

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

1<sup>st</sup> December 2019  
Advent Sunday

**This week we were formally recognised as an Inclusive Church:**



This means we, at All Saints Clifton, have formally signed up to the shared vision:

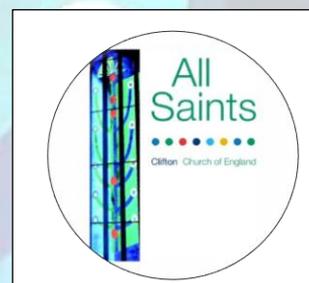
*"We believe in inclusive Church - a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality. We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."*

We are one of only a few churches in Bristol who have this recognition. Look at the [Inclusive Church](#) website to find out more.

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# ALL SAINTS NEWS EVENTS

## **Inclusive Church during Advent**

During Advent there will be three short evening meetings to discuss the inclusive topics: 1. Mental Health and Disability; 2. Ethnicity and Poverty; and 3. Gender and Sexuality. These small group study groups will meet at the vicarage at 7.00 pm on:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Our church doors stand open each and every day, we do not discriminate. Each and every person is welcome to come into church, be part of our worshipping community and live the Gospel within society.

## **TONIGHT ! Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 ADVENT CAROL SERVICE 6.00pm**

Mulled wine and Mince Pies served after  
the service



**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

Traidcraft burn passionately for trade, social and environmental justice. We're the original fair trade pioneers in the UK, and advocate the importance of organic farming, sustainability, and transparency to the lives of growers and artisans around the world.

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**All Saints has supported Traidcraft  
as part of our commitment  
to social and environmental justice  
since 1985.**

**Please consider buying your  
Christmas cards, groceries,  
gifts and treats from  
Traidcraft this year.**

**Catalogues available on request.  
thank you!**





# ALL SAINTS NEWS EVENTS

all saints arts  concert matinée

## Bach Cantatas

84 'Ich bin vernugt'  
78 'Jesu, der du meine Seele'

All Saints Choir & Players  
Hannah Swain (Soprano)  
Niall Hoskin (Bass)

**Saturday  
December 7<sup>th</sup>  
4pm**

retiring collection tea & cake



## ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS CARD

The 2019 Christmas card is ready for distribution !

If you are able to deliver any cards in your neighbourhood please look at the Christmas card table for available streets

### Carols at the Alma

Would you like to join the choir on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of December from 6.30pm for a Community Christmas Evening at the Alma.

The Clifton Down Community Association, the Alma Tavern and All Saints are presenting traditional carols for community singing.



Prosecco & Mince Pies as a reward.

Please see Martin for more information



### All Saints Cards

Steve Field, who exhibited at the recent Arts Trail, has kindly given us permission to use his photo prints on behalf of the Church. We have created an All Saints card , showing a detail from the Tree of Life Baptistry window.

It is not specifically for Christmas (though it looks quite Christmassy!) – and it is blank for you to write your own message. Cards (– with envelopes) will be available from December 1<sup>st</sup> and cost £1 each or £4 for 5. Look out for them in the Atrium after the service this Sunday. Proceeds will go to this year's Christmas Charity.

## PRAYER

2	<p><b>Mass 9.30am</b>          Today is the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.          Pray for those whose lives have been blighted by involvement in the modern day slave trade.          Pray for charities like Stop the Traffik and other advocates working for victims and for their freedom; for the perpetrators of associated crimes and for the police and justice system working in response.</p>
3	<p><b>Mass 9.30am</b>          Pray for those organisations, churches and individuals planning and preparing to open hostels, food banks and Christmas Day lunch provision over the Christmas period.          Pray that a sense of collective responsibility and generosity amongst communities to care for their more vulnerable members will be evident.</p>
4	<p><b>Mass 9.30am</b>          Pray for the NHS and for hospital A&amp;E departments facing extra pressure as the winter progresses: for nursing staff and managers whose job it is to prioritise under pressure in order to help the most vulnerable.</p>
5	<p><b>Mass 7.00pm</b> As this Advent season of waiting begins, pray for those who are 'waiting' today, for whatever reason: for vital news, for letters, for decisions, for a home, for progress, for loved ones.          Pray that they may know patience and peace as they wait.</p>
6	<p><b>Mass 10.30am</b>          Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326. Today is the feast of St. Nicholas.          As we remember this feast day, may we not lose sight-beneath the folk tale- of the qualities of faithfulness, goodness and love, demonstrated by Saint Nicholas to his people. May we pray for those same qualities to be evident in our own lives.</p>
7	<p><b>Mass 10.30am</b>          Ambrose of Milan, Teacher of the Faith 397A gifted liturgist and theologian, Ambrose is traditionally credited with the antiphonal chant. He became bishop of Milan in 374 and was a particular influence on Augustine.          Give thanks for those who have influenced our traditions of liturgy and theology with their insight and understanding.</p> <p>Concert Matinée 4.00pm</p>
8	<p><b>Advent 2</b>          The Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary.          Lord Jesus, light of the world, blessed is Gabriel who brought good news; blessed is Mary, your mother and ours. Bless your church preparing for Christmas; and bless us your children who long for your coming. Amen.</p> <p><b>Mass</b> <b>8.00am</b>  <b>All Age Worship</b> <b>9.30am</b>  <b>Parish Mass</b> <b>11.00am</b>  <b>Evening Prayer</b> <b>6.00pm</b></p>

