ALL SAINTS NEWS

11th June 2023 St Barnabas

Who Was St Barnabas?



Barnabas was one of the very earliest followers of Jesus and a leader of the early church. His story is told in the Acts of the Apostles and he is also mentioned in some of Paul's letters. Originally called Joseph, he was given his new name of Barnabas by those who knew him well, it means 'son of encouragement'. His new name certainly fits what we know of his character and actions.

Barnabas was willing to give

We first hear of Barnabas in the New Testament due to his simple act of stewardship and sharing. He sold land he owned and donates the proceeds to the church to be used to support the poor.

Barnabas was courageous in God's service

When Paul came to Jerusalem after his conversion, most of the Christians there wanted nothing to do with him for they had known him as a persecutor of Christians. But Barnabas, guided by God was willing to take a calculated risk on Paul. He sought Paul out, spoke with him, and having weighed him up, vouched for him. We owe much of our New Testament to the work of Paul and in his preaching and evangelism he was used by God in the creation of many of the early Christian communities. Imagine if Barnabas had not been willing to obey God's call?

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Barnabas was generous and compassionate

Later, Paul and Barnabas travelled far and wide, sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus. On one journey they took a young man called Mark with them. This travelling ministry was tough and dangerous; they literally were risking their lives. Part way, Mark turned back. When Paul and Barnabas were about to set out again, Barnabas suggested taking Mark along again. Paul was against it, saying that Mark was not dependable. But Barnabas wanted to give Mark a second chance, and so he and Mark went off on one journey, while Paul took Silas and went on another. Apparently, Mark responded well to the trust given him by Barnabas, the "son of encouragement," since we find that Paul recognises the change in Mark and later speaks of him as a valuable assistant.

Barnabas rejoiced in what God did in and through other people

Barnabas, who became one of the leaders of the Church was asked to help in the growth of a new congregation in Antioch. He didn't arrive thinking he'd whip them into shape, instead we read, 'he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion.'

Barnabas called Paul over to help in this work at Antioch and both he and Paul grew in their faith and ministry. And the Church grew too: a great many people became Christians – indeed it was here at Antioch that the followers of Jesus were first called 'Christians'. Born in Cyprus, Barnabas also died there in AD 61 when he was martyred for his faith. He stayed faithful and willing to give everything right to the end.

We celebrate his life and example on his feast day which is 11th June.

Bristol West Deanery Chapter – Goes to Waste



Bristol West Deanery covers a large and diverse geography. One significant element of this is the industrial area, it is known as **Avonmouth Severnside Enterprise Area** and is of international significance. It covers five miles along the Severn Estuary and provides an easily accessible location for large-scale industrial, distribution, energy and waste producing sectors.

As part of the process in building relationships with the businesses established in the area Bristol West Chapter visited **Wessex Water**. And when we say 'water' thing sewage - rather than drinking. More delicately termed 'Water Recycling', this plant treats 888 million litres of sewage from 2.9 million customers every day before releasing back to the environment.

Currently, matters associated with the frequency of 'storm overflow' and infrastructure investment are very much in the media and this was a valuable experience to learn more about the checks and balances associated with the process. It is important that the church has a voice on matters of importance and is well informed.

The relationship with Wessex Water is also of consequence at a local level. Through the social justice ministries of St Andrew's Avonmouth, St Peter's Lawrence Weston and **Bristol North West Foodbank** we have been cultivating relationships with the businesses and industry surrounding Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston with about 35,000 employees.

This has resulted in really positive connections and in particular financial support for Bristol North West Foodbank and numerous companies engaging with this charity in practical ways.

Our very close links with Wessex Water have grown out of the tragic incident that happened in December 2020 at the **Avonmouth Sewage and Energy Regeneration Works**. Our continuing partnership with Wessex Water is borne out of our common desire to help bring transformation to the local people through our social justice ministries, in particular through Bristol North West Foodbank and the Space4makers Workshop.

All at Sea

Frs Charles, Paul (H) and Paul (R), and several others, were at sea in the Solent!



Through the generosity of one of our number, Andrew Morgan MBE, we were given a 'fun day out', a charity auction item. The charity was 'Penny Brohn UK' a health and wellbeing charity providing cancer care for your mind, body, emotions, heart and soul.

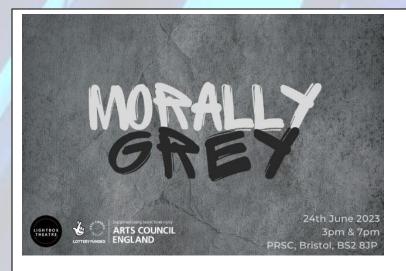
The auction item procured was the charter of 'High Speed Launch 102' (HSL102 – 'The Spitfire Launch'). This was one of a fleet of boats the RAF used for air-sea rescue of pilots from the Channel and Mediterranean in WWII, capable of moving at 40 knots. Approximately 13,00 aircrew were saved from the sea by this fleet and this single boat rescued 38 from the Channel.





Andrew Morgan is very active in the support of a variety of charities through '*Crown Church & Arts'*. The focus this year is Bristol Dementia Action Alliance (BDAA), a non-profit making, community-based organisation, mostly resourced by volunteers, that aims to make Bristol a dementia friendly community.

Thank you Andrew!



Performed and written by The Lightbox Theatre in St Pauls:

Saturday 24 June

at

People's Republic of Stokes Croft in Jamaica Street 3pm <u>and</u> 7pm – lasts around 40 minutes Tickets: £5.00

Performing in the play and co-author is Marcus Hadley (son of Fr John and Rachel). Tickets available through Fr John or on-line from: https://lightboxtheatre.co.uk/productions/morally-grey/

Brendan Clover
invites you to celebrate the 40th Anniversary
of his Ordination to the Priesthood
at a **Solemn Mass**on Sunday 25th June
at the
Parish Church of
St John the Evangelist,
Queens Road,
Clevedon
at 10.30am
and to refreshments afterwards



The Julian Trust Towel Alert!!



We are short of towels for our guests to enjoy the shower facilities at the Julian Trust. Please, if you can supply a spare towel, we would be very grateful.

A collection point will be available in the Atrium. Thank you.

The ASC Saturday morning Walks for Everyone are on the 2nd Saturday of every month.

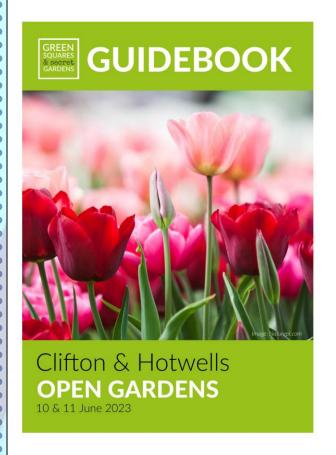


Our next Walk is on Saturday 10th June

Meet at ASC for a prompt 10.45 start.

As it is Clifton Open Gardens weekend, we will walk down to Dowry Square to start our garden visits. There are several lovely, interesting and hidden gardens to visit on our way back up. Tickets (we can buy on our way) cost £5, giving us access to all the gardens for both Saturday and Sunday.

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The beautiful All Saints gardens will be open as usual for the Green Squares and Secret Gardens weekend. The gardens and church will be open between 10am and 5pm each day, with the church closed for Sunday Mass.

The weekend will include a special matinee a by the popular Fitzhardinge Consort on Saturday 10th at 5.00pm. Open Gardens ticket includes the concert but there will be a collection at the end to support the work of the choir.

If you are able to offer some time to host during the weekend please sign up on the rota in the porch.

Enjoy sustainable floral designs set to music at two special events.

'An English Country Garden' on Saturday 17th June, 'Summer Flowers and Music' on Saturday 12th August



Tickets are available on line at Eventbrite

Search www.eventbrite.com/e/an-english-country-garden

Come and enjoy watching two talented floral designers, Pam Lewis and Lucy Ellis, at work whilst listening to a selection of live music played on piano and flute in the beautiful church of All Saints, Clifton in Bristol. Then learn how these designers have embraced sustainability by using locally grown seasonal English blooms and eco-friendly alternatives to traditional foam and mechanics to create their stunning arrangements.

'An English Country Garden' will be using flowers grown by community enterprise Elm Tree Farm in Stapleton, Bristol. Elm Tree Farm is part of Bristol-based charity Brandon, and provides opportunities for adults with learning disabilities and autism to gain work skills and access vocational training. All the profits from the day will go to Elm Tree Farm to support their work.

The demonstration will last from 4 pm to 5 pm. After the performance you will have the opportunity to meet the designers and musicians over drinks and nibbles and learn more about Elm Tree Farm. There will also be stalls to browse both before and after the demonstration. If the weather is good, visitors will also be able to explore All Saints' delightful secret garden.

If you are available to help with refreshments for this event at 5.00pm or offer to make a cake or scones please speak to Annette.

Thank you.

Bristol Friends of WNO

Wednesday 14th June

All are welcome to the Apostle Room at Clifton Cathedral for

An Evening of Popp

Lucia Popp had a beautiful, warm soprano voice with a phenomenal range although, incredibly, she initially sang as a mezzo soprano. She made her name singing the Queen of the Night in the Klemperer recording of *The Magic Flute* and subsequently had a very successful career until her premature death at the age of 54. Her extensive repertoire encompassed not only opera (including many Mozart roles) but also operetta, oratorio and lieder. Ian Cartwright will illustrate her excellence in all these genres while focussing on her many operatic achievements, ranging from Handel to Janáček.

The evening will begin with a short Annual General Meeting.

6.45 for 7.15 pm Refreshments available Easy parking

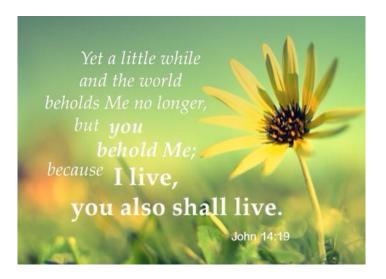
WNO Friends £8 Visitors £10 Tel: 01934 842014 melaniejdavid@btinternet.com for details

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, Jocelyn and Jack Neal Gordon, Joyce Shepherd, Cynthia Ashford Sarah Bradley Sue Hilliar Steve Cooper Ruth Marson Ryan Lindsey Joanne Cooper Mary Greenacre Jocelyn and Jack Charlotte Essex Lorna Osbon Nadine Benn.

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 Hussein Lucus Helen Campbell

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Monty Beacham Dee Cirdland Alan Rundle Patricia Handford Brian Callow Molly Gapes Diane Clover Max Cameron Mary Barty

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 12	Pray for the many thousands of young people who will be attending music festivals this summer. Pray for Christians who offer a place to be, friendship and support in "Spirit/Faith Zones" during these events.
Tue 13	Pray for those working with refugees at international, national and local levels. Pray for welcome, understanding and friendship in local communities where refugees seek what might become "home."
Wed 14	Mass 10.00am Richard Baxter, puritan divine 1691. Today is the anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire in North Kensington, London. Pray for those who live in and with the aftermath of the fire, in grief, loss and anger, and those who support them.
Thurs 15	Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941 Pray for children and young people who will go into Care today: for courts, social workers, parents and foster parents as they strive to put vulnerable children first.
Fri 16	Mass 10.00am Many of us take our food and its variety for granted, pray for those working to ensure food production for the poorest areas of the world in a way which encourages self-sufficiency and healthy eating.
Sat 17	Samuel and Henrietta Barnet, Social reformers 1913, 1936. Pray for those who continue to work for social reform: for individuals, agencies and charities working with the very poorest in our communities. Remember Sisters Teresa and Rosie and their work here in St.Pauls.
Sunday 18	2 nd Sunday after Trinity Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord
	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

