



St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

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Deacon Steve Boughton
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XXIII Sunday in OT, 6 Sep 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.k

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!

The readings today remind us that Christian love includes the responsibility to guide one another towards holiness. In the first reading, God appoints Ezekiel as a

watchman, warning that he will be accountable if he fails to speak God's word and call the wicked to conversion. St Paul teaches that our correction of others must always arise from genuine love, because true love seeks the good and salvation of the person. In the Gospel, Jesus gives a practical path for correcting a brother or sister who has sinned: begin with a personal and loving conversation; if this fails, involve one or two others, and eventually the Church. Such correction is not about condemnation or punishment, but about reconciliation, restoration and the good of the community. Finally, Jesus reminds us of the power of communal prayer, assuring us that where two or three gather in his name, he is present among them.

Please note our Filipino mass which was on 5th of Sep is postponed to 12th of Sep.

Collections this week (2 weeks)

Loose £377.70

Env NGA £ 47.00

Env GA £ 60.00

Petticoat Lane £229.00

MSP Mission Appeal £ 331.11 (excludes the amount directly sent to the MSP Office)

This weekend, at all masses, Pastoral Letter of Bishop Bosco will be read out.

Caritas Clifton Administration Support: We have had a Caritas initiative in the Diocese as part of the Catholic Social Action Network for many years. (www.csan.org.uk). The bishop is now keen that this is developed into a practical resource for parishes. We are looking for volunteers to assist in the setting up, and administration, of the initiative. This could be for a few hours per week or days. For more information, please contact Deacon Robert von Hawrylak on caritasclifton@clifton.

Please note that the Malmesbury Carnival will take place from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sat 5 Sep. Please be aware of the road closures and allow extra time for your journey. For more details, please check the relevant local information: malmesburycarnival.co.

Inauguration of the New Parish Hall – Save the Dates!

With our new Parish Hall progressing well, we are delighted to announce two important dates for your diary: Friday, 23 October, 6pm – Official Opening and Inaugural Mass, officiated by and in the presence of Bishop Bosco MacDonald and Fr Johnson Kallidukil, the Superior General of the MSFS.

Friday, 30 October, 6pm – An Evening of Thanksgiving and Appreciation, when we will

acknowledge and thank our Hall Committee, donors, benefactors, volunteers, and everyone whose generosity and support have made this wonderful project possible.

We look forward to celebrating these special milestones together as a parish family.

Confirmation 2027

We are pleased to announce that our next Confirmation will take place on Wednesday , 20 May 2027. It will be three years since our last Confirmation, and we expect to have a good number of candidates. We are delighted that Bishop Bosco has kindly agreed to come to St Aldhelm's to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Gillie and Annette will once again be leading the preparation programme and will be delighted to accompany the candidates and the family on their journey of faith. We are now inviting applications from young people born on or before 31 August 2013.

If you know of someone who may not have seen this notice, please do pass it on and encourage them to get in touch.

Please register by 30 September 2026, using the sign up feature below. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Annette at annettebed50@gmail.com.

Confirmation May 2027	Sign Up
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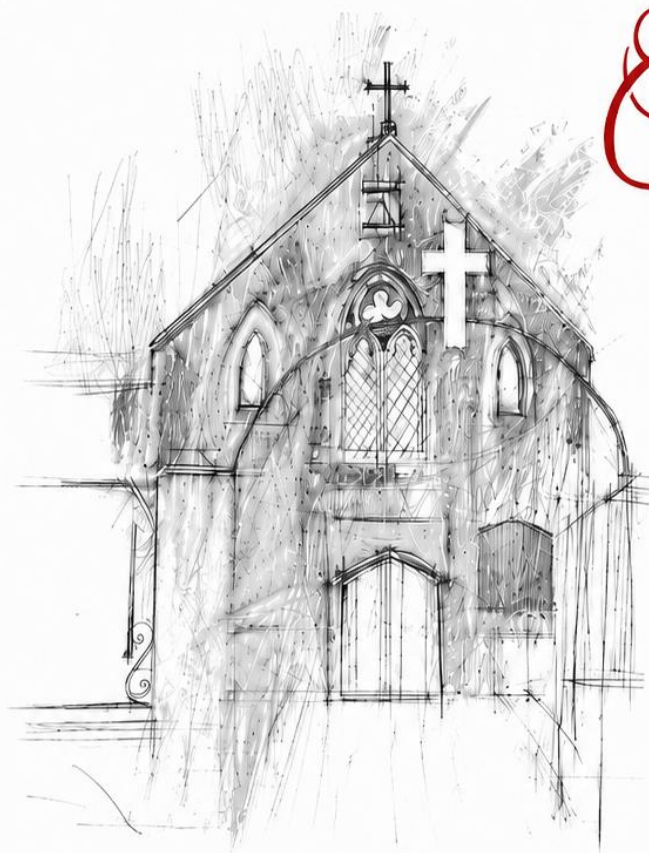
FHC Preparation

We are delighted to share with you the details of our First Holy Communion Preparation Programme for next year. Please see the attached poster for full information.

May we also kindly ask you to share this information with anyone who may not receive this message directly? Please help spread the word so that all parents, carers and children are made aware of the programme and have the opportunity to apply.

To apply, kindly complete the application/parental consent form using the link below:

forms.cloud.microsoft/



FIRST *Holy Communion*

PROGRAMME

Preparation sessions start:

7th October 2026

up until 27th June 2027.

The sessions will take place
after Sunday 10am Mass.

First session,
parents/carers only:

7.30pm to 9pm

Wednesday 7th October 2026.

The start date for FHC children
and parent sessions is

Sunday 11th October 2026,

after 10am Mass, in church.

Our First Holy Communion
celebration

will take place on

27th June 2027 (Sunday)

at the 10am Mass.

Sessions include:

1. First Reconciliation preparation
2. Altar Serving formation/training

Applications are now warmly invited from parents and carers
of children in **Year 3** turning **8 years or older** from **September 2026.**

Kindly submit your form by **30th September 2026.**

Children and parent/carer combined sessions
twice monthly from Sunday.

For further information contact:
maryt.lillis17@outlook.com

Line Dancing Evening

We are looking forward to a relaxed and enjoyable evening of line dancing in support of our Parish Hall project. Please see the poster below for all the details.

Friday 18 September, 7pm
Malmesbury Town Hall
Tickets are £15, including a Ploughman’s Supper.

No previous experience is needed, as Sean will guide us through the dances. There will also be a bar and raffle, with a prize for the best-dressed cowboy or cowgirl.
If you would like to come, please sign up using the button below, so that we have an idea of numbers for catering.

Line Dancing	Sign Up
18 Sep Fri 7pm	

ST ALDHELM'S FUNDRAISING TEAM PRESENT

LINE DANCING



MALMESBURY TOWN HALL, FRI, 18 SEPT, 7 PM
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. OUR INSTRUCTOR IS SEAN

*Bring your friends & family for an evening
of good food, great music & community spirit
— all while supporting a fantastic cause*

TICKETS £15 - WITH PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER
BAR AND RAFFLE. PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED COWHAND

GABRIELLE, 01666 838 391

gabrielle.h@btinternet.com

CATHERINE 07588695847

catherinecdooddy@gmail.com

Volunteers to be Hall Managers

As you're aware, we are approaching the inauguration of the parish hall on 23rd Oct. We are looking for a volunteer, or perhaps two people, or perhaps even more who could share the role, to act as the first point of contact for the Hall. Hopefully, this wouldn't be an onerous role, but it would be a tremendous help to the parish. Ideally, the volunteer would be a Malmesbury resident, and the Hall's dedicated phone line can be forwarded whenever required. The volunteers' main role will be to open and lock the hall when functions take place. Where possible, this may simply involve opening the hall, welcoming the hirers, and showing them around. They will not necessarily need to remain at the hall for the entire duration of the function. For closing, the hirers can be instructed on the simple procedure for locking the hall and placing the keys in a designated box provided for this purpose. We are aiming to make the opening and locking arrangements as simple, straightforward, and user-friendly as possible.

We have got someone already to manage the bookings, and also we have got volunteers to deal with any mechanical or electrical issues, and the Hall will be cleaned periodically by a professional cleaning company.

If you think you may be able to help, we would be delighted to hear from you. And if not, perhaps cast a discreet glance around at those sitting near you at Mass, you may know someone who would be ideal! Thank you for considering how you might help us ensure that our new Hall becomes a welcoming home for our parish and the wider community.

Volunteers for Parish Hall	Sign Up
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Mass Schedule and Intentions

5 Sep Sat 6.30pm: *Missa pro populo*

6 Sep Sun 8.30am: For the repose of the soul of Mr Francis Collingborn RIP (offered by Mark)

6 Sep Sun 10am: For deceased members of the extended Gilchrist family (offered by Frank and Hilary Gilchrist)

7 Sep Mon: 10am: Special Intention (offered by Veronica Anderson)

8 Sep Tue: **No mass**

9 Sep Wed: **No Mass**

10 Sep Thurs: 10am: Private Intention

11 Sep Fri: 10am: For the intentions and good health of Kathryn Harding (offered by Elaine Wright)

Wisdom from Saints

Man is neither angel nor beast, and unfortunately anyone who tries to make an angel out of him makes him a beast. BLAISE PASCAL (1588-1651)

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

Vocation Retreat Day

Explore, Learn, Reflect

Saturday 26th September | 10am-4.30pm | St Mary on the Quay

Join us for a retreat for **men and women** exploring life's biggest question:
what is God calling you to?

Hear how others found their calling in married life, religious life, and the diaconate, whether you're searching, settled, or simply curious.

SPEAKERS



Mauro & Janet

Married couple building a ministry, Founders of Come & See Catholic



Sr. Ann Swailes

Dominican Prioress and Cambridge theology doctorate



Deacon Rob Hawrylak

After a near-fatal crash, he found his true calling



Sr. Ernestine Kou

Missionary Sister for 25 years, first Indonesian SSPS Sister in England

Also joining us: Father Eamonn Donnelly SVD, missionary priest for 50+ years.

Scan To Book Ticket



Early Bird Ticket

£10

includes lunch and refreshments

*before 12th Sept, £15 from then until
sales close on 20th Sept*

For enquiries, please contact bristolcatholicwomen@gmail.com

Organised by Bristol Catholic Women and Bristol Catholic Men,
in partnership with the **National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW)**



