Clifton Parish
Sharing God's Love

Sunday 1st November
All Saints Day

Reading: Psalm 34:1-10 (467/455LP) & Matthew 5:1-12 (802/774LP)

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS:

TODAY – SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

9.30am – HOLY COMMUNION at Café Church – *HTwSF*
11am – ALL AGE MORNING WORSHIP – *St. Mary's*
4pm – ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION – *HTwSF*

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER



9 – 11am – TODDLERS & TOAST – *HTwSF*
5.30 – 7pm – YOUTH GROUP – *HTwSF*

TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

7 – 7.15am – WAKE & PRAY – *Zoom meeting*
10.30am – All welcome to the SALT get together – *HTwSF*
(**S**haring in Prayer **a**nd **L**earning **T**ogether from the Bible)
1.30pm – FUNERAL of Madge Peachment – *Wilford Hill*
3.30 - 4.30pm – KIDS' CHURCH – *HTwSF*
7 - 7.30pm – ZOOM EVENING PRAYER
7.30pm – ALPHA COURSE – Week 4

WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER

9 – 11am – DROP IN CAFÉ – with jigsaw & book swap
& Prayers at 11am – *HTwSF*
6.30 – 8pm – YOUTH CAFÉ – *HTwSF*

THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER

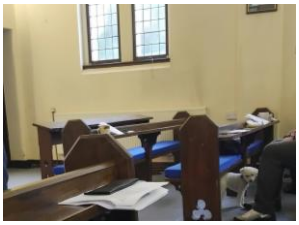
7 – 7.15am – WAKE & PRAY - *Zoom meeting*
12 – 1pm – MIDDAY PRAYER – *St. Mary's*

Prayer Link for ALL ZOOM prayer meetings:
ZOOM - Meeting ID: 892 4623 8444 / Passcode: prayer
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89246238444?pwd=MHpQZnl6Vnl2bStOSVY2VnlDb3lCdz09

A Note from Lydia…



This half term, I have been really grateful to spend 10 days in Glencoe in Scotland. The weather was a little blustery and wet, but we managed to get out between the storms – here's Drew and I on the top of Buachaille Etive Beag. That day we had wind, rain, snow, hail, sun and everything in between!



The day Storm Boelo came over, we managed to make it to a local church and I was quite taken by how many people had ventured out in the storm, and particularly this little dog who received a blessing at communion.

We arrived home from church to a power cut that lasted all day – my niece and nephews described it as the best day of the holidays! As I have reflected on our time away, I was reminded that things in life are rarely straightforward, the unexpected often happens, but there is joy to be found even when things don't go to plan and beauty can appear in the most unusual of places.

In Clifton it feels like things have been a little blustery of late – lots of things that have been stable for a while are shifting and a new season is upon us:
Penny and Cliff left in October for Penny to take up a new role which feels a good next step for her, and then came the news that Esther will be moving on after Christmas to be Vicar in Calverton. The plan was for Esther to be with us in Clifton as a curate for 3 years, and so I feel blessed that she was able to stay for another 3. I will miss her dearly, but look forward to seeing God's adventure for her unfold somewhere new.

In addition, Gill and Julie are also both in a time of transition with house sales looming and moves to be closer to family and grandchildren imminent. Both have played a huge part in Clifton parish over the last few years and been an incredible support to be personally.

As well as people moving on, this month has also seen our dear friends Jean and Madge pass into glory and the 1st anniversary of Shirley's death is approaching. It feels like a lot of loss in one go, but although things on earth are always changing, God is the same yesterday, today and forever! I hope you will join me in praying for a new season in Clifton Parish. Despite the grief, I do feel excited for all this next season will bring and what God will continue to do in us and through us, and I promise there will be no surprise announcement from me anytime soon – you're stuck with me for a bit longer - God doesn't seem to be moving me on just yet!

Love and blessings, *Lydia*

BAGS OF BLESSING

The Bags of Blessing boxes are now in church until Sunday 15th November.

This is an opportunity to give small Christmas gifts, stationery, books, or items of confectionery to those who might not otherwise receive much this Christmas.

Donations will be sorted and gift wrapped and 4 or 5 gifts will be put into a red cotton bag to be distributed to young people aged 0-16 via food banks, homeless and refugee charities or organisations which support disadvantaged children.
(You do not need to wrap your gifts)

EDITH TAKES UP HER FIRST POST



Some of you might remember Edith who was on placement with us for two years while she was an ordinand, training to be a vicar. We were delighted to hear that she has now completed her curacy in Worksop and was licensed into her first post as Vicar of The Bridge Benefice in the diocese of Cambridge.
Dear God, please lead, inspire and protect Edith as she steps into this new position. Amen

Collect:
God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Photo highlights from October...



We enjoyed a lovely Harvester Walk!



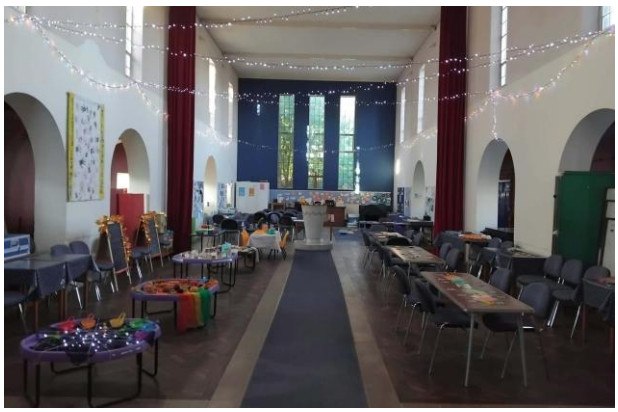
The toddler group enjoyed an Autumn themed Messy play session







SEND CHURCH was also seasonal!











The churches looked beautiful for Harvest (thank you to all who helped) and we loved having the Community Singers with us. The Foodbank were also grateful for our 100kg of donations! (thank you to everyone who contributed)







The Harvest festivities also went out to all the Primary Schools and Care Homes in Clifton.



We gave Penny a great send off as she moves onto a new job as Assistant Minister in Edwalton.







We have been so grateful for all Penny and Cliff have contributed to the life of our churches.

Penny has always gone the extra mile and has shown us God's love in action every single day.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Penny's leaving gift – she was blown away by our appreciation and love:

Wow I don't think I've ever had such an amazing send off as this. Thank you so so much everyone. I will miss you all so much and you will all be in my thoughts and prayers. I couldn't take this step without everything you have taught me over the past few years and without the love and support from so many. May God bless you all.













If you don't currently attend a small group, Advent is a great time to join in, we will have new material to look through and it's a great way to get to know others in church and get closer to God.

Small groups meet at different times so you should be able to find one that suits, times are:

1st Tuesday of the month 10.30am
2nd Tuesday of the month 7.30pm
2nd and 4th Thursday of the month 7.30pm
3rd Monday of the month 2pm
Last Monday of the month 7.30pm

Please contact Andy for any further information.

PRAYER POINTS for November:

- **For the recruitment process for Youth Minister and Safeguarding Lead – with interviews w/c 9th Nov.**
- **For Penny, Esther, Gill and Julie as they transition to something new and for wisdom and discernment for the new season we are entering here in Clifton.**
- **For God's favour on funding applications and a smooth way forwards for the heating at Holy Trinity with St Francis.**
- **For God to refresh and inspire us all, leading us into deeper faith and trust as we put our hope in him.**

AMEN

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE DAY

9.30am – MORNING WORSHIP at Café Church – *HTwSF*

10.45am – REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at the War Memorial

(No 11am at St. Mary's today)

4pm – FUN @ 4 – *HTwSF*

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

- **Thursday 19th November – 7 for 7.30pm – PCC MEETING –** *HTwSF*
- **Saturday 21st November – 7pm – SONGS FROM THE HEART –** *St. Mary's*
  An evening of music to celebrate love, sisterhood & St. Cecilia's Day – raising money for the new heating system at Holy Trinity
- **Friday 27th November – 10 – 12 noon – COFFEE MORNING –** *St. Mary's*
- **Saturday 28th November – 9am – MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST –** *HTwSF*
- **Saturday 5th December – 10-12 noon – SEND Church Christmas Special – *HTwSF***
- **Saturday 5th December – 3-5pm – CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA –** *HTwSF*
- **Saturday 19th December – 7-9pm – PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY & Bye Bye Esther –** *HTwSF*
- **Sunday 20th December:**
  - **9.30am – Carol service** – *HTwSF*
  - **11am – Walking Nativity** – *from Village Hall to St Mary's*
  - **7pm – Carols by Candlelight** – *St Mary's*
- **Thursday 24th December – 4pm Christingle** *StM* **/ 6pm Christingle** *HTwSF*
- **CHRISTMAS DAY – 10am – CELEBRATION SERVICE –** *HTwSF*

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