley



Ben Creighton
Griffiths



Nichola
Bojczuk



8 MAY 2023
7.00 PM

Insole Court - Drawing Room, Fairwater Road, Cardiff CF5 2LN
BOOK ONLINE www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/453340271957/
Tickets from £15. One child free per adult ticket



● ● Friends Together

A Dementia accessible café – for all.
Support, guidance, information and
friendship. Tea, coffee and cake included.

When? 1st Thursday of **every** month

Time? 10.00am-12.00pm

Where? The Randall Room, All Saints Church

Join us for...

- Reminiscence activities
- Support, guidance, and information
- Tea, coffee, cake
- Fun, laughter – and friendship!



Café Dates 2022-2023

2022

- Thursday 6th October 2022
- Thursday 3rd November 2022
- Thursday 1st December 2022

A special festive Christmas
Café with carols!

2023

- Thursday 5th January 2023
- Thursday 2nd February 2023

• Thursday 2nd March 2023

• Thursday 6th April 2023

• Thursday 4th May 2023

• Thursday 1st June 2023

• Thursday 6th July 2023

• Thursday 3rd August 2023

• Thursday 7th September 2023

• Thursday 5th October 2023

• Thursday 2nd November 2023

• Thursday 7th December 2023

For further information, please call All Saints Parish Office
on 0117 974 1355 or see the website for latest updates.


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Our next Café is on:

THURSDAY 4th May 2023

At 10am-12pm



**This month, we'll be celebrating the Coronation of HM King Charles III
with royal-themed activities, memorabilia and music to sing along to,
provided by pianist Jan Bartlett.**





**The ASC Saturday morning Walks
for Everyone are
on the 2nd Saturday of every month
Everyone is most welcome to join our walks and
friendly dogs are very welcome!**

Our next Walk is on Saturday 13 May

- Led by Tim Dowling
- Trees on the Downs
- Please meet from 10.30am for a prompt departure at 10.45am.
Everyone welcome

A young girl with dark hair tied back, wearing a blue school blazer, is playing a silver flute. She is looking down at the instrument. The background is dark and out of focus.

**Lunchtime
Concert**

Wednesday 17th May, 1.00pm
All Saints Church, Pembroke Road

Featuring pieces from pupils in
Years 7-9

Open to staff, parents and the public.
For more information, contact Mrs Johnson, mjohnson@cliftonhigh.co.uk

Bristol Early Music Festival Workshop for Singers

Saturday 13th May 10:00am – 5:00pm



Bristol Early Music Festival



This year, the Festival consists of one large-scale event: **The 2023 Festival Workshop for Singers**, led by Robert Hollingworth, performing Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *Mass for Four Choirs and Instruments*

For more information and to purchase tickets, see the leaflet in church, or visit the Festival website: www.bristolearlymusicfestival.uk

The Coronation Cream Tea Monday 8th of May 3-5pm



Scone makers of All Saints, we need your talents to produce scones for the Coronation Cream Tea.

Scones, plain or with sultanas please, on the day or to freeze in preparation for this special event that is part of outreach to the local community.

Memories and Memorabilia



As you have seen the banners on the railings in the court yard are doing an excellent job advertising this Exhibition.

We are delighted with the contributions so far. Such interesting things, and such amazing memories. The Bristol film of local 1953 events looks good too.

Now there are three things:

1. Please could you bring your Memorabilia to the **Sacristy on Sunday 30th after Mass**, and on your way up to the Randall Room for the APGM. Caroline and I will photograph each item along with your name so we have an accurate record of who has lent what.
2. We need lots of help! There will be two rotas going up. One for Stewards for the Exhibition, and one for the Cream Teas on Monday. Do sign up on the lists in the Porch.
3. Spread the news - tell your friends, relations and neighbours about this Exhibition and Cream Teas. Do encourage everyone to come!

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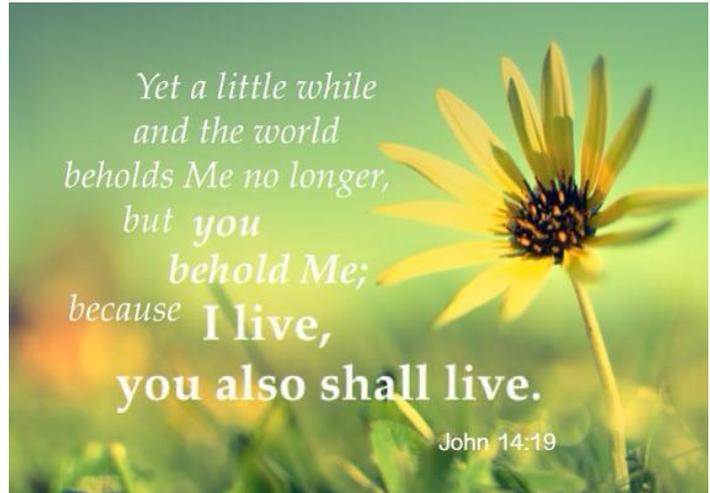
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Prayers Requests

'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 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

Malcolm Davis Jeanne Callow Mileno Graca Rory Young
Ros Hawkins Ron Gale Valerie Donkin

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Ian Cannell Miles Portman Mary Harris

