

ALL SAINTS NEWS

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Church Buildings are Anchor Institutions

THE Government's levelling-up agenda is intended to address the longstanding problem of regional economic disparities with investment in towns and cities, rural and coastal areas.

Central to levelling up is a concern with what are termed "anchor institutions", defined as any organisation that has an important presence in a place and that makes an important contribution to place-building. Anchor institutions are usually large-scale employers that are considered to make a significant contribution to a local economy. Universities are premier anchor institutions.

There are, however, many other overlooked anchor institutions that perform a critical function in rural and urban areas: these include primary and secondary schools, further-education colleges, bank branches, post offices, GP surgeries, chemists, pubs, village halls — and churches.

Church Buildings

The contributions that Church Buildings make to the levelling-up agenda has been overlooked. Policymakers have failed to appreciate that churches are a critical and special type of place-based anchor institution. For many communities, the parish church continues to play a central part in community life. In others, there are opportunities for the parish church to reposition itself as an important anchor institution.



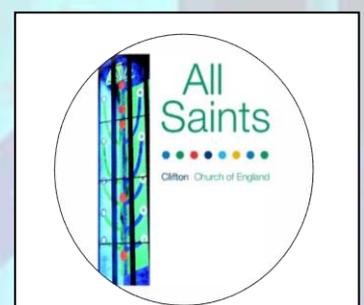
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The closure of any place-based anchor institution represents erosion from below that has a negative effect on individual and community well-being. The gap between what can be termed places “on the margins” and agglomeration or urban economies continues to widen. This raises questions regarding the part that communities can play in these more marginal locations to enhance everyday living.

Churches have an important part to play here through developing new community partnerships. For more than a thousand years, local people have ensured the survival of their parish churches. The continuation of these churches for another thousand years requires residents to work with their churches to ensure that they continue to function as critical anchor institutions.

Church buildings make multiple contributions to place-building. A few years ago, the National Churches Trust calculated that the annual social and economic value of church buildings to the UK was about £55 billion. This is quite some contribution. Church buildings as anchor institutions contribute to community well-being and local economies, and this includes hosting foodbanks, post offices, and polling stations, and providing space for community events.

The Opportunity

There is a way forward for parish churches to recognise their importance as anchor institutions and for worshipping communities and local communities to work together to envisage a new future for a church. A new future that embraces the continuation of the sacred, prayerful and worshipful purpose whilst at the same time actively engaging with the local and wider community. This not only recognises the ‘anchor’ role but also provides active missional focus.

The importance of this is clearly identified at a local level. It should also be recognised across the church – within the Diocese and National Church. Furthermore, the opportunity is significant enough to require political discussion on alternative place-based anchor institutions and the contributions that they make to local well-being, community-building, and economic development. It is important that every community identify its critical alternative anchor institutions, and develop solutions to enhance their resilience and the contributions that they make to place-building.

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Archbishop of Canterbury statement on Israel and Gaza

Statement by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby in response to the events taking place in Israel and Gaza (13 October)

“Our grief and shock only grows greater as more devastating news and images emerge from the abhorrent terrorist attacks in Israel. The agonising suffering endured by those who were targeted and their families can scarcely be imagined. Our hearts are broken open by the grief of Israelis and our Jewish brothers and sisters around the world, for whom this trauma and loss stands in the dark and terrible shadow of the worst days of their history.

I beg that those who have been taken hostage are set free into safety, that they and their loved ones might be released from the horror of their captivity. The anger felt by the people of Israel at the cruelty they have experienced is entirely justified. Many around the world share in that anger.

But in the face of a ground offensive in Gaza, I plead that the sins of Hamas are not borne by the citizens of Gaza, who themselves have faced such suffering over many decades. The price of evil cannot be paid by the innocent. Civilians cannot bear the costs of terrorists. International humanitarian law recognises that, for the sake of everyone’s humanity, some acts can never be permissible in the chaos of warfare. I pray that Israel does everything it can to limit the harm caused to innocent civilians

Over two million civilians in Gaza, half of them children, are facing a catastrophe. A humanitarian corridor and convoy are needed as rapidly as possible, as set out in the Geneva Conventions. I pray particularly for the Anglican-run Ahli Arab Hospital and all those caring for the injured, who need medical supplies and generator fuel.

I join with the US Secretary of State and others in urging the Israeli government to exercise their right of defence with the wisdom that might break the cycles of violence under which generations have struggled. Amidst the chaos and confusion of war, and as much as is possible, I join the calls for Israel's military response to be proportional and to discriminate between civilians and Hamas. Pray for the people of Israel, Gaza and the West Bank. Pray for the future of the Holy Land. Pray for those who will weep, and fear, and die tonight.”

A Song of Lamentation

At the moment our response is probably focused on expressions of grief and in prayer. Perhaps a place to which we may turn is Hebrew Scripture and the Book of Lamentations.

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

- 1 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? ♦
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
- 2 Which was brought upon me, ♦
which the Lord inflicted
on the day of his fierce anger.
- 3 For these things I weep;
my eyes flow with tears; ♦
for a comforter is far from me,
one to revive my courage.

- 4 Remember my affliction and my bitterness, ♦
the wormwood and the gall!
- 5 But this I call to mind, ♦
and therefore I have hope:
- 6 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, ♦
his mercies never come to an end;
- 7 They are new every morning; ♦
great is your faithfulness.
- 8 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, ♦
'therefore I will hope in him.'
- 9 The Lord is good to those who wait for him, ♦
to the soul that seeks him.
- 10 It is good that we should wait quietly ♦
for the salvation of the Lord.
- 11 For the Lord will not reject for ever; ♦
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,
- 12 According to the abundance of his steadfast love; ♦
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 1.12, 16a,b; 3.19,21-26,31-33

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

**All Saints Church
Parish Conference**

**“Partners, in the Mission of
God”**

Saturday 21st October

Programme:

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

Requiem Masses will be held on :



All Souls Day 2nd November at 7.30pm

**and at the 10.00am Mass on
Wednesday 8th November
Friday 17th November
Wednesday 22nd November**

**Please add the names of anyone that you
would like to be remembered during the
Requiem services to the lists in the
Atrium.**



Wednesday 1st November 2023
All Saints Day
7.30pm

2nd November 2023
Thursday 7.30pm
All Souls Day Requiem Mass

Worship is followed by drinks in the Atrium

Brendan and Tina Biggs would like to invite the All Saints congregation to drinks and nibbles in the Atrium after the Solemn Mass today, Sunday 22nd October, to celebrate Brendan's birthday.



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.

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All Saints Church Pembroke Rd Clifton

concert matinée

Saturday
November 4th
4pm

'Cellofest

beautiful music for
massed 'cellos from
classical favourites to
well-loved melodies

retiring collection

tea and cakes



Candlelight: A Tribute to Queen *Friday 27th October 7:00pm – 8:00pm*

Candlelight: A Tribute to Coldplay *Friday 27th October 9:00pm – 10:00pm*

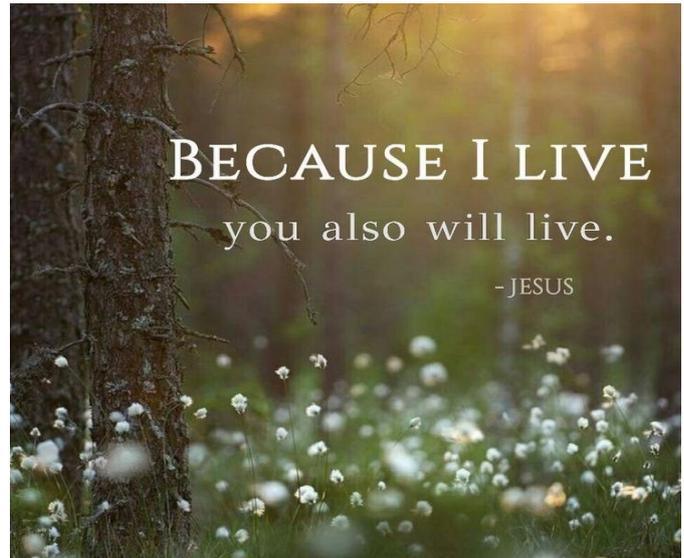
Tickets from £15 - to purchase, please visit the [Candlelight Concerts website](#)

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

Violet Bentley George Hall Eugene Sheridan Harry Sharpe Ian Michael
Eileen Joan Haynes Sylvia Racy

ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 23	Pray for all those who are travelling long distances today: those going to new places or returning home. Pray that they will find value and inspiration in their waiting and journeying as well as in their arrival.
Tue 24	God of compassion, walk alongside all of your global stewards who work to create a more just and peaceful world. Equip the United Nations community with a sense of urgency and humility that lets your will be done. (United Nations Day)
Wed 25	Mass 10.00 am Crispin and Crispian Martyrs 287 Pray for cobblers, curriers, tanners and leather workers. Essentially a craft or fashion topic in the West but a fundamental aspect of society in developing nations.
Thurs 26	Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899 Pray for the provision of education in the UK. Our schools, teachers, preparation of teachers, school governors, all who make decisions that shape the future of education. Alfred believed that all (boys) should receive an education. Pray for the Governing Body of St John's School.
Fri 27	Mass 10.00 am Pray for all who serve in the world's navies. Especially our Royal Navy, theirs is a role beyond defence and security, very often acting to bring support and safety, and immediate relief, rescue and aid.
Sat 28	Simon and Jude Apostles Neither Simon nor Jude stand out like their namesakes, but both stuck faithfully to Jesus in his ministry. Pray for all who quietly live their faith.
Sunday 29	Last after Trinity Bible Sunday Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life. 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 :
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