

The Parish of All Saints with St Saviour

Weston-super-Mare

Spring Newsletter

2025



Well, dear friends, if you ever wanted proof that God is working his purpose out, you need look no further than this wonderful church of All Saints with St Saviour, which is experiencing a hope-filled regeneration!

2025 could not have begun in a more exciting way.

After the beautiful services of Christmas and the Epiphany, when the church was resplendent with flowers and joyful with singing, we welcomed the Right Reverend Paul Thomas, the Bishop of Oswestry, the



Archdeacon of Bath and Wells, Bishop Michael and many more clergy for the Celebration for the new Ministry of Father Brendan, who, on

Wednesday 8th January was officially made Priest-in-charge of All Saints with St Saviour.

It was an extraordinary liturgy and an extraordinary occasion, with rejoicing, and much conversation and laughter over refreshments afterwards.

All the photos from this wonderful evening are on the All Saints' website for you to enjoy, so do visit the site on:

www.allsaintswsm.org

As a gift to our church and congregation in honour of the occasion Father Brendan presented us with an exquisite antique thurible from Paris, which will now grace our services. Thank you, Father! We shall treasure your gift!

The Sunday afterwards, the Baptism of Christ, was another time for rejoicing as John Crockford-Hawley, Weston's Mayor, joined us for Mass and handed over a cheque for no less than £1,600 to the St John Ambulance,



Weston super Mare, the proceeds from the Civic carol service on the 18th December.

Weston Choral Society has had a busy season, with a concert of Remembrance in November, closely followed by 'Winter Warmers' on the 25th January, which featured Haydn's glorious Te Deum amongst songs by Finzi, Elgar and Gershwin.

One singer in that concert was slightly more nervous than the rest, but not in any way from lack of practice! All that day Pauline Trapp's daughter, Sophie, was in labour with her second child. Would the baby wait until the concert finished?

What a considerate baby! The next day Pauline and Adrian Trapp became proud grandparents to Marie, weighing in at 5lb 13oz, sister to Esther. We congratulate Sophie and Kunal and wish them well.



Candlemas is a beautiful, luminous service during the bleak days of February, revealing the Christ child as the light of the nations, and on Sunday 2nd February we welcomed Bishop Michael Langrish as celebrant, and the choir sang the poignant words of the Nunc Dimittis, lighting the gloom of that wintery morning.



Our children's corner is now a real feature of our church, and Mary has invested a lot of time and hard work devising activities and making great relationships with the children's families, and now, thanks to some determined efforts, there is a permanent place for the picture boards, tables and chairs, making a cheerful display as people

enter the church, and blessed by Father Brendan.

And our outreach grows week by week at coffee church on a Wednesday, when we regularly break attendance records!

This year marks a special anniversary, the centenary year of the consecration of the Lady Chapel and south aisle, and on the day itself, 19th February, there is a special Mass, but the celebrations will continue during this year so keep an eye on our website for further information.

In fact there is much to look forward to!

Our Lent study group, focussing on the New Testament, begins on Monday 10th March at St Saviour Hall at 3pm with refreshments, and this will be a valuable preparation for Lent and Holy Week.

Andrea Monk's piano pupils display their skills on Sunday 2nd March at 5pm, and on Saturday 15th March at 3pm the Cadbury Saxophone Band open our concert series with a free entry concert, and that's quickly followed by West Mendip Orchestra and the Costanzi Consort, just before Mothering Sunday. All details of our concert outreach are in this newsletter.

There are many people, as always, to thank, and because our days fly by and we often forget to acknowledge the endless work that goes in to looking after our beloved church, this newsletter provides an opportunity to thank all those who give their time and their care: our retired clergy, whose support and guidance is so valued, our Sacristan Janice and servers, our organist Robert and the choir, our treasurer Terry, the flower team, and everyone who helps so willingly at festivals and concerts. And finally to our priest in charge, Father Brendan. Thank you, all of you.

Finally, way back in mid-October, we unwittingly entertained a 'Mystery Worshipper' from the ship of fools, and it's worth re-stating the words written at the conclusion of the report:

'The worship was wonderful, everything done in the right place and the people were so kind to each other and to us. I would definitely make my home here if I lived in the area. It made me glad to be a Christian'.

It's at the heart of who we are.

Fr Brendan writes

Dear Friends,

I am writing this on Wednesday 19th February between Coffee Church this morning and Mass this evening which, unusually for a Wednesday, is taking place in the Lady Chapel at All Saints Weston-Super-Mare.

On 19th February 1925 the Lady Chapel and south aisle of All Saints Church were consecrated and set apart for the worship of Almighty God by the Diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend St John Basil Wynne Willson. This means that today represents the completion of All Saints Church as we know it, as funds were never achieved to pay for the Tower George Bodley had designed to add to All Saint's ambition to be a 'landmark church'. *'From outset the building committee was determined to see a magnificent church on the hillside; one which would have appeal well beyond parochial boundaries'* (John Crockford-Hawley) as indeed it has to this day. By the time money had been raised to afford the Lady Chapel and south aisle Bodley had departed this life and the task of completing the building fell to Frederick Eden (1884-1944). To quote John Crockford-Hawley again *'where Eden could have easily and slavishly completed Bodley's scheme, he chose instead to build in his own somewhat lighter and freer style and, having been one of Bodley's star pupils, probably felt more than equal to the task. The result is a happy and complimentary juxtaposition of both master and pupil.'*

How blessed we are to worship in a building of such magnificence - 'all light within' as Sir John Betjeman observed!

Happily, fate had already determined that some months ago I would invite the Diocesan Bishop to preach on All Saints' Sunday 2nd November, 2025, at 11am, and thus the Centenary Festival beginning today will be brought to a natural and joyous conclusion.

In the meanwhile, how extraordinary a coincidence it has been that I was licensed as Priest in Charge in January without today's important date being known. Thank you to everyone who attended that magnificent Mass and the Reception that followed it. I felt truly humbled by the affection and goodwill that surrounded us all. And how auspicious that this Centenary Festival period will see the Ordination to the Diaconate of Kevin Coaker for him to serve as Curate across our parishes. This important service is at St Andrew's Cathedral, Wells, on Sunday 29th June at 10.30am. Kevin will deacon the Mass for the first time that same day at 5.30pm in St John's, his sending parish.

Add to this the possibility of a new Church Guide, a promised summer evening talk by John Crockford-Hawley, whose knowledge of All Saints can only be described as encyclopaedic, and the restoration in time for Easter Day of the Processional Cross designed by Frederick Eden... you can see that there is new life and hope in our growing community.

I say this to you all. We have so much to celebrate... We have received an extraordinary inheritance... There are signs of the green shoots of growth and renewal...

Why not come and be part of it all?

With my love and prayers,

Fr Brendan



Coffee Church

Every Wednesday at 10.45am, St Saviour's Hall, Locking Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 3EN.

Tel 01934 415379



Everyone welcome.

A safe space in which to have a chat, tea and coffee, cake or biscuit, within a Christian context.

The following page shows the community groups taking place in our halls, if anyone requires further information please contact the parish office.

Our Church Buildings Activity

The halls are used for community activities throughout the week.

(St Saviour's Hall is mentioned first in details below).

Monday morning **Weston Art** Group meet, then in the evening a local **NA** group and up at All Saints **Axe Scouts Beaver** group meet early evening and **Costanzi Consort** rehearse in Church.

Tuesday's Live Well and Dance Group for Parkinson's in the morning & U3A run an afternoon **Mahjong** group on the 1st and 3rd week, and a **Folk Dance** group on the 2nd and 4th week. Also **Weston Scrabble Club** every Tuesday evening. **Weston Choral Society** rehearse in church in the evening.

Wednesdays we have **Coffee Church** in the morning. Early evening **Inspire Theatre** group meet and **Axe Scouts Cubs** meet at All Saints Hall in the evening.

On **Thursday** morning a local **NA** group have their meeting, **Parkinson UK** Weston branch have their sessions at 2.30pm on the 1st Thursday in the month, 2nd Thursday it's for people with Parkinson's and the Carers drop-in on the 3rd Thursday in the month. Twice a month, in the evening, on the 2nd and 4th, Thursday in the month **Weston Assembly** meet for old time dance.

Friday for the card players when the **Whist Club** meet in the afternoon and a local **NA** group hold a meeting at All Saints

Every **Saturday** afternoon **Chelis Theatre Company** for children trains youngsters in drama, dance, singing and a whole host of other performing arts subjects.

The Affinity Parishes of All Saints with St Saviour, Weston-super-Mare and St John the Evangelist, Clevedon

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2025 - Everyone welcome

Palm Sunday 13th April

Procession of Palms, Passion Gospel and Solemn Mass

All Saints 10.30am

St John 10.30am

St John's 5.30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday in Holy Week

All Saints 10am Low Mass

St John 6pm Low Mass

Tuesday in Holy Week

All Saints 10am Low Mass

Wednesday in Holy Week

St Saviours Hall 10am Low Mass

St Saviour's Hall 10.45am Coffee Church

St John 6pm Low Mass

Maundy Thursday

Liturgy of The Last Supper, Watch of The Passion

All Saints 7.30pm

St John 7.30pm

Good Friday

All Saints 11am Stations of the Cross

All Saints 2pm The Liturgy of the Lord's Death

St John 10am Stations of the Cross

St John 2pm The Liturgy of the Lord's Death

Holy Saturday

All Saints 8pm Liturgy of the Resurrection

St John 8pm Liturgy of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday 20th April

All Saints 10:30am Solemn Mass

St John 10:30am Solemn Mass

St John 5.30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

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www.stjohns-clevedon.org

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Every Tuesday and Thursday morning 10am Mass at All Saints Church.

Every Wednesday morning 10.45am **Coffee Church** at St Saviour's Hall.

Every Saturday during Lent 10.00am Mass and Stations of the Cross at All Saints Church

Every Sunday morning 10.30am Mass at All Saints Church



2025 CONCERT DATES

Sunday 2nd March @ 5pm- Andrea Monk piano pupils

Saturday 15th March @ 3pm- Cadbury Saxophone Band

Friday 28th March @7.30 pm- West Mendip Orchestra

Saturday 29th March @7.30 pm- Costanzi consort.

Saturday 17th May @ 7.30 pm- Weston Choral Society- Vaughan Williams and Cecilia McDowell

Saturday 31st May @ 12 midday - Lunchtime concert -
Richard Lennox

Saturday 14th June @ 7.30 pm- Jon Hopes' Trombone ensemble.

Saturday 28th June @ 3pm- Afternoon concert- Samir Savant song recital.

Sunday 6th July @ 5 pm- Andrea Monk piano pupils

Saturday 12th July @ 7.30 pm- Costanzi Consort

Saturday 26th July @3 pm- Afternoon concert- 'Extravaganza 3'

Saturday 13th @ 12 midday - Lunchtime Concert -
Last Night of the Proms

Saturday 4th October @3 pm- Jolanta Modelska flautist

Saturday 6th December @ 7.30pm- Costanzi consort

Sunday 7th December @ 5pm- Andrea Monk piano pupils

Wednesday 17th December @ 7pm "Annual Carols by
Candlelight" in aid of Weston Hospicecare

Saturday 20th December @3pm- Weston Choral.



Photos from 19th February
Centenary Service



Old Grand Pier and Knightstone from Worlebury hill



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