

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

5<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
4<sup>th</sup> before Advent

## Dedication of Memorials to Bill Fry and Ken Smith

On Sunday 5 November 2023 we will recognise and bless the newly installed memorial plaques for two extraordinary musicians and 'Directors of Music' at All Saints.

**Bill Fry**  
**Ken Smith**

### Music and Singing in Worship

Singing is what we do, with family, at a funeral, at a wedding, around the house, or with friends at a concert, singing occurs naturally.



So, what about singing with the body of Christ? This begs the question, "Why do we sing in worship?" This may be a question you've asked yourself, but haven't heard discussed within the church. And why do we have absolutely glorious music in our worship? Just think about the 'All Souls Day Mass' this last week!

Generally speaking, singing in a congregational setting has been a widely - accepted practice amongst various denominations, age groups, and even cultures. So why is that? Why do we sing? Here are five reasons that we sing in worship.

- **God commands us to sing.** There are hundreds of references of singing within the Bible. Jesus Himself sang songs of praise after the Last Supper. If we are called to replicate the character of Christ, I'm confident that singing should always be involved.
- **Christians have sung throughout history.** The earliest Christians put their community beliefs in songs, which is why Christian hymnody as a whole began. Songs are recorded in scripture and other historical texts. The Book of Psalms in the Bible is a great resource for reading songs of believers that have gone before us.

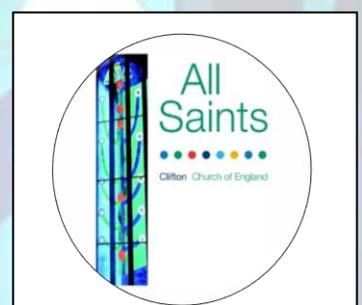
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- **Songs can give us theology.** As you may know, hymns and other Christian songs are full of rich, theological text. The act of singing uses both parts of the brain, therefore it can educate us and teach us about the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- **Singing connects us emotionally.** Songs of celebration have the power to lead us to dance. Songs of lament have the power to lead us to tears. Music has a way of piercing into the deep parts of our soul, that assists in our expression and response to God and to the church.

We recognise that God gives each of us different gifts. But at the end of the day, we all are called, wanted, and expected to sing.

Our hope for you comes from the proclamation found in Psalm 96. "Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord! Bless His name! Share the news of his saving work every single day!"

Thank You Bill Fry, Thank you Ken Smith!

### **A Statement from Forty-two Bishops On Living in Love and Faith (signed by Bishop Viv)**

We write to reaffirm our commitment to the Living in Love and Faith process in light of the motion passed at General Synod in February this year, by which the General Synod agreed to lament and repent of the failure of the Church to be welcoming to LGBTQIA+ people, commended our continued learning together and looked forward to the House of Bishops further refining, commending and issuing the Prayers of Love and Faith, such that the final version should not be contrary to or indicative of a departure from the doctrine of the Church of England.

We are writing this statement following the publication of the paper GS2328 ahead of the November General Synod. We wish to convey something more of our commitment as members of the House and the College, firmly set within our calling as bishops to be 'shepherds of Christ's flock and guardians of the faith of the apostles, proclaiming the gospel of God's kingdom and leading God's people in mission.'

We rejoice that we have agreed to commend the Prayers of Love and Faith, and warmly support their use. Many of us regret that the authorisation of the separate Service Structures and Sample Services has been delayed, and we will work within agreed processes to secure that authorisation as soon as possible.

We recognise the complexities of the Pastoral Guidance in relation to ministry, and also the need for a swift end to the current uncertainty for LGBTQIA+ clergy and ordinands. We look forward to Guidance being issued without delay that includes the removal of all restrictions on clergy entering same-sex civil marriages, and on bishops ordaining and licensing such clergy, as well as granting permissions to officiate.

We are seeking together to make pastoral provision in a time of uncertainty, deeply aware that this direction of travel, which has been the increasingly pastoral and inclusive response of many in the Church of England over many years, is not accepted by some of our brother and sister bishops, clergy and laity in the Church. As members together of the Body of Christ we are all summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of God's kingdom, serving Christ together within the Church, and for the sake of God's world, committed to living and sharing the gospel of Christ. We know that we will not all agree, but it is our longing that we will find a way that will recognise and honour our different perspectives and the gift we are to each other within the life of the Church of England, such that no one is expected to act against their conscience or theological conviction.

In all of this we long for the day when LGBTQIA+ people will know themselves to be unquestionably included in the life and all ministries of our Church and the contributions of each one of us fully accepted and celebrated as simply the offering of a fellow Christian. The Lord calls us all to serve and to witness to the God in whose image each of us is made and it is through God's grace we are all called, together, 'to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ' (Eph. 4.13).

*(This is a statement I endorse Fr Charles)*

## 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**

## The Trustees of All Saints Endowments



The Trustees of All Saints Endowments are delighted to have initiated and funded the memorial stone tablets to be blessed today recording the service of organists Edward (Bill) Fry and Ken Smith. For a combined total of 56 years, they were responsible for the very high standards of organ and choral music which so enhance our worship. In particular, we have Bill to thank for the organ, and we hear (and enjoy) a bit of Ken every Sunday with the Gospel Acclamations he wrote for each Sunday of the year.

The Trustees very happily provide refreshments after Mass for all to enjoy and perhaps raise a glass to music and those who make it.

All Saints Food Point



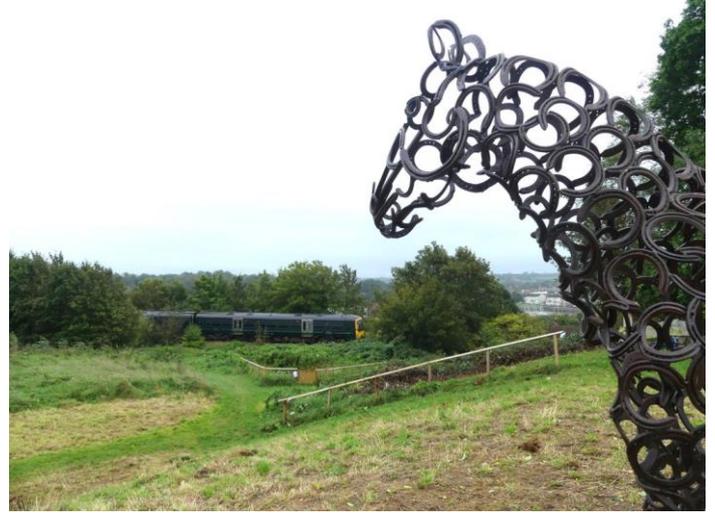
The Food Point.

There is now a dedicated account for Food Point donations. If you would like to make a regular donation to support the Food point please complete a Direct debit form and mark it Food Bank.

Forms are available in the Atrium.

Donations can also be placed in the safe in the Porch wall. Thank you for your continuing support.

## Walks for Everyone



Our next Walk is going to Shirehampton on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Armistice Day.**

- Meet at 10.50 on platform, 1 Clifton Down Station. (2 min Silence?)
- We'll begin by exploring the earliest social housing in Bristol, financed and built by two pioneering women
- Then we'll explore the Daisy Field nature reserve, where the new statue of a horse commemorates the 350,000 horses and the men who all passed through the Shirehampton Remount Depot on their way to the battlefields during World War One.

For more information contact: [georginaharford@hotmail.com](mailto:georginaharford@hotmail.com) 07767 746168

## The Julian Trust – Socks



Our socks store is getting a little low – so , we need socks !

New socks, used socks - mostly for men but women's socks are also acceptable.

If you are able to contribute any socks , please leave them in the Parish Office for collection

## Remembrance at All Saints 2023



Requiem Masses will be held at the 10.00am Mass on **Wednesday 8th November, Friday 17th November and 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.

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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.



All Saints



Clifton Church of England



## Parish Lunch



Join us in the Randall Room after Mass for  
**Parish Lunch**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November @ 12.30pm**

A delicious home-cooked 3-course meal  
(main, pudding, cheese & biscuits)

*Vegetarian/gluten free can be accommodated*

Cash Bar

Tickets: £6 each; £12 for a family

*On sale in church: from Sunday 5 Nov*

Contact Janice: [jhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jhopkins57@yahoo.co.uk)

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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

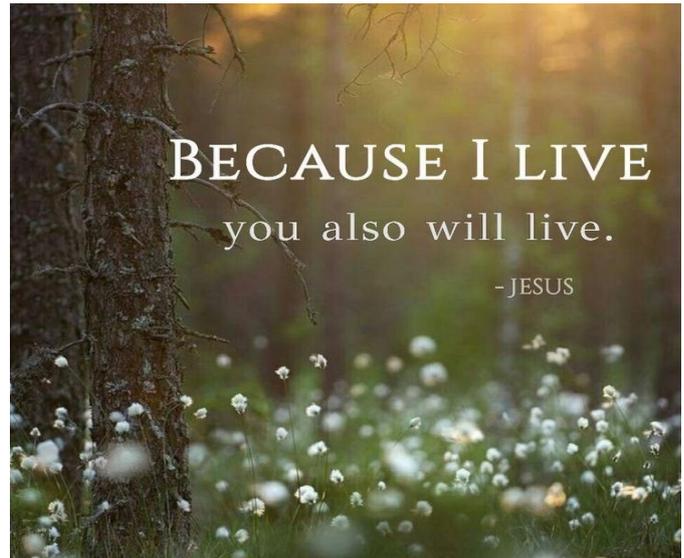
tea and cakes

## 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

Myra Lury Cyril Hope (Pr) John Richards (Bp) Michael Lucas Winifred Bell

# ALL SAINTS PRAYERS

Mon 6	Pray for the ordained and licensed priests and ministers who work in this parish. Those who perform other ministries in this parish – choir, servers, teaching, preaching, administration, Office Manager, handyman, sidespeople, cleaners, tea rota, wardens, and the daily office team. Pray for those who do so much for us but are often in the background
Tue 7	<b>Willibrord of York, Missionary 739</b> The people who live and work in the Netherlands (historically Frisia and the home of Willibrord). May we learn from the government and organization of this liberal and socially tolerant nation.
Wed 8	<b>Requiem Mass 10.00 am Saints and Martyrs of England</b> British bishops attended the Council of Arles (314) suggesting a church with order and worship – since that time, Christians in Britain have worked for the Kingdom living simple lives of holiness and giving their lives. Pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world.
Thurs 9	<b>Margery Kempe, mystic 1440</b> Pray for spiritual writers that their work may enlighten and lead. Pray for those on pilgrimage who know they are not where they want to be. Pray for ourselves that we may understand better and be drawn toward the path that grows our faith
Fri 10	<b>Mass 10.00 am</b> Ours often feels a world of conflict. Pray for those who work to bring agreement and understanding. Those who work for peace and concord – be it in places of turmoil and physical danger, in societies without tolerance, or in homes broken apart by difference.
Sat 11	<b>Armistice Day Martin, Bishop of Tours 397</b> Pray for those who find their faith or values incompatible with the expectations of others. Especially we pray for conscientious objectors and pacifists. Remember those who gave their lives in the Great Wars, and those who continue to put their lives on the line from duty and in our defence
Sunday 12	<b>Remembrance Sunday 3 before Advent</b> Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule.  <b>Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.15am</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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