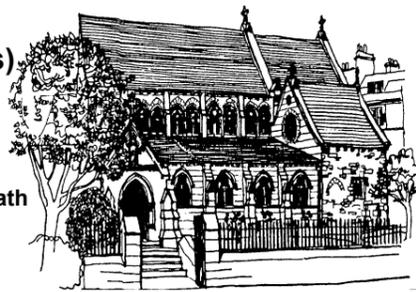


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**(Our Lady, Help of Christians)**  
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#### Feast of All Saints

Today we celebrate a feast that brings into focus all those who lead good & often holy lives but are not officially recognised by the Church as 'Saints'. The church introduced this feast in order to recognise the early Christian martyrs, many of whom were never known by name but who lived faithful Christian lives & died for their faith. We may not have known anyone who has died for their faith but most of us have met people who have devoted their life to living the values of the Gospel. They are the people who strive to live generously & compassionately. They are not heroic in the normal sense of the word, but their lives often are heroic. They are the ones ready to go the extra mile for others & then slip away un-noticed. When we think of holiness, what do we imagine? Perhaps one definition is the capacity to live without hankering after the past or imagining the future but being able to focus on the present moment. Such people are attentive to what is going on around them & in doing so can respond to whatever is asked of them. During the pandemic we have seen many such people, heroically giving endlessly to meet the needs of others. These are blessed people. Today's Gospel invites each one of us to live humble, peaceful, wholesome (holy) lives with Christ at the heart of all our actions & words.

Sarah Adams, Director for the Department for Adult Education & Evangelisation

#### Monday 2nd November is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, or All Souls Day.

We remember all those who die in God's friendship. They are assured of their eternal salvation, but still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven. We who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help them by our prayers, & especially the Holy Mass. On this day, & throughout November, we remember our deceased relatives & friends. Normally we have a Book of Remembrance in which to write the names of loved ones. They are remembered at each Mass celebrated in St. Mary's during November. In the current situation we cannot have a book or pen that multiple people will touch. So we will provide November Lists for you to take home & complete. They should be returned in the envelope provided to the basket that will be placed next to the collection box in the Lady Chapel as you exit the church. **Please return them as soon as you can as they will need to be left for 72 hours before we can open them.** They will be placed on the Altar & all names remembered at each Mass during November, even those said privately by Fr Jeremy. Lists can be obtained from the steward as you leave the Church.

If you are shielding & not attending Church, then email the parish office with a list of names & these can be printed & placed on the Altar too. Please put "November List" in the subject bar.

**Cemetery Masses:** It has been our custom in the past to celebrate Mass in Perrymead and Haycombe Cemeteries on the Saturdays of November. As we will be unable to do so this year, on those days Fr Jeremy will offer a Requiem Mass (privately) in St Mary's instead.

**Parish Census:** We last took a census in 2016, so it is time to ask for everyone's details again as people's circumstances change. Find the form online by clicking on "I am new to the parish. Help!" on <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life> You can either fill it in online and send it back to [bath.stmary@cliftdioocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftdioocese.com) as a pdf document, or print it off, fill it in and send it back to: Parish Administrator, 4 Harley Street, Bath BA1 2SF. We would welcome everyone to fill in a form, even if you have done so in the past.

**FINANCE:** The Covid-19 situation has severely disrupted our means of receiving finance to the parish. We thank everyone who supports St Mary's financially with a regular donation via their bank account or envelope giving. We recognise the difficulties in dealing with cash currently.

We are fortunate to have a foundation of regular givers. Even so, we have lost almost 30% of our monthly income (largely from the collection plate donations). This is income essential to sustain the parish & its outreach responsibilities. We know that many are facing greater financial hardship. However, if you are still able to make a regular or occasional contribution, we would be extremely grateful.

Please visit St Mary's website and give via the **DONATE** button. Any size of donation is welcome, no matter how small. Only the donations secretary sees this confidential info. If you are a taxpayer, please consider using Gift Aid to boost your donation's value by 25% at no cost to you. More info: <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life>

#### Open events at St Mary's Primary School, Nov 2nd, 5th & 9th 4.30-5.00pm:

Due to the ongoing challenges & restrictions created by the pandemic, the school open events for prospective parents/ carers need to be managed in a slightly different way. The school are holding a series of COVID-secure sessions where all participants will be asked to wear a face covering & clean their hands using sanitiser. Groups are restricted to a maximum of 6 people & tickets will need to be ordered via EventBrite. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-event-max-6-people-tickets-125007644229> If you have any queries about this, please contact the school on 01225 429030. Please note that this tour will be taking place outside of the school building; please dress appropriately for the weather.

**Blessing of the graves at Perrymead:** On Sat 7th November at 11.30am, you are invited to gather at Perrymead as part of the month of the Holy Souls. There will be a short Liturgy of the Word in front of the chapel & Fr Christopher will bless the graves of those dear & known to you. Do go along if you can. The November Deanery Mass that would usually take place at Perrymead will be celebrated in St John's at 9.30am that same Saturday (7th). At that Mass we pray for the members of our deanery community who have died across this last year.

#### Live streaming of Masses from St Mary's:

As the battle with Covid 19 is going to go on much longer than we anticipated, we have decided that we must start streaming our Sunday Masses. This way, parishioners who are shielding or prefer not to come back to church yet will be able to join virtually together with those actually attending. We have contracted with ChurchservicesTV who will install a camera during October. Our Masses will appear on their website & on our parish website, & will be available to anyone with access to the web. <https://www.churchservices.tv/> This company has installed streaming throughout the UK & Ireland & has huge experience (including Clifton Cathedral) <https://www.churchservices.tv/cliftoncathedral> In addition to Sunday Masses, we will also be able to stream weekday Masses, baptisms, funerals & weddings. We hope to start streaming our Masses towards the end of October, & will keep you posted about the start date. We anticipate the installation costs to be about £5,000 of which the camera is the most expensive part. We have received some very generous donations towards the costs & hope that we might receive more.

**MASS STEWARDS** Thank you to all our volunteers. **We need many more stewards. We have to have at least two at each Mass or we are not allowed to open the church. Could you help?** If you are aged 18-70 & not in a vulnerable group, please email the parish office. The more stewards we have, the fewer times you volunteer.

**Mental health:** If the darker days and colder weather is getting you down, and the added excitements of COVID and Brexit are not helping, then please consider making contact with:

- Age UK <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/health-wellbeing/loneliness/>
- Young Somerset <https://www.youngsomerset.org.uk/Pages/Categories/covid-19-support>
- NHS advice lines <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/>
- The Samaritans <https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help-if-youre-having-difficult-time/signs-you-may-be-struggling-cope/>

**St Michael's Without** Their Christmas 'Pop-up' shop is now open! A joint venture with Bath Abbey selling charity cards as well as a range of small gifts, nativity sets, decorations <https://www.stmichaelsbath.org.uk/blog/its-chriiiiiistmaaaaas>

**Masks are mandatory in all churches** (unless you have an exemption card & are under 11 yrs old). Please make sure your mask covers both your nose & mouth throughout the whole Mass. **Handmade cloth masks, in a variety of sizes** are available to purchase at the entrance to the church. £5 each, please bring exact money. All money goes to church funds.

“Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me.” Micah 7:8

#### SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Year A Proper of the Solemnity Psalter 3

##### Sunday 1st November

9.00am Mass Ray Rodgers RIP  
10.30am Mass Filippo Bellavia (anniv.)  
5.00pm Mass People of the parish

##### Monday 2nd November

**All Souls' Day (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)**  
No service in church

##### Tuesday 3rd November

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No service in church

##### Wednesday 4th November

**St Charles Borromeo, Bishop**  
10.00am Mass Renee Crompton RIP

##### Thursday 5th November

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No service in church

##### Friday 6th November

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
10am Mass Benefactors

##### Saturday 7th November

**Our Lady on Saturday**  
No Mass

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation/  
Confession will be available by request only.  
Please call Fr Jeremy 01225 311725**

#### RUH CONTACT DETAILS:

If you or a loved one is going into the **Royal United Hospital**, please contact [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net) or call the RUH Chaplaincy direct line 01225 428331 on arrival.

If Fr Jeremy is not available, and a priest is required urgently, please call:  
St Alphege's Fr Malcolm 424894  
St John's Fr Christopher 464471

For news on Fr Bill, please go to <https://www.stpeterpaulbath.org.uk/#>

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**1st Reading:** Ezekiel describes a vision of the Temple in Jerusalem where God's healing & life-giving presence is represented by a stream issuing from the Temple building.

**2nd Reading:** Paul describes the Christian community as God's building. Each person is a temple of God; a dwelling-place of God's Spirit.

**Gospel:** Jesus cleanses the Temple of the money-changers, the traders & the sacrificial animals they are selling. This is a prophetic gesture, pointing to the necessary purifying of the relationship between God and his people.

#### Parish Prayers:

For the RNLI and all lifeboat volunteers  
For Eloise, aged 4, who has a brain tumour.  
For all those with life threatening illnesses.

#### Diocesan Prayer Link:

Sluke and St Teresa, Wincanton with Mere, Milbourne Port, Castle Cary and Bruton

Healing Mass, 2.00pm,  
Next Mass 7th Nov, Downside Abbey  
1st Sat of the month

#### PARISH OFFICE: CLOSED THIS WEEK

All postal items to go to 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF. Bulletin items must arrive by noon on Weds: [bath.stmary@cliftdioocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftdioocese.com)

Of the 360+ people who have come back to Mass since July, we have contact details for only 80.

**Email Charlotte** if you would like to receive the Sunday bulletin by email each Friday or the Mon-Thurs emails of updates & ideas.

Previous weekday emails are on the parish website "[News, Events & Pandemic Resources](#)"

Charlotte will remain working from home, so do not visit or ring her her at the Parish Centre.

#### This week we remember:

Keith Newman, Jack Timbrell, Merv Haines, Kathleen & John Clark, Anne Clarke, Donald Hawkins, Theresa Sewell, Paul Buckley, Sheila Crosbie, Frances Kent, Marion Pierce and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.**



#### MASS AT ST MARY'S

The obligation to go to Mass each Sunday is still suspended, so you are not obliged to go to Mass on any day of the week.

#### Track and Trace:

Please scan the QR code on entry to the church. You need to have an iPhone and downloaded the NHS app. We have been asked to take the contact details of one member of each household who comes to Mass. The details will be kept for 3 weeks and then destroyed.

#### Please do not move the chairs.

Please allow families and couples to sit on the chairs arranged in sets of 2, 3, 4 or 5.

#### COMING TO CHURCH SAFELY

Please do not come to Mass if you have any cough or cold symptoms.

#### When going up to receive communion:

- \*Wait for the steward to tell you to go up.
- \*Stand on the marked square
- \*Remove your mask
- \*Put your arms out straight to receive the host
- \*Consume the host
- \*Put your mask back on; return to your seat.

#### BOOKING A SEAT AT MASS

Please click on the [link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-of-mass-4th-october-to-27th-november-registration-123111827791](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-of-mass-4th-october-to-27th-november-registration-123111827791) to reserve a place at Mass between 4th October & 28th November:

**Eventbrite** is our preferred method as it reduces the work for our volunteers.

Booking OPENS when the link appears on the parish website & **BOOKING CLOSES:**

Sun 9.00 am Mass - Sat at 8.00 pm

Sun 10.30 am Mass - Sat at 9.30 pm

Sun 5.00 pm Mass - Sun at 4.00 am

Wed 10.00 am Mass - Tues at 9.00pm

Fri 10.00 am Mass - Thurs at 9.00pm

**Via answerphone 07415000566** (for those who do not use the internet). Phone booking for the following week's Masses (Sun to Fri)

OPENS Noon the previous Wed, CLOSES Noon on Sat. Please text or leave messages within these hours only. Even if you have booked before, please include:

- \*Preferred Mass
- \*Names and number of tickets
- \*Your phone number (mobile preferred)
- \*Age of any children included