



St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

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Deacon Steve Boughton
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Palm Sunday, 29 March 2026

Live Webcam Link for all our Masses

churchservices.tv/malm

To Make your Weekly Contribution Online

<https://www.saintaldhelms.com/donate>

New Parish Hall Project

saintaldhelms.com/new-

Wednesday Word

www.wednesdayword.org

St Joseph's School Website

[st-josephs-malmesbury.](https://st-josephs-malmesbury)

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Aldhelm's,

We hope you are ok wherever you are. We are delighted to be in touch with you through this

newsletter. We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and thank you for joining us in celebrating the Lord's love for us in the Holy Eucharist. There are no strangers here, just new friends you have not yet met!

Today's readings centre on Christ's suffering and mission. Isaiah's Servant Song foreshadows Jesus' life, while Psalm 22 echoes His cry from the Cross. The Philippians hymn reveals the early Church's faith in Jesus, who saves us through humility and obedience. The Gospel begins with Jesus' royal entry into Jerusalem, then leads us into His Passion. We are invited not just to listen, but to reflect on our own lives in light of the characters—Peter, Judas, Pilate, and others—whose weakness, fear, and choices mirror our own, calling us to conversion and deeper faith.

Collection figures

Loose £167.13
Env NGA £ 25.00
Env GA £ 90.00
Priests' Retirement Fund £687.42

Choir Practice

There will be a choir practice for Easter Masses on Tuesday 31st March 7pm for choir members and anyone else who would like to take part in the Easter Services. All are very welcome.

Easter Offering

As you are aware, the Easter and Christmas offerings are two occasions during the year that help support the upkeep and maintenance of the priest. Very grateful for your support. Cheques may be made payable to Thomas Kulandaisamy, and cash offerings can be placed in the envelopes and brought along to any of the Masses during Easter or at other times when you attend. You may also make your offering online via Dona using the link below:

saintaldhelms.com/dona

Marriage Encounter. For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment experiences all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and discover God's desire for their marriage. The Marriage Encounter weekend and on-line experience are an opportunity to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter Experience, and our next event is a residential weekend at Swindon Holiday Inn Express from 27th February – 1st March 2026. Please see the poster below for more details and to book to come.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT:

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more:

retrouvaille.org.uk+44 797 338 0443

QR code. We are so very grateful for all your kind donations to the hall and to the items we need to buy for the running and safe operation of the hall. We've been asked how to donate to help us, and the details are on the website here [Saint Aldhelms Malmesbury](http://SaintAldhelmsMalmesbury) and if you would like to donate to

our parish hall with your phone please just point the camera on your phone to the QR code below and it will take you to the parish Dona page. Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity and please know that it will have a wonderful effect on generations to come.



Roof Tiles

With the roof works due to begin imminently, the opportunity to secure your family's legacy by purchasing and signing a roof tile for the new Parish Hall will soon be drawing to a close.

As the Bishop has done we warmly encourage you to take part in this special moment in the life of our parish. By adding your name — or your family's names — you become a visible part of the Church's future here in Malmesbury, while also supporting the vital fundraising effort for this exciting new space. There will be more tiles available in the porch in the next few days.

Tiles are available for £25 each and can be purchased and signed after the weekend Masses, when volunteers will be on hand to assist you. Where appropriate we will also claim the Gift Aid on your donation.

To donate: donate.mydona.com/st-a

About our parish hall: saintaldhelms.com/new-



2026 Curia Conference – Saturday 25th April

Many of you have signed up to participate in the Curia Conference being held at St Brendan's on Saturday 25th April, which is lovely.

The diocese is organising Curia conference on 25th April Saturday. If some of us are able to attend will be very grateful, as no one from our parish has signed up yet. Their aim is to bring as many of us together so that they may offer guidance and support in helping us in your role within our parish. The more that attend, the more they can understand the areas where help is needed.

If you haven't yet secured your ticket, please do so by following the link below.

eventbrite.co.uk/e/cur

If you are wishing to join us for lunch and would like to have a ploughman's lunch, please tick the box. Tickets are only available till the 10th April.

SECOND COLLECTION 3RD OF APRIL, **HOLY PLACES & CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND**

This annual collection contributes towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Christian Shrines of the Holy Land. It also offers financial support to the Christian communities living in the Holy Land at times when they are experiencing opposition and suffering.

Attached is a letter from Cardinal Gugerotti, Prefect of the Dicastery for Eastern Churches



Quiz Night

🧠👉 What makes a great fun night out?

Good company, a bit of friendly competition, tasty food... and perhaps discovering that your table knows absolutely nothing about the questions! 😊

So here's the plan:

🍷 Bring & Share Finger Food Supper

📄 Quiz Night

📅 Friday, 17th April

🕒 7.00 pm

📍 The Town Hall, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury (SN16 9BZ)

🎫 Tickets: £10 – In aid of Parish Funds (Parish Hall project)

🍷 Bar available

🎁 Raffle prizes to be won

Bring a plate of finger food to share, bring your best (or worst!) quiz knowledge, and most importantly bring your good humour.

Come as a team or join one on the night — everyone welcome!

For Tickets and details:

📞 Carole: 07946 854 852

📞 Gabrielle: 01666 838 391

A great evening of fun — all in support of our Parish Hall.

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Our Lady of Walsingham

The Rector of The Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham, Rev Dr Robert Billing has shared the attached pdf version of the Pilgrim Guide 2026, for your information.



Clifton Diocese

Safeguarding Officer

Part-time – 21 hours per week (Wednesday to Friday)

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton is committed to safeguarding and this vacancy provides a rare opportunity for a skilled and experienced professional to join the Safeguarding team at Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol.

The Safeguarding Officer role supports the ongoing development of safeguarding across the Diocese and the management of cases. The successful applicant will need to have comprehensive knowledge and experience of safeguarding legislation, policy procedure and best practice guidance and come from a background of either Policing, Social Work, Health or Probation.

For further information about this role please visit cliftondiocese.com/Dio or contact Janice Pearson or Tracey Holford, Clifton Diocese on 0117 954 0993. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 10th April 2026 with the intention of interviewing on Thursday 16th April 2026.

OUR COMMON HOME: ENGAGING POLITICIANS - 6:30pm, April 13th ONLINE with Bishop John Arnold, The Diocesan Environmental Leads Network & Friends. With the May local elections fast approaching, now is an important time to let politicians know your views on climate and justice. Following a meeting with the Catholic Diocesan Environment Leads of England and Wales, an alliance of organisations has come together to offer parishioners guidance on key environmental issues and to help them engage local politicians in dialogue about defending our common home and safeguarding the dignity of all our brothers and sisters. Register here: tinyurl.com/delpolitic

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ONLINE MEETING



WITH BISHOP JOHN ARNOLD, THE DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENTAL LEADS NETWORK & FRIENDS



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Holy Week Schedule

We are delighted to share the schedule for Holy Week this year. Please note that all timings remain the same as last year.

Palm Sunday (28–29 March)

- Saturday (Vigil): 6.30 pm
- Sunday: 8.30 am & 10.00 am

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (Wednesday 1 April)

- 11.00 am
- (You may join via livestream)

Maundy Thursday (2 April)

- Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.30 pm

Good Friday (3 April)

- Stations of the Cross: 11.00 am
- Witness Walk (CTiM): 12 noon
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00 pm

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil (4 April)

- Vigil Service: 8.30 pm
- *Please note:* Rhea will be baptised and received into the Church during this Mass.

Easter Sunday (5 April)

- Masses: 8.30 am & 10.00 am

PS

**Please note that, due to the hall works currently in progress, both the Palm Sunday procession and the Liturgy of Light at the Easter Vigil—which would normally take place in the churchyard—will be held inside the church this year. You are kindly invited to remain in your places, and we will follow the “inside the church” option as indicated in the Missal.*

**As the 10.00 am Mass on Easter Sunday is usually quite full, you might consider attending the Easter Vigil or the 8.30 am Mass if that suits you. To help us ensure everyone's comfort and safety, we would be grateful if you could use the sign-up button to let us know which Mass you hope to attend. Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.*

[Holy Week](#)

[Sign Up](#)

[Easter Vigil 8.30pm](#)

[Easter Mass 8.30am](#)

[Easter Mass 10am](#)

Masses Requested

28 March Sat 6.30pm: For the intentions and good health of Nancy Smith as she turns 101 on

29 March Sun 8.30am: Private Intention

29 March Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

Wisdom from Saints

“Faith by its very nature is the acceptance of a truth that our reason cannot attain; simply and unconditionally on the basis of testimony.” BL. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon (malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com)

Current Month Totals

Number of Viewers	Number of Unique Viewers	Total Time Viewed	1 Min or Less	1 Min to 5 Mins	5 Mins to 1 Hour	1 Hour or More
957	663	491 hrs	238	273	360	86

Viewers by Country (17 countries)

United Kingdom: 435

Ireland: 44

Australia: 25

United States: 18

France: 12

Slovakia: 7

India: 4

Denmark: 4

Austria: 1

United Arab Emirates: 1

Germany: 1

China: 1

Canada: 1

Estonia: 1

Martinique: 1

Sweden: 1

Current Year Totals

Number of Viewers	Number of Unique Viewers	Total Time Viewed	1 Min or Less	1 Min to 5 Mins	5 Mins to 1 Hour	1 Hour or More
3,860	2,080	1,834 hrs	1,589	781	1,071	419

Viewers by Country (43 countries)

united kingdom: 1,078
United Kingdom: 435
ireland: 53
united states: 52
india: 52
Ireland: 44
Australia: 25
United States: 18
france: 14
slovakia (slovak republic): 13
France: 12
Slovakia: 7
germany: 6
chile: 4
Denmark: 4
India: 4
denmark: 4
spain: 3
switzerland: 3
canada: 3
martinique: 2
poland: 1
tanzania: 1
serbia: 1
south africa: 1
hong kong: 1
italy: 1
united arab emirates: 1
greece: 1
Estonia: 1
zambia: 1
ecuador: 1
cameroon: 1