



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

10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Mothering Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Our Clergy and Lay Team	Our Churchwarden
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### Today's services

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

### Church Floodlighting Sponsors for March

Sponsor	Dedication
Jane Mortimer (Parry)	In loving memory of Siegfried Bulow (Buffy), born 3 March 1924

### Collect (special prayer for today)

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Today's readings: Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Luke 2:33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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](mailto:benefice.admin@clifton-beds.co.uk).

### Prayers:

Please pray for all who are ill or infirm: Bishop Alan, Barry Livesey, Gary Edwards, Eileen Tobitt, King Charles, Maureen's daughter Lavinia, Mel Scott, 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.

### Services and Meetings this week

11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Craft and Chat in church
	10:20	CASA Collective Worship
12 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	Lent Lunch at Clifton
	14:00	Southill Tuesday Teas
	16:00	Clifton Music Practice

12 <sup>th</sup> contd.	16:00 19:30	SACRE Haynes PCC
13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 12:00 13:00 19:30	Clifton Holy Communion Chapter Southill Navigation Clifton Taize Service
14 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 13:45 19:30 19:30	Southill Lower – Admiral Byng Haynes Funeral & Cremation Clifton Choir Practice Southill PCC
16 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Putteridge Bury Conference: Hope for Rural Churches

### Next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March Lent 5

09:30	Southill Morning Prayer
09:30	Haynes Holy Communion
10:15	Haynes Café Church
11:00	Clifton All Age Worship
18:30	Clifton Evensong

### Notices

#### Easter Lily Donations and Easter Cross

If you would like to donate towards the Easter flowers, please add your name, amount and name of the loved one to the clip board on the book shelf. Please give any money to the warden, the Rector or myself.

Rev Caren would like to have the flower cross outside the front of church again this year so please bring a flower or blossom twig from your garden to add to the cross as you enter church on Easter Day. The more we have, the better the display! Thank you. Suzanne.

#### Churchyard Working Party

We are planning regular working parties during the Spring and Summer to keep the Churchyard and Graveyard in good order.

Our first session is **THIS SATURDAY March 9th from 9:30am to 12:30pm**. The work includes clearing graves, pulling back ivy and general tidying. The more the merrier. Please bring your own tools (eg. trowel, rake, secteurs, rubbish carrier and any battery operated trimmers or hedge cutters if you are happy to use such tools). We look forward to seeing you. Refreshments will be provided.

Thank you. Fabric Committee

#### St Mary's, Haynes, 13th Annual Ceilidh

The 2024 Ceilidh will be held **THIS Saturday 9th March** from 7.30pm in Haynes Village Hall. Dancing will be to the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band and no previous dancing experience is necessary! The ticket price of £17 includes a Fish & Chips Supper and there is a licensed bar. For further information and tickets please call Nick Cullum on 01234 381348.

### Café Church for Lent Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 12 noon - 1.30pm

Last 2 sessions are 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March. Come and find out more about Lent from the Bible and have a Frugal Lent lunch (soup and bread) where donations will go to the Need Project for their work in this community.

#### Clifton in Bloom

There are plans afoot for a village wide, weekend event over the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July and we are hoping to organise a 'flowery' event in church as part of it. If you would like to be involved either as an individual or as part of a group do get in touch with Suzanne. We will also need a tea team and cakes so even if you are not up to flower arranging (like me) there is plenty of opportunity to help.

Kathy Blackmore 646371 and Suzanne Stapleton 811929.

### PCC/APCM Notices

#### 1. Electoral Roll Revision

The APCM is once more on the horizon and as part of this, we revise the Electoral Roll. A copy of the persons currently on the roll is displayed (names only) in the porch. It is displayed so that any changes can be made. Do inform me if you have changed address and contact me or the Rector if you wish to be added or removed from the roll between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you. Linda Dawes 01462 816074

#### 2. Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Would you like to become a member of our PCC? We will have 2 vacancies at the APCM on 14<sup>th</sup> April and we have 2 nominations so far. However, if anyone would like to be considered, the procedure is to have a vote or co-opt at the next PCC meeting. This is a 3 year term and involves 6 meetings per year. For more information contact the Rector.

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