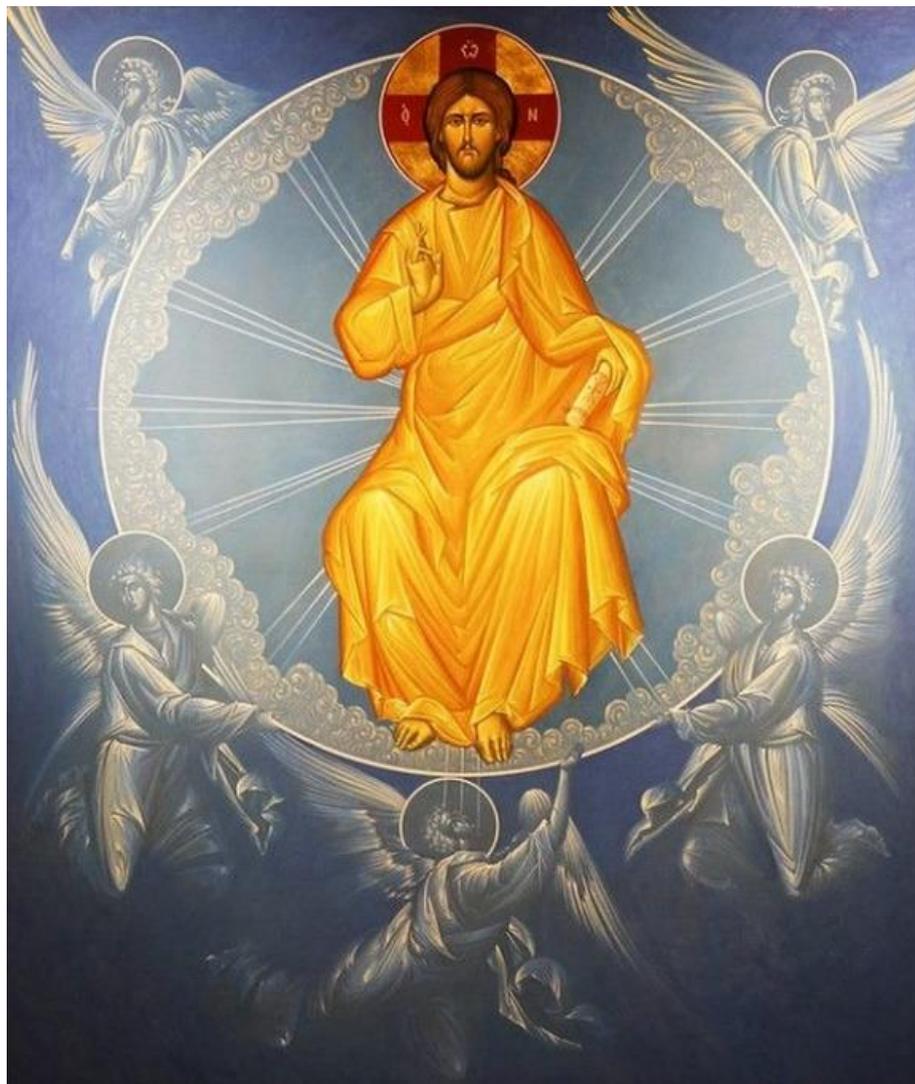


ALL SAINTS NEWS

21st May 2023
Easter Seven
Sunday after Ascension Day

The Novena between Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost

The nine days from Ascension Day to the Eve of Pentecost are the original novena. A special nine days of prayer.



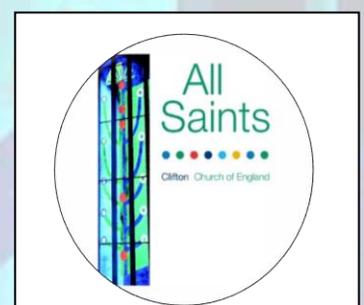
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Before he ascended, Jesus ordered the disciples not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there to be baptized by the Holy Spirit. After his Ascension, they returned to the upper room in Jerusalem where they devoted themselves to prayer. These last days of the Great Fifty Days of Easter can be a time for us to prepare for the celebration of Pentecost. As we anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit, this can be a time to pray for renewal in the Spirit and a time to reflect on the gifts which the Spirit bestows on the Church.

The traditional prayer for the seven gifts of the Spirit, based on the prophecy of Isaiah 11:2-3. This prayer could be the basis for daily reflection on the gifts of the Spirit in the days between the Ascension and Pentecost and the following adaptation of it could be used daily as a simplified novena

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sin, and have raised us to the new life of grace in your Son Jesus Christ. Sustain us, O Lord, in the gifts of your Spirit: give us an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Or, here is a fuller novena, based on the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit. It may be used at the conclusion of the Daily Office or as a separate act of devotion.

A Novena for the Gifts of the Spirit

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort,
life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
where thou art guide, no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee with both to be but One,
that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:
praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

all saints arts concert matinée

All Saints Church
Pembroke Road
Clifton Bristol

**Saturday
June 3rd
4pm**
Lorna Osbon
violin
Matthew Bale
piano
Brahms Sonatas for
violin
G major & D minor

retiring collection tea & cake



Burundi Education Foundation

Following the very interesting presentation by Fr Paul Hawkins and Chantal Ndikumana last Sunday, on the work of the Burundi Education Foundation, there have been enquiries about making a donation to the Foundation.

If you would like to make a donation, the bank details are below

Metro Bank
Burundi Education Foundation
Account number 22665655
Sort code 23-05-80

Chantal's email is ndikumanachantal@gmail.com if you wish to contact her directly for more information.



PARISH RETREAT 2023

Fifteen of us arrived at Llangasty Retreat House around tea-time on the 12th May. The final stage of the journey was down narrow single track lanes with beautiful overgrown hedgerows, our destination for the next two days, a large Victorian vicarage.

We were greeted warmly by Janet, who runs the house, and also Sheila the administrant, and we found our bedrooms. Downstairs the house has a large sitting room with an enormous window looking out over a field to the lake and the mountain beyond, also a well-stocked Library and the dining room which is a conservatory with views again to the lake and mountain. The new extension downstairs is home to the Chapel, which was consecrated by ++Rowan Williams in 2000, and also two well designed accessible rooms. Upstairs there are sixteen bedrooms, some of which are large and have two beds, some are smaller and some little more than large cupboards!

Our retreats follow a pattern of Daily Offices, Midday Mass on both days, five addresses over the two days and three meals a day, and lots of free time to meditate, go for walks or maybe sleep. This year Brendan sang Compline to Plainsong on both evenings, which was beautiful.

Our Retreat Conductor, Fr Neil Kelley, was Excellent and led us in a deeply spiritual journey on the theme *Homecoming*, based loosely on Henri Nowen's book on the Prodigal Son. For each address we heard music (recordings): *In My Room* – Beach Boys; *How Can I Make You Understand* – Fiddler on the Roof; *God on High Hear My Prayer* – Les Miserables; *Going Home, Going Home* – Paul Robeson; *I wish I Knew How it would feel to be free* – Nina Simone. The addresses were gently led, but very thought provoking and gave us much to meditate on.

It was a relaxing time, the weather was warm and sunny, and the constant changing light on the trees and the mountain was beautiful. We were well looked after, and the food was good and there was plenty of it.

One thing, amongst others, that Fr Kelley said that stands out for me is

The Past is History, the Future is a Mystery, and the Present is a Gift.

We are planning to go to Llangasty again next year during May. This will be the last retreat that I will organise, so maybe someone will feel inspired to take over the running of the retreat and bring fresh ideas.

Liz Badman

The Bristol Early Music Festival
Choral Workshop 2023



Saturday's Choral Workshop was a great success.

65 singers, 16 instruments – all in perfect harmony!



The Workshop ended with a performance of
Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *Mass for Four Choirs and Instruments*

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 5th - 8th SEPTEMBER 2023

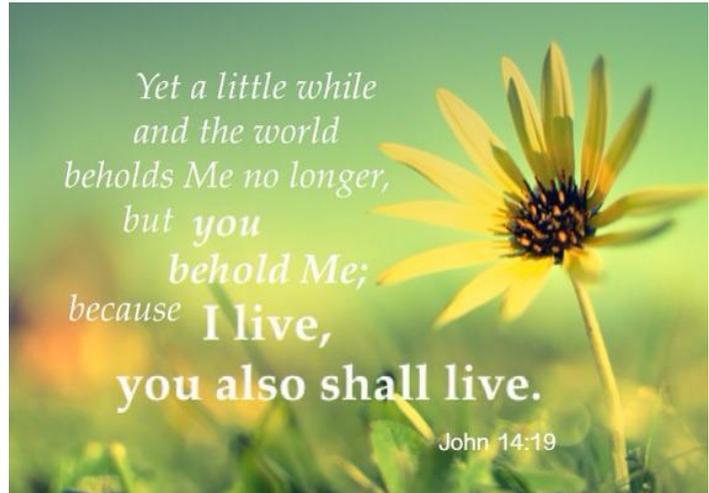
Holy Trinity, Horfield, are organising the above pilgrimage and have a few spare places available. If you are interested, please contact Caroline Plance in the first instance on cjplance@gmail.com

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 Mary Greenacre Jocelyn and Jack

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 Hugh Barron Chris Benton Rene Bloxham.

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Gwen Mason Geraldine Bell Terence Heller Eric Bird Maurice Tucker Pr Elizabeth Davies
Peter Cobb Pr Violet Marshall Henry Burrough

