

ALL SAINTS NEWS

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Archbishop of Canterbury's Statement on the Church of Uganda

The Background:

The Archbishop of Canterbury, as one of the four Instruments of the Anglican Communion, has written to the Primate of the Church of Uganda, Archbishop Stephen Kaziimba, urging him to think again about his support for Uganda's new Anti Homosexuality Act. Archbishop Justin Welby said that the Church of Uganda's support for the Act is "a fundamental departure from our commitment to uphold the freedom and dignity of all people."

The Church of Uganda, like the other 41 regional, national and pan-national churches that make up the Anglican Communion, is autonomous and independent-yet-interdependent. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the three other Instruments of the Anglican Communion – the Lambeth Conference, the Primates' Meeting and the Anglican Consultative Council – has no power to tell provinces or primates what to do.

The Letter:

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, said today:



"I have recently written to my brother in Christ, the Primate of Uganda, Archbishop Stephen Kaziimba, to express my grief and dismay at the Church of Uganda's support for the Anti-Homosexuality Act. I make this public statement with sorrow, and with continuing prayers for reconciliation between our churches and across the Anglican Communion. I am deeply aware of the history of colonial rule in Uganda so heroically resisted by its people. But this is not about imposing Western values on our Ugandan Anglican sisters and brothers. It is about

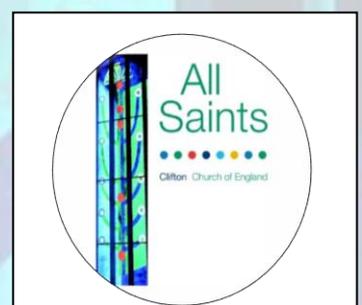
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reminding them of the commitments we have made as Anglicans to treat every person with the care and respect they deserve as children of God.

“Within the Anglican Communion we continue to disagree over matters of sexuality, but in our commitment to God-given human dignity we must be united. I have reminded Archbishop Kaziimba that Anglicans around the world have long been united in our opposition to the criminalisation of homosexuality and LGBTQ people. Supporting such legislation is a fundamental departure from our commitment to uphold the freedom and dignity of all people. There is no justification for any province of the Anglican Communion to support such laws: not in our resolutions, not in our teachings, and not in the Gospel we share.

“The Church of Uganda, like many Anglican provinces, holds to the traditional Christian teaching on sexuality and marriage set out in Resolution i.10 of the 1998 Lambeth Conference. That resolution also expressed a commitment to minister pastorally and sensitively to all – regardless of sexual orientation – and to condemn homophobia. I have said to Archbishop Kaziimba that I am unable to see how the Church of Uganda’s support for the Anti-Homosexuality Act is consistent with its many statements in support of Resolution i.10.

“More recently, at the 2016 Primates Meeting in Canterbury, the Primates of the Anglican Communion "condemned homophobic prejudice and violence and resolved to work together to offer pastoral care and loving service irrespective of sexual orientation." We affirmed that this conviction arises out of our discipleship of Jesus Christ. We also “reaffirmed our rejection of criminal sanctions against same-sex attracted people” – and stated that “God's love for every human being is the same, regardless of their sexuality, and that the church should never by its actions give any other impression.”

“These statements and commitments are the common mind of the Anglican Communion on the essential dignity and value of every person. I therefore urge Archbishop Kaziimba and the Church of Uganda – a country and church I love dearly, and to which I owe so much – to reconsider their support for this legislation and reject the criminalisation of LGBTQ people. I also call on my brothers in Christ, the leadership of GAFCON and the Global South Fellowship of Anglican Churches (GSFA), to make explicitly and publicly clear that the criminalisation of LGBTQ people is something that no Anglican province can support: that must be stated unequivocally.

“As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to honour the image of God in every person, and I pray for Anglicans to be uncompromising and united in this calling.”

9 June 2023

All Saints is an Inclusive Church

Here at All Saints, we are one of a network of churches (now six in Bristol) who have signed up to and share an inclusive vision:

“We believe in **inclusive church** – a church which **celebrates and affirms every person** and does not discriminate.

We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of **disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.**

We believe in a Church which **welcomes and serves all people** in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.”

Clearly this vision extends far beyond gender identity and sexuality. It is worth our while reminding ourselves how far it embraces all diversity, and how often such issues are hidden, and what this actually means in terms of our behaviour and attitudes.

Sadhu Sundar Singh [1889 – 1929] Holy Man, Evangelist, Teacher of Faith Day of Commemoration 19th June



Sundar was born into a Sikh family in Punjab where he grew up questioning Christianity & Hinduism. Sikhism is a sect within Hinduism that teaches belief in one God and rejects the caste system and idolatry. But, in his deepest sorrow, in the darkest of nights, Sundar saw Jesus in a vision and his life was never the same again! Like Paul the Apostle, from opposing Christianity he found Christ and discovered what it truly meant to be a Christian.

Sundar attended an American Presbyterian Mission school where the New Testament was read daily as a textbook. He refused to read it because he thought it was false and yet something about the gospel always attracted him. His crisis of faith took over when he was fourteen, his mother passed away. He was very close to his mother and her passing left a deep void in his heart, he desperately longed for peace, and in his outrage, he even burnt a Bible.

However, after becoming a Christian he strongly believed in spreading the hope & peace he found in the gospel, to Indians in an Indian way. Like Jesus, he had no possessions and called the road his home. Stories are still told of the amazing miracles that God did through Sundar. Though there have been many life-threatening attempts to poison him, imprison him and stone him, but there have been even more miracles.

He stood out from other Christians as he always wore a saffron turban and a saffron robe. He was known as, "the apostle with the bleeding feet" for he walked far and long.

From the northern mountains of Shimla & Tibet to the southern plains of Tamil Nadu. He has also preached in Ceylon and in other nations around the world.

"The true Christian is like sandalwood, which imparts its fragrance to the axe which cuts it, without doing any harm in return..."

'Our Daily Bread' Committed to the life changing nature of the Word of God

Soon to be: The Revd. Lisa Price and The Revd. Sister Teresa Mary

We pray for the future ministry of Lisa and Teresa as they are made Deacon this Pentecost and we wish them every blessing.



We hold in our hearts the words of the Bishops, from the Ordinal:

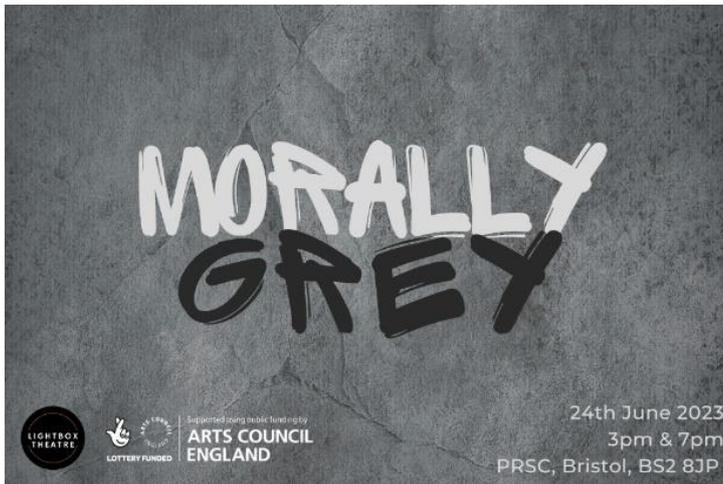
Send down the Holy Spirit on your servants Lisa and Teresa for the office and work of a deacon in your Church.

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father, give these your servants grace and power to fulfil their ministry.

Make them faithful to serve and constant in advancing your gospel in the world.

May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son, who washed the feet of his disciples, and set the needs of others before his own.

May their life be disciplined and holy, their words declare your love and their actions reveal your glory, that your people may walk with them in the way of truth and be made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever. Amen



Performed and written by
The Lightbox Theatre in St Pauls:

Saturday 24 June

at

People's Republic of Stokes Croft
in Jamaica Street

3pm and 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/>



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.

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

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 the door

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.



Dedication Festival 2nd July 2023

Celebrate All Saints' 155th Anniversary
and
the 56th anniversary of the consecration and dedication
of this church.

A date for your diary
Picnic & Pimms
after Mass



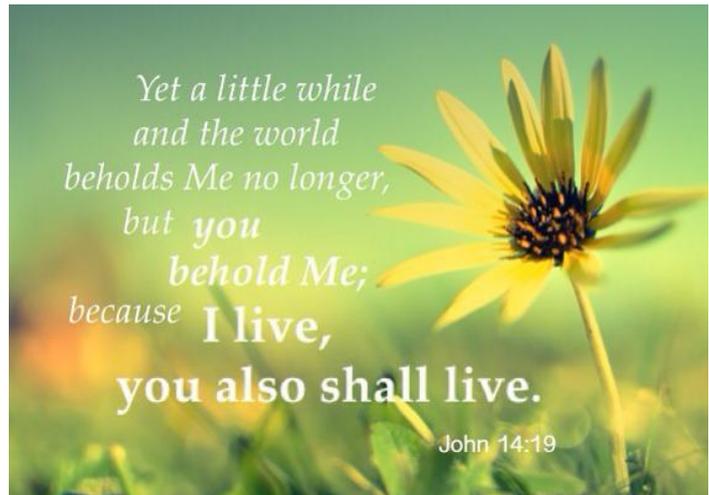
Further information soon

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 Arnold Tyson

Years' Minds - this week we remember

John Sanders Margery Caish John McKenna Gordon Eddy Joan Tierney

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 19	Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man) evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929. Pray for the people of Tibet. Sundar Singh (Anglican Priest) made his final trip to work in Tibet in 1929 - he was a widely known and respected Christian accepted across all denominations – globally and in India.
Tue 20	Fillan, Abbot 8th C Pray for the Church in Ireland – Anglican Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian and Free Churches. Also for those who suffer from psychiatric disorders (St Fillan is the patron saint).
Wed 21	Mass 10.00am Today, or during this week, many young people will reach the end of their GCSE and A Level exams. Pray that they will gain a balanced and healthy perspective. Pray too for those young people who have known little parental support in their efforts and for teachers and others who strive to offer it.
Thurs 22	Alban, first martyr of Britain Pray for the Diocese of St. Albans and for the work of the cathedral community including the new Youth Chaplain who begins her role this month, Revd. Kim Quak-Winslow.
Fri 23	Mass 10.00am Ethelreda, Abbess of Ely 678 Anglo Saxon aristocratic daughter of Onna (King of East Anglia). Retired from secular life and founded monasteries – pray for the religious and for the life and work of Ely Cathedral.
Sat 24	Birth of John the Baptist Pray that the Church may have the courage of John the Baptist, so as to constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice and patiently suffer for the truth's sake.
Sunday 25	3rd Sunday after Trinity Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God 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

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