

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

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## The All Saints Strengths



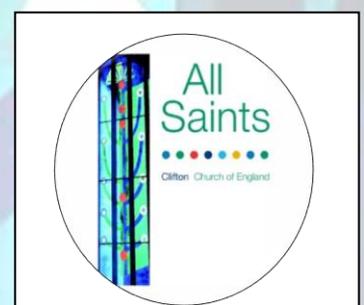
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Thank you to all who attended the Parish Conference last Saturday. It was really worthwhile! And some of the ideas generated have already been put into action.

You may remember that the purpose was to reflect upon 'Our Place in God's Purpose'. This includes our own journey of faith; the worship, prayer and learning within the worshipping community; and our missional focus within the local community and further afield.

Two main elements were the recognition of our All Saints Strengths and the generation of ideas that will help us grow in faith and missional engagement over the next couple of years.

This chart (above) identifies the six areas that people considered to be strengths. All the individual comments related to each heading are available in the full Strength Document in the Atrium. The ideas generated will also be circulated so that we can build upon these.

But first, the Strengths.

## **The Brandon Trust, Elm Tree Farm and Flowers!**

The ASC Flower Team have held two events over the course of the year ('*An English Country Garden*' and '*Chrysanthemums and Copes*'). A third is coming shortly with '*Flowers and Music for Remembrance*' on Saturday 11 November. These events have been, and will be, spectacular and thought provoking!

They have also raised money for charitable donations and to support the purchase of flowers. This week the Flower Team gave £1,000 to the Brandon Trust. The Remembrance event will support **Alabaré**, a Christian organization supporting the homeless, vulnerable and marginalised. Of particular importance is the 'Veteran Pathway' which serves to support and help ex-Armed Forces personnel.

**The Brandon Trust** works alongside people of different ability so they are able to create opportunity and feel empowered to live the life they want. The Bristol location works to provide supported living and accommodation, with flexible support and to enable employment opportunities. In Bristol the location for the Trust is **Elm Tree Farm** ( [click here](#) ) which has a great Farm Shop. Definitely worth a visit!

## **A prayer for lasting peace in Gaza and Israel**

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen

## Father Ian Yemm - Canon Precentor of Llandaff Cathedral.



The Cathedral of Llandaff is delighted to announce that Father Ian Yemm has been appointed as the next Canon Precentor of Llandaff Cathedral.

Fr Ian is currently a Vicar in the Garth Ministry Area. He will bring a wealth of musical experience to the cathedral, including as a professional singer, with, among others, the Welsh National Opera. For eight years he was Coordinating Chaplain at the University of the West of England. In addition to his theological and musical training, he has a Master's Degree in Christian Spirituality.

The Dean, Father Richard Peers, welcomes Father Ian's appointment saying:

*"Music is at the heart of our mission as a cathedral and Ian's musical expertise will further enhance our music department. Ian also brings a deeply prayerful model of priesthood to the cathedral and understands the role of the canons as being a prayerful community of priests at the heart of the diocese. We look forward to welcoming Ian and his husband Bernhard to Cathedral Green as part of our community."*

Fr. Ian responded: *"There is an inspiring culture of openness and hospitality at the cathedral and I feel hugely privileged to be invited by the Dean to take up this special role. Music underpins our common life and worship and I am excited to be joining a dynamic team, nurturing the gifts we enjoy, and furthering our musical reach to younger generations."*

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### **CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023**

The Sisters are looking for donations for their Christmas Food and Gift parcels.  
This year they are asking for hats, gloves and socks for men and women.  
Toiletry sets for men and women  
and Argos or One4all gift cards for children.

If you are able to help or give a donation towards the Christmas gifts please see the poster in the porch.

## MEMORIES OF A BRISTOL BOAT BOY



The fourth day of next month, November 4, is All Saints' Day. For those of us who were choristers at All Saints Choir School in the Clifton area of Bristol, All Saints Day was a highlight on the ecclesiastical calendar.

The following day was more sombre. All Souls Day, according to my older brother, was the day when those All Saints worshippers who had died would walk through the church when we sang at Evensong. To those of us who were young choristers the concept was terrifying

It certainly gave me the creeps and I am pleased to report that I never actually saw those ghostly figures glide through the church. Maybe they saw me!

The great Anglo-Catholic church of All Saints in Pembroke Road had been destroyed by German bombs in the Second World War and it was still in overgrown ruins when I joined the choir school in the 'fifties.

For that reason, the former parish hall in Alma Vale Road became the church and remained so until the original church was rebuilt – albeit in a very different modern style – many years later.

Long before I was a chorister at All Saints Choir School I had been a boat boy, the young server who carried a silver boat filled with the incense granules needed to top up the thurible and maintain a high level of scented smoke throughout the church service.

That is why the boat came with a silver spoon. It was not, as my brother suggested, for use by the boat boy if he became peckish during the service! After all, the tough granules of incense would have been hard to swallow.

The thurifer whom I accompanied at High Mass was Mr Sefton Cross, a friend and contemporary of my grandfather. There were a lot of 'moves' to remember as the service proceeded and at one point, while Mr Cross was sensing the congregation, I recalled that this was the point when I should walk across to join him. He bent down and whispered 'Please go back over there.'

I did so rather sheepishly, feeling that everyone's eyes were upon me and they would have seen that I'd got it wrong. However, I suspect that very few did actually notice.

Periodically during the service the thurifer and boat boy would retire to the vestry to top-up the thurible before whizzing it round in circles to increase the heat of the charcoal and the quantity of smoke when they went back into the church.

Meanwhile I clutched my boat with both hands.

In those days some of the best services were those in which the sweet-smelling smoke of the thurible suffused the church. Today's thurifers are much more tame, providing the congregation with little more than a whiff of the heavenly smoke – if they are lucky!

In those high and far off days I was small and shy but, on reflection, I feel through the passage of years that I was honoured to be given that server's role at such an early age before advancing in subsequent years to become a chorister at All Saints Choir School.

Throughout that long period the bombed-out church lay in ruins and once every year we processed into the empty shell for a short service.

It was many years later that the remnants of the original Victorian church were removed and the present church was built to create the modern All Saints which dominates Pembroke Road today.

**TIM STANLEY**

## Remembrance at All Saints 2023



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.

The Remembrance Service at Whiteladies Rd will be held at **10.45am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. This year marks 70 years since the end of the Korean War.

## Flowers and Music for Remembrance *Floral designs set to music*



**Saturday 11th November**

Doors open 1.30pm for 2pm performance, 4 pm close

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

Michael Bowyer, the internationally renowned floral artist, will be creating Remembrance Day themed flower arrangements to beautiful music and poetry . Michael will show six sustainable designs using a range of different materials.

The music, played by All Saints' Director of Music John Davenport on the organ accompanying soprano Francesca Mills-Smith, includes pieces by Elgar, Bach and Vaughan-Williams.

The poetry, which is read by Jonathan Frere, includes well known verses by Dylan Thomas, several war poets and the current Poet Laureate Simon Armitage. Tickets are available on Eventbrite or on the door on the day.

A donation from the proceeds be given to **Alabaré**.

The **Remembrance Service on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November begins at 10.15am** at the All Saints war memorial.



This autumn, the clocks will go back an hour on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2023.

At this time, 2am will go back to 1am, giving us an extra hour in bed and preparing us for the colder months when the sun sets earlier and days get significantly shorter.

In 2024, the clocks will go forward again by an hour, on Sunday, March 31.

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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



Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023  
All Saints Day  
7.30pm



2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023  
Thursday 7.30pm  
All Souls Day Requiem Mass

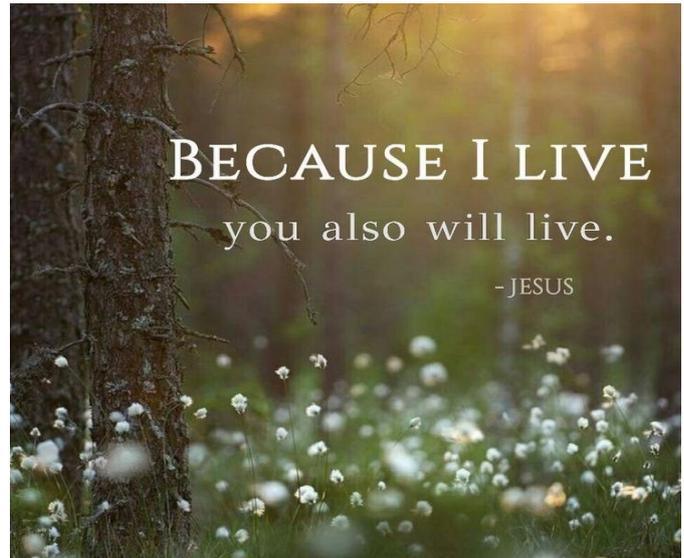
Worship is followed by drinks in the Atrium

## 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

Oliver Tomkins ( Bp) Winifred Axtell Betty Florey Peggy Portman  
Nobby Davis Roger Bull (Pr) Jack Ostler John Maggs John Hall Ursula Boulding

# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 30	Pray for those who will be moving house today-through choice or necessity-and for those who are homeless or face losing their home. Give thanks for your own home and the security and comfort it gives. Pray for charities like Shelter and Centrepoint who offer support and advice to those who are homeless.
Tue 31	<b>Martin Luther 1546</b> "Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbour. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give." Martin Luther
Wed Nov 1	<b>Mass 10.00 am</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>All Saints Day Mass 7.30pm</b></span> The communion of Saints and all those 'living saints' who work for the Kingdom – silently and unknown. Pray for all those who 'use' this church and its rooms for meetings, events, workshops, dancing, music, concerts, health and so many other purposes.
Thurs 2	<b>All Souls Day</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Mass 7.30pm</b></span> Commemorate the faithful departed – of this parish, among our families and friends. Remember those you have loved but are now numbered amongst the Saints. Remember in your prayers all those who have been bereaved this year and held funerals at ASC.
Fri 3	<b>Mass 10.00 am Richard Hooker Priest 1600</b> Pray for theologians; the Bristol University Theology Dept., staff and students; Trinity College – staff and students.
Sat 4	Pray for those who are unemployed, for those unhappy in their employment and for those looking for fresh employment. Pray for those who are retiring at this time and are working to make sense of this life-changing event.
<b>Sunday</b> 5	<b>4 before Advent</b>  Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  <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**

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