ALL SAINTS NEWS

The Transfiguration of Our Lord (6th August)

On August 6th, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This event, described in scripture, is significant in Jesus' life and ministry because it confirms his divinity and demonstrates how he fulfils the Old Testament scriptures.



After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. Mark 9:2-8

6th August 2023 Trinity 9 The Transfiguration

Jesus Fulfils the Old Testament

The presence of Moses and Elijah shows how Jesus fulfils the Law and the Prophets. In the Old Testament, the Levitical law was given to God's people as a temporary administration, demonstrating their need for a Savior. Later, the prophets told of a coming Messiah, who would mend the rift between God and man that had been caused by sin. Jesus was the only man able to satisfy the Law, the perfect, sinless sacrifice.

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Jesus Is the Glorious Son

In this passage God affirms Jesus as his Son, confirming his deity, and telling the disciples to listen to him. Peter, James, and John now see a glimpse of Jesus' true glory: God the Son, who reigns eternal, and against whom the gates of hell shall not prevail. God the Father shows himself as he appeared to the Israelites of the Old Testament: in a cloud, because his glory is too great to be witnessed. That same glory is reflected on Jesus, whose clothes become dazzling white. This event emphasizes both the mystery and necessity of the Incarnation—in order for man to be made right with God, God had to become a man, because we in our finite and sinful state are unable to behold his full glory.

Jesus Tells of His Coming Triumph over Death

This is also one of multiple instances in which Jesus points his disciples to his future resurrection:

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant. — Mark 9:9-10

Though the disciples do not understand his meaning, the Transfiguration and Jesus' charge to the disciples present a promise of what is to come. There is hope, because he will soon triumph over sin and death, and be raised in the fullness of glory – the glory of which they have just been given a glimpse.

National Water Quality Month

August is the time of year when many people are enjoying the last bits of summer recreational activities involving water. But these bodies of water are threatened by increasing water pollution. The Clean Water Act was passed in 1972 but most people are unaware of the little ways they can pollute their water. Water sustains all life and entire ecosystems depend on it for their survival.

National Water Quality Month reminds us to take a long, hard look at what your household and community are doing to protect sources of fresh water.

The History of National Water Quality Month

The United Nations has declared 2005-2015 an International Decade for Action "Water for Life" in order to emphasize the importance of water quality as it relates to sanitation, human rights, geography, urbanization and sustainability. Emphasizing how interlinked water systems are, the Audobon Society points to the dangers of runoff from agriculture, forestry, construction and people's personal yards: "Each individual household may not produce enough pollution to force a beach closing or cause a fish kill, but the combined output of all the homes in a community can be severe". Consider that the majority of the UK population lives within 50 miles of a coastline where runoff flows quickly to our seas.



Looking forwards it's important to remind ourselves that water and climate change are inextricably linked. Climate change affects the world's water in complex ways. From unpredictable rainfall patterns to shrinking ice sheets, rising sea levels, floods and droughts – most impacts of climate change come down to water. Climate change is exacerbating both water scarcity, water quality and water-related hazards (such as floods and droughts), as rising temperatures disrupt precipitation patterns and the entire water cycle.

How to recognise National Water Quality Month



Responsibility for the quality of water has multiple players. There is no doubt that when water companies were privatised in 1989 the expected huge investment in infrastructure never materialised. The privatised sector focused on profit rather than investment. One might turn to question the impact of national government and the performance of Ofwat – in terms of care for the future, customers and the environment.

Yet, there's also a household responsibility. The **Five Marks of Mission** (the Anglican Communion's common commitment to, and understanding of, God's holistic and integral mission. Recognising that the mission of the Church is the mission of Christ. The fourth and fifth Marks state the mission of the Church to:

- * Transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- * Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

What can we, as church, individuals and families, do to reduce water pollution from our homes especially during National Water Quality Month? What about:

- ✓ Not using antibacterial soaps or cleaning products. Regular soap and water will do the trick. Much of the antibacterial soaps contain a registered pesticide that is known to harm marine life.
- ✓ Not flushing unwanted or out-of-date medications down the toilet.
- Not flushing wet-wipes down the toilet
- Not putting oils, fats and grease down the kitchen sink.
- ✓ Fixing leaks that drop from cars and putting liners in driveways to collect oil and other materials.
- Avoid using pesticides or chemical fertilizers.
- Choose nontoxic household products when possible.
- 'Pick up' after pets.
- Not paving properties.
- Read your local water quality report so you know what the water quality is in your area.



Tuesday 15th August 2023

7.30pm

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Summer Flowers and Music – enjoy floral designs set to music

Saturday 12th August 2023 3.30pm – 6.00pm

All Saints Church, Pembroke Rd, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3ED

Kathryn Delve, Master Florist, will be working with experienced demonstrators Caroline Cooper and Lesley Hunt

Come and enjoy watching three talented floral designers create stunning arrangements of lovely summer flowers. At the same time, listen to a selection of evocative classical music 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 displays.

'Summer Flowers and Music' will be using flowers grown by community enterprise Elm Tree Farm in Stapleton, Bristol. Elm Tree Farm is part of Bristol-based charity Brandon Trust.

There will be an opportunity to meet the designers and musicians after the demonstration.

See www.allsaintsclifton.org for details and the dates of forthcoming events

Tickets available on Eventbrite. £12.50 Free entry for Carers

Next Saturday!

Tickets are still available for the second event in the series of three Flowers and Music Events planned for this year.

Saturday 12th August from 3.30pm

Tickets available at the door, cash only please.

Beautiful Music
Beautiful Flowers

What better way to spend an afternoon!

Two Candlelight Concerts at All Saints

We are pleased to announce a second Candlelight Concert has been added to the programme on Friday 18th August.

Tickets are only available on line from Candlelight Concerts. Doors open 45 mins before the start of the concert



7.00pm

Discover the music of **Hans Zimmer** at All Saints under the gentle glow of candlelight.

Programme

- Time from Inception
- This Land from The Lion King
- Zooster's Breakout from Madagascar
- Supermarine from Dunkirk
- Honor from The Pacific
- A Dark Knight from The Dark Knight
- Wonder Woman Suite
- Cornfield Chase from Interstellar
- Dune Suite
- Gladiator Suite
- Discombobulate from Sherlock Holmes
- Pirates of the Caribbean Suite

9.00pm

Candlelight concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before in Bristol. Discover the music of **Pink Floyd** at All Saints under the gentle glow of candlelight.

Programme

- Wish You Were Here
- Comfortably Numb
- Another Brick In The Wall
- Time
- Money
- Breathe (In The Air)
- On The Run
- The Great Gig In The Sky
- Brain Damage
- Us And Them
- Hey You
- Shine On You Crazy Diamond



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

Our Next Walk is on Saturday 12th August

Everyone is most welcome to join our walks and friendly dogs are very welcome!

The walk be led by Georgina Harford and will feature The Bristol Garden Suburb, Sea Mills

We will meet at:

Clifton Down Station, Platform 1 at 10.55 to catch the 11.00 train to Sea Mills. Or you could join us at Sea Mills station at 11.05.

We will either catch the 12.20 or the 12.54 train back.

Contact: georginaharford@hotmail.com 07767 746168

OFFA'S DYKE CHURCH CRAWL 9 September 2023

I have been asked if I would organise another Church Crawl, according to my records it is six years since the last one. So we will be doing another Crawl on 9 September, again around the Offa's Dyke area. We plan to visit Cwmyoy, Capel-y-Ffyn, Saint Davids at Llanthony Abbey, Patrishaw (Patriccio), and finish at St Mary's Priory Abergavenny.

As some of these churches are remote and up very narrow lanes we will only be able to take a small minibus, so places will be limited. Bring a picnic lunch and drinks, we will have tea and scones at the Tithe Barn at St Marys, Abergavenny.

Leave All Saints at **9.30am**Arriving back around **5 – 5.30pm** depending on traffic

Cost £32.00 per person (to include hire of minibus, driver, fuel, conducted tour of St Mary's, tea and scones)

I will be putting a list in the porch for people to sign if they are interested in joining this Crawl. Liz Badman

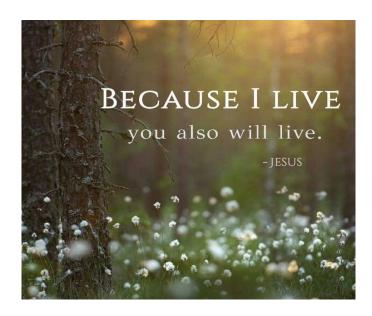


Prayers Requests

'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 Sue Hilliar Mary Greenacre Nadine Benn Andrew Casimir Rev. Melvyn Matthews James Corner, Kelly Norse

Monday

Tuesday.

Wednesday, Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, Diana Verity, Samantha Tucker, Hugh Farry Maureen Mumford George Lymperopoulos

Thursday

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

The Departed

Ron Gale Valerie Donkin Hugh Barron Chris Benton Hussein Lucus Helen Campbell

Years' Minds - this week we remember

Hilda Durham Lois Atherden Gordon Richards Jessie Bowery Mary Ensor Francisca Tandy Lucy Desenne John Bradley (Pr)

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 7	John Mason Neale, Priest 1866 Fr Neale was part of the catholic renewal at a time when many in the Anglican Church were suspicious of anything suggestive of Roman Catholicism. He was attacked and stoned by protestant crowds. Pray that we can overcome the ignorance and suspicion that continues to linger in the hearts and minds of different divisions within the church.
Tue 8	Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221 Pray for all Brother and Sister members of the Dominican Order (Order of Preachers) and for the Dominican houses throughout the world. Pray for all who work to preach and teach the 'Word' – "Only say the Word and my servant will be healed" Mt 8:8
Wed 9	Mass 10.00am Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921 Pray for the Mothers' Union, an international Christian membership charity that aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action through the transformation of communities of all faiths and none throughout the world. Pray for its work and the 4 million members who try to bring Christian care to families of all kinds.
Thurs 10	Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258 Laurence served God with 'Deeds of Love'. Pray for all who "serve the sick, aged, poor, widows and orphans of the congregation". Acts for which he was martyred.
Fri 11	Mass 10.00am Clare of Assisi, Poor Clares, 1253 Pray for all who are involved in bringing us clean water. Water sustains all life and entire ecosystems depend on it for their survival. Ask that we may find ways so that we do not pollute water – as businesses and society and as individuals.
Sat 12	Pray for young people – here in our parish and school. Also that all countries take an opportunity to assess their investment in and commitment to youth.
Sunday 13	10th Sunday after Trinity Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you 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

We are committed to safeguarding children, young people, victims of domestic abuse and vulnerable adults.

If you have any Safeguarding concerns please contact: The Parish Safeguarding Officer - Stephen O'Keefe stephen.c.okeefe@gmail.com and Caroline Davenport c2davbristol@hotmail.com