

Parish Notices

Bible Sunday

BCP: 21st Week after Trinity

25 – 31 October 2026



Further information (and booking details where relevant) of all our upcoming services and events can be found on our website, stmaryrecliffe.co.uk.

Sunday

Children's Church

Children's Church will be having a break for half term, but children are welcome to join us in church for our Parish Eucharist and make use of our children's corner! Our regular Children's Church activity will resume on Sunday 1 November.

Sunday Concert Series: UWE Brass

We are delighted to launch a new Sunday Afternoon Recital Series during half term, beginning today at 3.00pm with a performance by UWE Brass. Founded just two years ago, UWE Brass has quickly established itself as one of the leading university brass bands in the country. The ensemble has performed in a number of high-profile concerts and competitions, including an outstanding top-five finish at UniBrass, where they also received the award for Best Percussion Section. Their programme will showcase a vibrant and varied selection of music, ranging from contemporary and popular favourites to jazz classics and traditional brass band repertoire!

Growing in Faith Evensong Series: The Gospel of Mark

This evening we have the final Evensong with talks on the Gospel of Mark. The talk will look at the parables and try to understand why editors added new endings to the Gospel, as we uncover what Mark is describing as a New World Order at the beginning of Christendom.

This Week

Lunchtime Recitals

Our popular series of free Lunchtime Recitals continues this Thursday 22 October at 1.00pm with Stelios Kyriakidis on guitar. Kyriakidis' music for guitar is a blend of varied influences such as neoclassical, folk and cinematic music. Stelios has performed in London venues such as The Green Note, Theatreship and St Bride's church, as well as at international venues in the US, Germany, and Greece.

Beyond

Sunday Concert Series: Violet Wong

We are pleased to welcome Violet Wong, an accomplished pianist, trumpet player, music educator and adjudicator, for our next Sunday Concert Series performance at 3.00pm on Sunday 1 November. Violet has over ten years of teaching and performance experience across Hong Kong and the UK, and holds an MA in Music Performance with Distinction from Bath Spa University.

All Souls' Requiem

At 5.30pm on Sunday 1 November our regular service of Choral Evensong will be replaced with a Requiem Mass for the Departed. The choir will sing Sir John Rutter's *Requiem*, candles will be lit and the names of the departed read out. Please email vicar@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk if you would like to add a name to be remembered as part of this service.

Bristol: Built by Dreamers

From Friday 6 to Friday 13 November, come and experience Bristol's history brought to life through holographic storytelling. The 30-minute family experience has been created by Bristol-based *Holotronica*, whose pioneering Hologauze technology has featured in tours and productions for Beyoncé and Lady Gaga, and formed the centrepiece of London's 2025 New Year's Eve celebrations.

Pipe Walk

The annual Pipe Walk takes place on Saturday 7 November, starting at St Barnabas Knowle West at 10am and ending with refreshments at St Mary Redcliffe. More details to follow.

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 8 November the services will change to accommodate the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

9.30am Choral Eucharist

11.00am (please arrive at the South Churchyard by 10.55am) The Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by Choral Mattins

5.30pm Choral Evensong with the first talk on Difficult Questions: Why is there Evil? Further talks will aim to answer why there is suffering (15 November) and why there are other religions (22 November).

Interstellar Plus

On Saturday 14 November, Roger Sayer returns following his sold-out 2024 performance to perform music from the film *Interstellar* on the organ. Roger, whose performance is part of the original score for the film, will also play other iconic sci-fi music, including *Star Wars* and *Thunderbirds*.

Redcliffe Church Forum

Following the 10:30 Eucharist on Sunday 15 November, we will hold a meeting in the Lady Chapel. There will be a brief update from the vicar on the work of the team and then a discussion. At this meeting we'll begin with a chat about where communion is received. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions or give suggestions.

Redcliffe Gen-X-Z Social

Calling all younger people who are also over 18! Following Evensong on Sunday 15 November at around 7pm we will gather at 2 Colston Parade for drinks. There'll be a chance to discuss how Redcliffe can be the best possible church for people under 50!

A Regency Christmas with Candles – Speciality Music Night

On Saturday 21 November, *V3 Creative Unlimited* invite you to join a magnificent evening bringing together classical music, young performers and Christmas favourites in a celebration of music, culture and community.

Nick Heyward *The 12 Dates of Christmas* Tour

The *Haircut 100* frontman is bringing his stripped-back festive show here on Monday 30 November.

Treefest – 4 to 6 December

Plans are well underway to fill the church with decorated Christmas trees to celebrate the wonderful diversity and creative talents of Bristol. Charities, local businesses and organisations donate a tree to illustrate the work they do. If you want to enter a tree or know a local charity who would like to promote the work they do within Bristol, please share this link to enter a tree, for free. stmaryredcliffe.co.uk/treefest2026.

We need volunteers to welcome the visitors, look after the trees and help serve refreshments. If you have a few hours to spare to be part of this wonderful community event, please speak to Liz (Church Warden) or email church.wardens@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk or lucy.marshall@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk

Cinematic Music by Candlelight

On Wednesday 9 December, step into a world of magic, nostalgia, and festive wonder with *Cinematic Music by Candlelight* – a heartwarming evening of iconic film music and festive favourites.

The Christmas Orchestra Concert

On Friday 18 December, the Christmas Orchestra Concert tour makes a special stop at St Mary Redcliffe, bringing the Christmas spirit right to your doorstep.

Christmas at the Musicals with Nadia Eide

On Monday 21 December, *The Voice UK* star Nadia Eide performs a festive show featuring songs from *Phantom of the Opera*, *The Sound of Music*, *Matilda*, *Home Alone*, *The Wizard of Oz* and many more in the ultimate celebration of well-loved songs from stage and screen.

General News

Accessibility

We are aware that some areas of our church are not currently fully accessible, and we are working to improve this. Plans are under way for ramps to be built at the steps leading into the ambulatory. Please continue to let us know if you notice anything that could make our church more accessible. Your feedback is important and will help us make the building as welcoming and inclusive as possible for everyone.

Knitted Church Mice Needed

We have created a permanent children's trail to go in church and help visitors under ten engage in the space and the church's history. Part of the trail involves finding church mice in different areas of the church; however we can't find any friendly-looking church mice! If you are a crafter, knitter, crocheter or sewist and would be interested in making a mouse for the church's children's trail please contact lucy.marshall@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk.

From the Vicar's Desk

We apologise for any inconvenience while we continue to experiment with the best format for the weekly email newsletter following the change of provider. Your feedback is appreciated, so please email sam.love@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk if you have any comments or concerns.

Prayers

Those who have asked for our prayers

Clive, David, Geoffrey and Nicole, Joan and Lewis, John, John, John, Lorraine and Christopher, Lucy, Marley, Pellegrino, Tom

Those who have recently died

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Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Lillian Hale (28 October), Joy Stevens (29 October)
Douglas Griffin (29 October), Ivor Taylor (30 October)
Ada Durbur (31 October), Richard Allison (31 October)
Clifford Ansett (1 November), Graham Stimpson (1 November)
Rebecca Hayward (1 November)

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

This province includes the nations of Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi, with 15 dioceses. The first Anglican missionary to Malawi was Bishop Charles Mackenzie, who arrived with David Livingstone in 1861 and died of malaria a few months later. Anglicans look back for inspiration to the deacon Bernard Mizeki who was martyred in Zimbabwe in 1896. The Province was inaugurated in 1955. Its countries are very different, with Zambia and Botswana suffering the difficulties of rapid industrialization and having underdeveloped and thinly populated rural areas. In Malawi, 30 per cent of the adult males are away as migrant labourers in South Africa and elsewhere. Zimbabwe is experiencing problems of government mismanagement and corruption, with a majority of the rural population depending on food aid. But the church offers solidarity and hope. Please pray for stability and prosperity for all the people of this region.

This Week's Services at St Mary Redcliffe

Sunday	9.30am	Said Mattins
<i>Evensong is sung by Bristol University Chamber Choir</i>	10.30am	Eucharist (<i>Preacher: Helena Hoyle King, Ordinand</i>)
	Setting	St Anne's Mass <i>James MacMillan</i>
	Motet	Salutaris hostia <i>Gabriel Fauré</i>
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong (<i>Preacher: The Vicar</i>)
	Introit	Holy is the true light <i>William Harris</i>
	Responses	<i>Ferial</i>
	Canticles	Evening Service in A <i>Herbert Sumsion</i>
	Anthem	Abendlied <i>Josef Rheinberger</i>
Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	6.15pm	Christian Meditation
Wednesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Holy Communion
		(<i>Preacher: The Revd Peter Dill</i>) <i>followed by tea & coffee</i>
Thursday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Next Sunday <i>Sung by the adults of St Mary Redcliffe Choir</i>	9.30am	Choral Mattins
	Responses	<i>John Bertalot</i>
	Canticles	Morning Service with Fauxbourdon <i>Andrew Kirk</i>
	Anthem	Honestum Fecit <i>Jacob Handl</i>
	10.30am	All Saints' Eucharist
		(<i>Preacher: The Revd Laura Verrall-Kelly</i>)
	Setting	Missa O Quam Gloriosum <i>Tomas Luis da Victoria</i>
	Motet	Alleluia I heard a voice <i>Janet Wheeler</i>
	5.30pm	All Souls' Requiem Mass (<i>Preacher: The Vicar</i>)
Setting	Requiem <i>Sir John Rutter</i>	

Contact Details

Pastoral

If you have any pastoral concerns or needs, please contact the Pastoral Team pastoral@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk or The Revd Dr Brutus Green brutus.green@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk

Safeguarding

St Mary Redcliffe is committed to promoting a safer church environment within our parishes and communities for everyone, including those who are survivors of abuse. Any concerns or for more information please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer Esther Keller safeguarding.officer@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk or on 07811 723427

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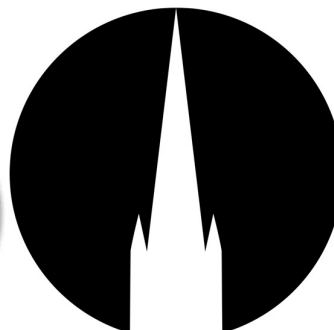
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