



St. Aldhelm's NEWSLETTER

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XXV Sunday in OT, 20 Sep 2026

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New Parish Hall Project

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Wednesday Word

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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 remind us that God's mercy, generosity and ways are far beyond human understanding. Isaiah calls the exiles to seek the Lord, abandon sinful ways and trust in

His abundant forgiveness. Psalm 145 echoes this truth, proclaiming that although the Lord is just, He is also gracious and merciful. In the second reading, St Paul demonstrates complete openness to God's will, accepting either life in continued service or death and union with Christ. The Gospel presents the parable of the workers in the vineyard, where all receive the same generous wage regardless of how long they worked. Jesus reveals that God does not measure generosity as we do; He sees our needs and responds with abundant mercy. The parable also highlights God's generosity in welcoming both Jews and Gentiles into His Kingdom. We are therefore called to trust God's mercy, abandon comparison and jealousy, and generously share His blessings with others.

Choir Practice

There will be a special mass for the inauguration of the hall with Bishop Bosco on 23rd October and also evening prayer on 30th October.

We will sing hymns on both occasions. If anyone would like to join us for the following practices we will be happy to see you.

Wed 23rd September 7.30pm

Wed 14th October 7.30pm

6th Oct if needed

Foundation Governor & Reading Volunteers – St Joseph's Catholic School

St Joseph's Catholic School is looking for one more Foundation Governor from our parish. If you would be interested in supporting the school and able to give some time to this important role, we would be delighted to hear from you.

The school is also looking for volunteers who may be able to spend some time listening to the children read. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Kirsty Martin at kirstymartin@sjpschool

SECOND COLLECTION, 20TH SEPTEMBER, HOME MISSION SUNDAY

On Home Mission Sunday we pray for the work of evangelisation in our countries and reflect on our response to the Lord's invitation to share our faith. Parishes are invited to have a second collection for the work of the Home Mission desk of the Catholic Bishops' Conference which exists to support evangelisation nationally. The staff advise dioceses, parishes, movements, and Catholic organisations and offer a range of resources.

Collections this week

Loose £217.02

Env NGA £ 27.00

Env GA £ 10.00

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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Sign up for our Hall Celebrations

We are delighted that our new Parish Hall is progressing well, and we invite everyone to join us for these two important celebrations. We have arranged two celebrations so that we can truly honour the importance of this occasion, and thank everyone properly. There will be refreshments on both the days

Friday, 23 October, 6.00pm – Official Opening and Inauguration Mass
with Bishop Bosco MacDonald and Fr Johnson Kallidukil, Superior General of the MSF3.

Friday, 30 October, 6.00pm – Evening of Thanksgiving and Appreciation

An evening to thank and acknowledge all who have contributed to this wonderful project — our Hall Committee, donors, benefactors, volunteers, builders, architects, organist organisations, and many others.

Both celebrations are equally important, and everyone is warmly welcome. These are parish celebrations for the whole community.

For catering and seating purposes, please use the sign-up form so that we can prepare well and welcome everyone comfortably. We look forward to celebrating together as one parish family.

Inauguration Mass

[Sign Up](#)

23 Oct Fri 6pm

Thanksgiving Evening Prayer

[Sign Up](#)

30 Oct Fri 6pm



post: IMC, Kings Lodge, Kingsway, N12 0EW
website: italianmedicalcharity.co.uk
email: admin@italianmedicalcharity.org.uk

The Parish Priest

September 2026

Dear Father,

We are writing to you as we believe you have parishioners of Italian nationality or descent who we may be able to help with their medical expenses.

We have inherited the work of the former Italian Hospital in London. After it was sold to the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, the proceeds are being used to help those of Italian origin who are in need of funds for medical treatment that the NHS has difficulty in providing or for their carers.

We are hoping that you could add something to your newsletter or any other means you think appropriate, letting people know that we may be able to assist them. All they have to do is visit our website at italianmedicalcharity.co.uk or write to us at IMC, Kings Lodge, Kingsway, N12 0EW.

For independent verification, please visit the Charity Commission website and search either using Italian Medical Charity or the Charity's number 218259. Should you have any questions please contact me, my details are above.

Thank you for your attention and we hope we have not just created more work for you!

Yours faithfully,

JO GIACON (Ms)
Secretary

Registered Charity No. 218259

Malmesbury in Bloom

🏆🌿 We are delighted to share that St. Aldhelm's has won second prize in the garden competition (Malmesbury in Bloom)! 🌿🏆

Many thanks to Ann Robert's Phare for faithfully caring for the garden throughout the year, and also Teresa Bromley Gardner and Catherine Doody, and to everyone who has helped maintain it. 🏆🌿 Congratulations! 🌿🏆🏆



Mass Schedule and Intentions

19 Sep Sat 6.30pm: For the repose of the soul of George Smith RIP (offered by Caroline and Nancy Smith)

20 Sep Sun 8.30am: Missa pro populo

20 Sep Sun 10am: Private Intention

21 Sep Mon 10am: Mass

15 Sep Tue: *No Mass*

16 Sep Wed: *No Mass*

17 Sep Thurs: Morning Prayer

18 Sep Fri: *No Mass*

Wisdom from Saints

If the only prayer you said in your life was "I thank you", that would be enough. MEISTER ECKHART (ca. 1260-1328, Dominican, mystic)

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