

The Parish of All Saints with St Saviour
Weston-super-Mare
Summer Newsletter
2024

Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!



Greetings to all of you reading this at All Saints' church, and at our sister church of St John's Clevedon, as summer at last reveals its full glory.

It's hard to express just how wonderful our Triduum was this year, but I think everyone who made that journey from Palm Sunday through to Easter Day was changed. It felt like pilgrimage. We're hugely grateful to Father Darren Smith from the Assistant Curates' Society, who led the services so sensitively, each one with its own very distinct spirituality and reverence, from the expectation of Palm Sunday, the humility of Maundy Thursday, the grief of Good Friday; then that unforgettable image of a line of candles being carried confidently into the total darkness of the church on Holy Saturday, and finally the complete joy of Easter Day, when we were joined by Father Brendan and the church rang out with celebration and exultation!

What a lot of preparation had gone into that week...crosses were shrouded, candles trimmed, the Easter Garden created, the church cleaned by a hard-working team of volunteers on Saturday morning, vestments laid out, flowers carefully arranged, altar frontals changed, choir practices held...Janice virtually lived in our church during Holy Week. We owe her and everyone who helped in any way a huge gift of gratitude, and a special thank you to Maurice and Dilwyn who joined us as servers from St John's. We couldn't have managed without them! We're hoping this is the start of many more collaborations between the two churches.



And look at this! A bottle of the finest 'Evangelist' gin, distilled in Clevedon, no less, enhanced with lemon, bay and fig leaf and presented by Father Brendan to Fr Darren as a thank you. What finer way to celebrate Easter!

Just two weeks afterwards we had a busy weekend with over 16 of us sitting down to a fish and chip lunch at Winstons on the seafront on Saturday, followed by our APCM the next day, for which Terry had worked extremely hard, and at which Father Brendan announced the good news that a curate will be joining us at All Saints' church. This news marks a sign of diocesan confidence in our growth, optimism and renewal, and we thank Father Brendan, Fr Andrew Allen and Fr Stuart for their continual belief and commitment to our future.




Classical Vienna

Haydn: Missa Sancti Nicolai
Mozart: Missa Brevis in D K194
with Baroque Ensemble

All Saints Church
All Saints Road
Weston-super-Mare
BS23 2NL

Saturday 6th July
7.30pm

Tickets available on the door:
£15 (£7 students/U18) or use
QR code to book on line



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Costanzi Consort
Discovering Choral Treasures
Director: Peter Leech

www.costanziconsort.org.uk

It's simply lovely to be hosting weddings again at All Saints, and on Saturday 27th April we celebrated with great joy the union of Josh and Jade. The weather wasn't as warm as it could have been, but the service itself was truly wonderful, with the church resplendant with flowers.



We wish Josh and Jade every blessing and much happiness in their married life together and we keep them in our prayers.





Our musical outreach has been flourishing with a series of varied and enjoyable concerts ranging from the

virtuoso Richard Lennox, to Ann Clewlow's Vocalise and the Maesteg Gleemen, Andrea Monk's piano pupils, Dave James' *Isax* and the Bute Wind Quintet from Cardiff. By the time you read this Trinity Singers will have performed their 25th anniversary concert, 'Laudate Dominum' and the much loved Mozart's Requiem will have echoed through our beautiful church, sung by Weston Choral Society. Keep an eye on the splendid All Saints' website for future concerts.



There is much to celebrate and look forward to at All Saints: the feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday 2nd June, commemorating the institution of the Eucharist, the joint pilgrimage to Glastonbury on Saturday 13th July, where the preacher will be Rowan Williams, now Baron Williams of Oystermouth, and on September 10th and 12th we hold our Heritage Open Days. The life of the church is growing, as is clear each Sunday and in our Wednesday coffee church mornings at St Saviour's, where numbers are consistently breaking records.

We're very grateful to everyone who supports this; to Father Christopher who plays for us, and to all who work behind the scenes providing the much appreciated refreshments and helping to clear away afterwards.

So, let us look forward with confidence to a joyful future. We keep in our prayers all those who would like to join us each Sunday but are unable to do so. You are in our thoughts and in our hearts, as are those who have recently suffered a bereavement. May our prayers comfort and uphold you.

And finally we thank everyone who gives of their time and goodwill to further the growth and happiness of our church and its family. Never think that what you do is unnoticed or unappreciated. Every contribution is precious and valued. Thank you.



Father Brendan writes:

Dear friends at All Saints and St Saviour's,

We have had such good news over the past few months which I reported on at the APCM and I want to share this with you, the wider All Saints Community.

First you will know that our tired old and inefficient boilers need replacing. This is, to use a favourite phrase of mine, 'mission critical.' No-one wants to worship, pray or listen to music in a cold church. Now the cost is prohibitive, around £46k plus VAT in an estimate months ago.

I am delighted to let you know that three grant making bodies have agreed to fund us up to the tune of £23,500, which, if we put into an application to Heritage Lottery will be the match funding their processes require.

Now there's an important aspect to these grants. Whilst one of them is local and one of the trustees is Julia Elton of Clevedon Court, the other two, the Ascot Priory Trust and the Number One Trust are Anglo-Catholic in origin. What this tells me is that what we are trying to do in the regeneration of our parish with its distinctive traditions is being

recognised by the wider church. We should draw much confidence from this. It bodes well for the future.

Secondly, though this is older news, the Additional Curates Society last year awarded us a grant of £30k over three years to support the costs of ministry at All Saints. This is another sign of support and encouragement from the wider church which will, God and you willing, help us pay our parish share this year. And that is hugely significant in the eyes of the Diocese. Not least because it speaks about our confidence in our place in the life of the Diocese and in Weston-Super-Mare.

And finally, and I believe it is now common knowledge, we have been approached by the Diocese to become a training parish for a newly ordained deacon from June 2025. This person will be ordained to the priesthood in June 2026 and I have guaranteed (unless I am taken) to be his mentor for three years up until 2028, when I reach 70 years of age. This gives us security of tenure, and it means we can grow from the foundations now established. Whoever comes will work across both parishes with me BUT I hope he will be housed in Weston, and, because the training and housing of the newly ordained comes from a separate and distinct Diocesan budget and National church funding, there is no reason why this may not be the case.

What I say to you, dear people, is that we can optimistically look to the future in hope. We have so much to offer the town and our church. Word will get out. People will return. New people will join. This is my fervent prayer. Please help me make it a reality!



Coffee Church

Every Wednesday at 11 am, 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.



St Saviour's and All Saints Hall 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. Meanwhile at All Saints **Axe Scouts Beaver** group meet in the hall early evening.

Tuesday's 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.

Wednesday's we have **Coffee Church** in the morning. The Theatre Group Inspire meet late afternoon, every week for 4 to 17 year olds, meanwhile **Axe Scouts Cubs** meet at All Saints Hall early evening.

On ***Thursday*** **Parkinson UK** Weston branch have their sessions at 2.30pm on the 1st Thursday in the month, on the 2nd Thursday in the month they have a people with Parkinson's drop-in, and a 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. U3A use All Saints Hall every Thursday morning for an Art Group.

Friday for the card players when the **Whist Club** meet in the afternoon.

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



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

Every Wednesday morning 11am **Coffee Church**
at St Saviour's Hall.

Every Saturday 10.00am Mass at All Saints
Church

Every Sunday morning 10.30am Mass
at All Saints Church

SATURDAY 27th JULY - Strawberry Teas
ST SAVIOUR'S Hall, BS23 3EN
2.30pm – 5.00pm



TICKETS £6.00

2024 Concert Programme

Saturday 29th June- 7.30pm- North Somerset County Youth Music

Friday 5th July- 7.30pm- West Mendip Orchestral Concert

Saturday 6th July- 7.30pm- Costanzi Consort

Sunday 14th July- 5 pm- Andrea Monk piano pupils

Saturday 20th July – 3pm- Extravaganza II

Saturday 14th September-12 midday- ‘Last Night of the Proms’

Saturday 28th September- 3 pm- The Somernotes.

Saturday 23rd November- 3 pm- Weston Choral Society- Music for Remembrance- Howard Goodall’s ‘Eternal Light’

Saturday 7th December – 7.30 pm- Costanzi Consort

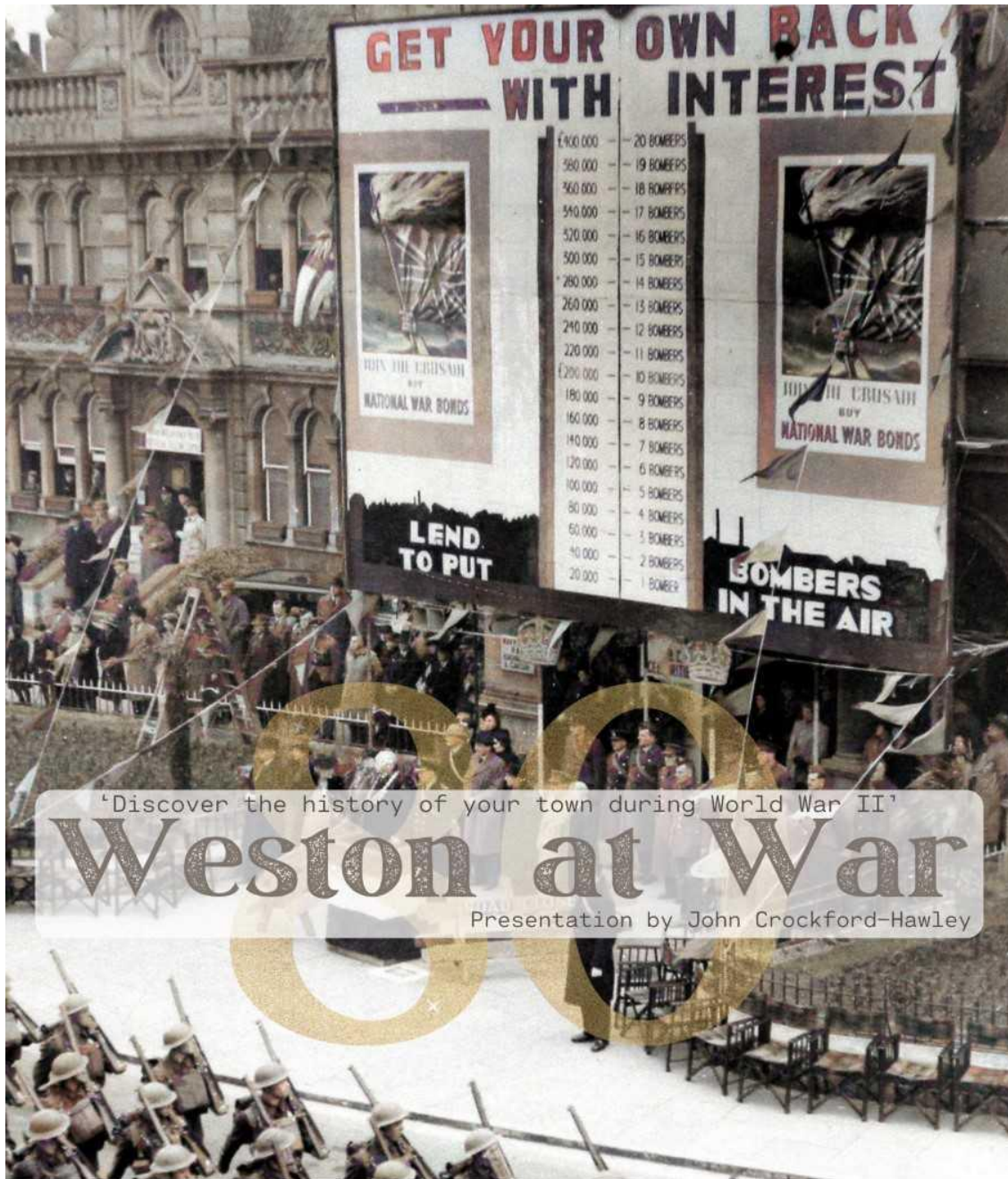
Sunday 8th December- 5 pm- Andrea Monk piano pupils

Friday 13th December- 7.30pm- Vocalise Christmas Concert

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'Discover the history of your town during World War II'

Weston at War

Presentation by John Crockford-Hawley

Thursday 13th June 2024 | 7.30pm

Tickets £10



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