

ALL SAINTS NEWS

8th December 2019
2nd Sunday in Advent

Inclusive Church: Social Action, Poverty and Class:



This week the first Inclusive Church workshop took place where we considered Social Action, Poverty and Class. The group recognised that 'Inclusive Church' was much more than keeping the doors open, though keeping the doors open is hugely important. It is also more than having no discrimination as to who it is that comes through our church doors and in making all feel as welcome as we can.

An 'Inclusive Church' is also an active church! What is it that we do here at All Saints which demonstrates our inclusivity when we consider Social Action, Poverty and Class?

- Working with, volunteering, collecting for and supporting the Sisters of the Church and the work of the 'Loaves and Fishes' project in St Pauls
- Support and volunteers for the Julian Trust
- Providing a place of safety for those who walk in off the street
- Providing a postal address and additional support for a few of the homeless in Clifton
- Charitable giving during our planned seasonal giving
- Uplifting those who are in need in our prayers
- Action in the 'Fifties Forum' and for those alone and lonely in our community

These are a few of the activities in which we engage that enable us to be described as an 'Inclusive Church'.

Inclusive Church during Advent

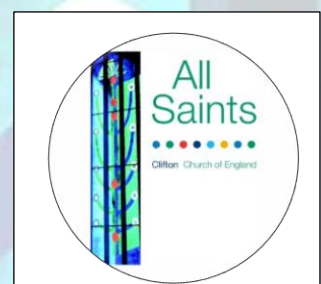
During Advent there will be three short evening meetings to discuss the inclusive topics: 1. Mental Health and Disability; 2. Ethnicity and Poverty; and 3. Gender and Sexuality. These small group study groups will meet at the vicarage at 7.00 pm on: Wednesday 11th December and Wednesday 18th December

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.

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Sunday 15th December 11.00 am Parish Mass Advent Three

Revd. Canon Dr Simon Taylor - Director of Ministry Development in the Diocese of Bristol will be preaching at the Parish Mass.

Bishop Viv said "The development of lay and ordained ministry to respond to the needs of a changing church is central to the diocesan vision. Simon brings his experience of being formed for ministry in the Diocese of Bristol, supplemented by several years of working to develop diocesan training and development in the Diocese of Derby. He is committed to enabling all of us to reflect theologically and prayerfully as we work together for the coming of Christ's kingdom."



An evening Pilgrimage for Advent

Sunday 8th December 2018 at 6pm

The journey to Christmas isn't so much a physical journey as a travelling of the heart, mind and soul closer to hope closer to gratitude, and closer to Jesus.

5.55pm Gather in the atrium to collect your Pilgrim candles



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

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





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Carols at the Alma

Would you like to join the choir on Tuesday 10th 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 CHRISTMAS CARD

Thank you to everyone who has distributed the 2019 Christmas card.

If you are able to deliver any of the remaining cards in your neighbourhood please look at the Christmas card table for streets that you can visit.

All Saints will be a Polling station on Thursday 12th December 2019



The Church will remain open throughout the day.



Saturday
14th
December
at
11.00 am

Please come and help decorate the All Saints Christmas tree



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 1st and cost £1 each or £4 for 5. Look out for them in the Atrium after the service this Sunday. Proceeds will go to Unseen, this year's Christmas Charity.

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PRAYER

9 M	<p>Mass 9.30am Pray for politicians, civil servants and journalists involved in preparation, canvassing and news reporting ahead of next week's General Election. Pray that honesty, compassion, truth and a commitment to mutual human flourishing might prevail.</p>												
10 T	<p>Mass 9.30am Today is Human Rights Day, established by the United Nations in 1948. Pray for organisations like Amnesty International who work tirelessly for the human rights and freedom of those most at risk of personal and political abuse. Pray for those wrongly imprisoned and subject to torture, neglect and abuse for political purposes. <u>Carols at the Alma</u></p>												
11 W	<p>Mass 9.30am Pray for agencies and teams responsible for our road and rail networks, especially those with the responsibility for safety during winter weather.</p>												
12 Th	<p>Mass 7.00pm Pray for the General Election taking place today; for candidates and voters and for the peace and stability of our communities. Pray that the needs of the most vulnerable in our society will be recognised and upheld in the outcome.</p>												
13 F	<p>Mass 10.30am Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304. Today is the Feast of St. Lucy, or Lucia, celebrated widely across Europe, especially in Scandinavia. Pray for the church in Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Norway, where the particular challenges of secularism shape Christian influence. <u>Friends on Friday</u></p>												
14 Sa	<p>Mass 10.30am St. John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the Faith. A Carmelite friar and priest, John is especially known for his spiritual writing, most notably "The Dark Night of the Soul." Pray today for those for whom God seems absent or lost in darkness. <u>Christmas Tree into Church</u></p>												
15 Su	<p>Advent 3 Lord Jesus, light of the world, John told the people to prepare, for you were very near. As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome you now. Amen.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Mass</td> <td>8.00am</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>All Age Eucharist</td> <td>9.30am</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Mass</td> <td>11.00am</td> <td>Afternoon Worship 3.00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evening Prayer</td> <td>6.00pm</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Mass	8.00am		All Age Eucharist	9.30am		Parish Mass	11.00am	Afternoon Worship 3.00pm	Evening Prayer	6.00pm	
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