



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

15th December 2024 SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY Advent 3

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Today's services

09.30	Southill, MP
09.30	Haynes Mission Hall HC
11.00	Clifton HC
18.00	Refreshments at Clifton/Raffle By the Charity Comm.
18.30	Carols4Christmas at Clifton <i>Followed by raffle.</i>

Collect (special prayer for today)

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Today's readings: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

St Alban's Diocesan Prayer

Living God, draw us deeper into your love;
 Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve;
 Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news.
 Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us to live
 Your love with generosity and joy, imagination
 and courage; for the sake of your world and in the
 name of Jesus. **Amen**

Prayers:

Please pray for all who are ill or infirm: Pat, Bessie Wall, Barry Livesey, Gary Edwards, Eileen Tobitt, Maureen's daughter Lavinia, Paul Coombs & family, Princess of Wales and Shirley & Norman Knapp.

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

Also for the people of Ukraine, Russia and the Middle East 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.

Services and Meetings this week

16 th	10.00	Craft and Chat
	14.00	Dress rehearsal Southill school
17 th	12.30	Broom lunch
	14.00	Southill school concert in church
18 th	10.00	Holy Communion at Clifton
	16.00	Darkest Night Service +refreshments

Next Sunday 22nd Advent 4

09.30	St Mary's Haynes, HC
11.00	Clifton Morning Prayer
16.00	Southill 9 lessons and Carols
18.00	St Mary's, Haynes Carol service

ADVANCE NOTICE**24th CHRISTMAS EVE**

14.00	Southill crib service
15.00	Haynes Crib Service
16.00	Clifton Crib Service
21.30	Christmas Eve, Holy Communion

25th CHRISTMAS DAY

09.30	Haynes Christmas Day +HC
09.30	Southill Christmas Day +HC
11.00	Clifton Christmas All Age Worship

Benefice Sunday 29th December Christmas 1

10.00	BENEFICE Service at St Mary's Holy Communion
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Thank you

To everyone who supported the Christingle service for The Children's Society, we collected over £95. This helps young people in need re-build their lives.

**NO SERVICE AT CLIFTON
WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY 2025****MORE FOR 2025!****Singing Saints 2025!**

All Saints Clifton, next sing along to put in your diaries for Sunday 12th January 3pm-4pm.

Benefice Quiet Morning 18th January 2025.

In The Mission Hall, Haynes.

19 Northwood End Rd, Haynes, Bedford MK45 3PH

Led by our Reader Robin

Please contact the Rector if you would like to join in as we will be starting with a breakfast.

Pew Sheet: Please notify any changes or updates for future notices to the Rector before Wednesday each week. Rector4clifton@gmail.com

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