



The Welcoming Benefice of Clifton, Haynes and Southill
All Saints' Church, Clifton

10th December 2023

Advent 2

Our Clergy and Lay Team	Our Churchwarden
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Readers: Robin Welsford and Peter Topley Lay Leaders of Worship: Kathy Blackmore and Ryan Parker	Find us on: https://clifton-beds.co.uk/ and https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7788/

Today's services

09:30	Southill Holy Communion
11:00	Clifton All Age Worship

Today's readings: Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8

Next Sunday 17th December Advent 3

09:30	Southill Morning Prayer
11:00	Clifton Holy Communion
16:00	Southill Nine Lessons & Carols
18:00	Haynes Nine Lessons & Carols
18:30	Clifton Nine Lessons & Carols

Services and Meetings this week

11 th	10:00	Clifton Craft and Chat in church
	10:20	CASA Collective Worship
	10:45	Haynes Funeral/Cremation
12 th	16:00	Clifton Music Practice in church
13 th	10:00	Clifton Holy Communion including CASA KS2
	13:00	Haynes Funeral/Cremation
14 th	19:30	Clifton Choir Practice in church
15 th	20:00	Zoom Compline

Collect (special prayer for today)

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath Candle

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace.

You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom.

Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.

All Amen

Prayers:

Please pray for all who are ill or infirm: Barry Livesey, Gary Edwards, Eileen Tobitt, Maureen's daughter Lavinia, Mel Scott, Rev Paul, Paul Coombs & family, Sheila Collins, Shirley & Norman Knapp.

Please pray for all the children, staff, parents and carers in our schools.

Also for the people of Ukraine and Russia, Gaza and Israel and for those working to end exploitation and improve human rights.

We also pray for The Food Banks in Biggleswade and Stotfold and for those in need in our community. Also for those volunteers from our congregations who help them with their work.

Clifton Notices

From Rev Caren

Christmas Card

There will be a Christmas card for everyone to sign if you'd prefer to make a donation to the church instead of sending individual cards to everyone in church.

Please make a donation on the sum up and sign the card with just your first name. Thank you.

Yew trees in the front churchyard

I've had many comments from members of the public in appreciation of the yew trees 'hair cuts'. Some of these have been paid for by kind donations but not all. If you'd like to make a donation please chat with me or Pat if I'm not around. Thank you.

Church Floodlighting Sponsors for December

Sponsor	Dedication
Pat Wisby	In memory of John and all the happy birthdays we spent together.

Church Flood Lighting

If you'd like to sponsor the lighting, please complete the form at the back of church and return to either the churchwarden or by email to benefice.admin@clifton-beds.co.uk.

Christmas Blessings

Biggleswade and District Choral Society presents Christmas Blessings at St Mary's Church, Potton, Saturday 23rd December 7.30pm.

Tickets are £12 including refreshments. Further details and tickets from Jean Peacock.

Refreshments

If anyone would like to join the refreshments team for Sunday services please contact Sue Welsford. You can volunteer with another person or as an individual. A new rota will start in January.

Music CDs for sale

This professionally recorded CD includes songs and piano music composed by Peter Maundrell, music by Schubert and a set of traditional French folk songs as arranged by Canteloube and sung by Christine Bunning.. Each CD is to be sold on a non-profit basis for £12, which includes a £5 charity donation to All Saints' Church and St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger. Please contact Peter for further details. 01767 314621

Benefice Notices

Lay Leader of Worship course

We want to help make it possible for public worship to take place in every church in our Diocese every Sunday. The Lay Leader of Worship course enables parishes across the Diocese to discern the gifts of, and provide training for, lay people to become local Lay Leaders of Worship (LLWs). The Spring 2024 course will be a mix of online and in person teaching, on the following dates:

- Thursday 1 February, 7pm – 9pm Online
- Thursday 15 February, 7pm – 9pm Online
- Saturday 2 March, 9am – 3.30pm in person, in Bedford
- Thursday 14 March, 7pm – 9pm Online

Please note: bookings close on 15th January 2024.

Please speak to Rev Caren if you feel God is calling you to this ministry.

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(All Saints Churches Clifton and Southill)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMeoUUGAD2RaEmJJbcV2Q>

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