

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

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## Prayers of Love and Faith: Bishops agree next steps to bring to Synod

### House of Bishops agrees to commend Prayers of Love and Faith

The Church of England's House of Bishops has agreed in principle that prayers asking for God's blessing for same-sex couples – known as *Prayers of Love and Faith* – should be commended for use.

The House, which met in London, also concluded that structures for special services for same-sex couples, based on *Prayers of Love and Faith*, should go forward to be formally authorised under canon law.

The bishops will bring proposals to General Synod next month which will pave the way for a process that would lead to the authorisation of these special services under Canon B2.

This process, expected to take until 2025, would involve consultation with every diocese and require approval by General Synod.



Bishops gave serious consideration to an alternative legal process which could have enabled special services to be authorised almost immediately - but temporarily – (under Canon B5A). This would still have required a further process for the services to be authorised permanently (under Canon B2) by Synod.

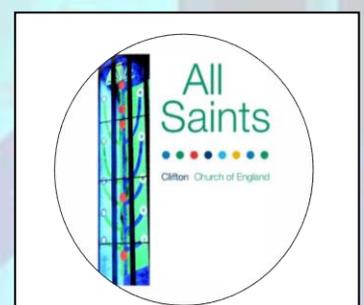
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New draft pastoral guidance will be brought to next month's meeting of Synod, setting out how the system could operate. Further work is already in progress on the second part of the Pastoral Guidance which will look at matters in the life and work of clergy and lay ministers.

Proposals for the *Prayers of Love and Faith* were discussed in an historic debate at the General Synod in February of this year. Synod called on the bishops to work on Pastoral Guidance and other arrangements needed to implement that decision.

The proposals will be discussed in detail at a meeting of General Synod in London on November 13 to 15.

At today's meeting the bishops agreed that:

- The prayers and readings in *Prayers of Love and Faith* for use with same-sex couples will be commended by the House of Bishops for use in public worship.
- Special standalone services set out in *Prayers of Love and Faith* should be brought to the General Synod to decide whether to authorise them under Canon B2, after consultation with dioceses.
- There is also further work under way to explore further forms of pastoral reassurance and formal structural pastoral provision to ensure the conscience of everyone is respected.

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who co-chaired the steering group which has brought the proposals forward, said: "The House of Bishops' decisions today continue to implement Synod's vote to recognise publicly the commitment of same-sex couples and to pray God's blessing for them.

"They have agreed to commend *Prayers of Love and Faith* and also considered the best way to authorise special standalone services. Having carefully considering the legal, theological and pastoral implications of possible approaches, the bishops concluded that it would ultimately be clearer to proceed directly to consideration under Canon B2.

"We acknowledge that there are some who would like this process to move faster, however the move to full authorisation will provide clarity and wide consultation ahead of a final decision by synod in 2025.

"I know that for some, these measures go too far and, for others, not nearly far enough and the bishops discussed the need for pastoral reassurance, and for some the need for formal structural pastoral provision.

"But the heart of the gospel is reconciliation – our desire is to remain together as one Church in our uncertainty, finding ways to live well with our different perspectives and convictions."

# WEST BRISTOL ARTS TRAIL 2023

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Some of the Artists that will be part of the All Saints Arts Trail

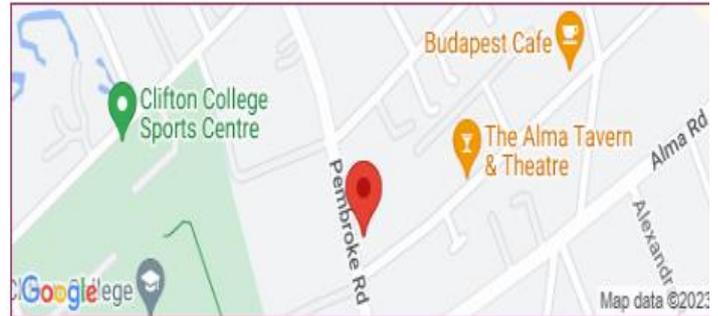


## Jacqueline Conradie-Faul

Jacqueline paints contemporary acrylic art, with a fresh vibrant approach to landscapes and nature elements.

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## Barbara Baber

Inspired by young children's uninhibited use of paint Barbara works with a range of media and techniques.

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## Christine Gittins

Christine Gittins is a potter and painter, also making jewellery and ceramic sculptures.

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## Georgina Lockier

Jewellery. Bead Weaving in various colours and designs.

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## Jane Harding

Hand sculptured characters inspired by nature to create an individual style.

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## Pippa Cullen

Portraits, Animal studies, still lives, landscapes. Oils predominantly.

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**All Saints Church  
Parish Conference**

**“Partners, in the Mission of God”**

**Saturday 21st October**

*This is an event for everyone at All Saints,  
because  
it is our opportunity to have a say in shaping our future  
and understanding our place in God’s Purpose.*

**What will we do during the Conference?**

- Recognise our tradition and strengths
- Reimagine the ‘All Saints’ purpose:
  - For those who worship here
  - For those who live in our community
  - For those who live beyond
- Look to the future:
  - What ‘big things’ can we do that will make a difference?
  - What ‘small things’ can we do that will make a difference?

**Advance Reading:**

- *The Five Marks of Mission* - the CofE Mission Theology Advisory Group
- *Transforming Church. Together* – Bristol Diocesan Strategy

**Who is the Conference for?**

- All of us who worship and use the Sacred Space at All Saints Clifton
- It will last for four hours – but even if you can’t stay for all, do come for part
- Sandwich lunch and coffee all morning

**Draft Programme:**

9.30am	Mass
10.30am	Introduction
11.00am	Purpose and Mission
12.45pm	Lunch
13.30pm	Close

## Harvest Supper raises £250 for the Harvest charity, The All Saints Food point.



A very successful and enjoyable Harvest Supper, held last Friday, raised £250 for the Harvest Charity. The All Saints Trustees have kindly agreed to match fund this donation, which together with the money raised at the Harvest Service, will bring a total in excess of £800. This will enable the Food Point to offer a wider range of items during the cold weather and maintain the availability of food for distribution throughout the year.



The new edition of the All Saints What's On is now available, please take your copy and a few to give to neighbours and friends.

The What's On includes the times of all the Christmas Services and events. There is also a Christmas message from Fr Charles and an open invitation for everyone to join the congregation at Christmas.

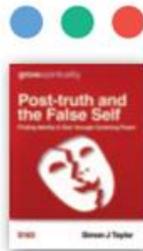
We are currently distributing to every household across the Parish, however if you are able to take some copies to other venues such as Libraries, Surgeries, local shops or cafes please collect these from the office after Mass or during the week.

### Do you have a spare room free and would like some company?

A music teacher friend of ours has had Long Covid now for a while and has not been able to teach, but would like to find somewhere to stay locally where her friends are.

She can pay rent (up to £600 per month), and is looking for friendly company (maybe a family where the children have left home) to enable her to recover her health.

Contact Tina Biggs on [cmbbiggs@gmail.com](mailto:cmbbiggs@gmail.com)



**You Are Invited To Celebrate The Launch  
of 'Post-truth and the False Self',  
a new book by The Revd Dr Simon Taylor**

Friday 20th October 2023, 7.30pm  
At All Saints Church, Pembroke Road, Clifton, BS8 3ED

The Revd. Dr Simon Taylor, Director of Mission and Ministry Support for the Diocese of Bristol, will be speaking about his new book 'Post-truth and the False Self', and reflecting on the ways in which politics and spirituality come together in our time. Come and join the conversation!

Please feel free to bring a guest. If you are unable to come perhaps a colleague might like to attend in your place.  
revr: office@allsaintsclifton.org

**All Saints**  
Clifton Church of England

You are warmly invited to the launch of the Rev. Dr Simon Taylor's new book 'Post-truth and the False Self'

The book launch will take place in the sacristy on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.



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 14<sup>th</sup> October

- Royal Fort Gardens – lots of interesting things to see
  - It will be led by Mary Benton
- We will leave from outside All Saints Church promptly at 10.45am and should return there by about 12.30pm

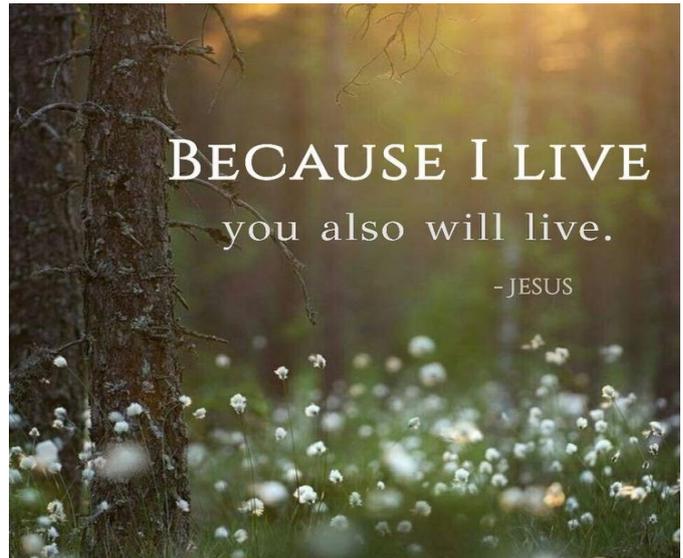
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## Prayers Requests

'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 Sue Hilliar Mary Greenacre Nadine Benn Lorna Osbon Elisabeth Morgan Andrew Casimir Rev. Melvyn Matthews Sathia Aruliah Ryan Lindsey

### **Monday**

### **Tuesday.**

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

### **Thursday**

**Friday** Charlotte Hopkins, Andy & Gina Ford, Caroline Semon, Nicole Kaneza.

### **Saturday**

## The Departed

Ron Gale Valerie Donkin Hugh Barron Chris Benton Helen Campbell  
Chris Chamberlain Rob Dalton Tom Duncan Joanne Wilkins Eileen Davies Len Hughes  
John Morley-Bunker (Pr)

## Years' Minds - this week we remember

Marian Groves Joanne Fisher Lily Howell  
Doreen Davies Gordon Richmond Elsie Gay Bernard Macey

# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 16	<b>Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs, 1555.</b> The children's TV programme Blue Peter was first broadcast on this day in 1958! Pray for all those who work to educate, entertain and influence children in varied media, that they might seek to contribute to their joy and flourishing.
Tue 17	<b>Ignatius Bp of Antioch 107</b> "I am God's wheat, and I shall be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may become the pure bread of Christ." Ignatius of Antioch
Wed 18	<b>Mass 10.00 am</b> Luke the Evangelist St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician to set forth in the gospel the love and the healing power of your Son. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, he also showed the divinity of Jesus and His genuine compassion for all human beings.
Thurs 19	<b>Henry Martyn, Translator and Missionary 1812</b> Pray for the work of the Henry Martyn Centre. Working for theological education, Christian missional outreach and inter-faith dialogue (with the Cambridge Theological Foundation).
Fri 20	<b>Mass 10.00 am</b> Pray for all separated by conflict. Not only the major conflicts of this world (Syria, Palestine, Sudan and so many others) but also those separated by domestic conflict. And those who suffer – children, families, couples. Remember split families known to you
Sat 21	Pray for our farming community, especially those focused on fruit farming and the care of orchards
<b>Sunday 22</b>	<b>20th Trinity</b>  God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation, the joys of eternal life;  <b>Early Worship 9.00am      Parish Mass 10.30am</b>

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

If you have any Safeguarding concerns please contact :  
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