



Holy Trinity Church, Horfield, Bristol
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13th September 2026

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Collect For the healing of the nations, O God, you raised up your Son on the wood of the cross and exalted him as the Lord of all creation. Grant that all who believe in him may have the gift of eternal life and share in the glory of your kingdom, For the healing of the nations, O God, you raised up your Son on the wood of the cross and exalted him as the Lord of all creation. Grant that all who believe in him may have the gift of eternal life and share in the glory of your kingdom, where you live forever and ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Gospel:**John 3:13-17**

“No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”
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HYMNS & MUSIC FOR THE MASS

- 707** Lift high the cross (verses: 1, 7-11)
- 157** When I survey the wondrous cross
- 806** There's a wideness in God's mercy
- 758** Onward Christian soldiers

Mass Setting: *The New People's Mass – Dom Gregory Murray*

Organist: Martin Firth

Organ Postlude: Carillon de Westminster - Louis Vierne.

Following a recital tour in England in 1927, Vierne - the blind organist of Notre-Dame - visited the famous organ builder Henry Willis. The latter suggested that Vierne improvise on a theme, and he hummed the chimes of Big Ben (the Westminster chimes) as a theme. Vierne wrote this massive piece as a tribute to the English, starting quietly but building to an immense climax as Westminster chimes ring out in the pedals against 'Firing' English bells (when all bells strike simultaneously). But Willis got the chimes wrong! Can you spot the error?

PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are unwell: Marcia, Annie, John Crocker, Sophia Vryoni-Dickson, Ray Harris, Bryan and Joan Bufton, Geraldine, Frank, Michael, Matthew, Robin, Michael Lewis, Henry Wills, Kaydee Short, Mollie Lievesley, Ann Plaister, David Wells, Vanessa Blundell, Wanda Prosser, Hannah Spink, Nigel de Bray, Scott Blankley, Dixie and family, Geraldine and Joseph Fucci, Bruce Turnbull, Fr John Ware, Gillian Crow, Steve

Please pray for those recently departed: Scarlett Kent and **in Our Year's Mind** we pray for Ronald Whenmouth, Alan Lee (13th), Arthur Hill (14th), Gwyneth Vowles (15th), Jean Redman (18th), Marie Lawrence (19th)

If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please contact either Fr David, Caroline Plaise or Carolyn Larcey.

The Welcome Project Prayer

Lord, our God, source of all life, you reveal your compassion and mercy in the life we share. Bless us as we respond to your Spirit's invitation to open wide our doors to Christ. May the doors of our hearts remain ever open in holy and unconditional welcome. Bless *The Welcome Project* – that our welcome may be wide enough to receive all who need love and fellowship, as we reach out to welcome the stranger and friend alike and so welcome your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Peace

Holy and gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia; of Israel and Palestine. We pray for all those who are afraid; for those who are suffering and traumatised; and for those who are grieving, that your everlasting arms may hold them in this time of great suffering. We pray for those who choose war; that they will turn their swords into ploughshares and seek for peace. We pray for the leaders of nations; that they may follow the wisdom and compassion of Christ. We ask this in the name of your blessed Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for your children!

PRAYER AND PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

If you need prayer support either for yourself or for someone you know do let Fr David know in confidence. Fr David is also in church most Saturday mornings to offer counselling, prayer, hear confessions or just for a chat. If you, or a member of your family, is in hospital, or housebound through illness, please let Fr David or Caroline (warden) know, and a pastoral or holy communion visit can be arranged.

Welcome Conversation – an hour of Conversation every third Saturday of the month. All welcome. Provisional autumn programme:

September - Revisiting our Lent read: Henley, J. (2025) *Anglo-Catholic Discipleship Today: Encountering Christ, Embodying the Church*.

October – Artificial Intelligence and the Church

November – Art and Faith

Prayer and Meditation for September

*Father, there is but one Lord, one Spirit, one Hope, one Body:
the people of God. Hear the prayer of your Son,
and draw all people into communion with your one church. Amen.*

***"If we live by the truth, and in love, we shall grow
completely into Christ." (Ephesians 4: 15)***

HARVEST DONATIONS

I am a volunteer at Bristol Children's Hospital in the Friends for Parents team [a Mothers' Union project] visiting parents on the wards who are staying with their children, talking with them as a friend and looking at ways to support them practically. One of the ways is by providing supplies for them to make themselves a hot drink in the Ward Parents' Kitchens where they can take time out from the ward to relax with a soothing drink. We restock the kitchens weekly and rely on donations for this. **If you would like to make a harvest donation of tea or coffee, caffeinated or decaffeinated or hot chocolate**, we and the mums and dads will so appreciate this.

Gill Wilding

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

5th – 8th July 2027

We currently have five places available for our pilgrimage to England's Nazareth next year. This pilgrimage encompasses services at both the Roman Catholic and Anglican Shrines and is a time for rest, reflection and companionship.

Travel is via coach, and the accommodation is half board. The approximate cost is £375 (subject to final numbers and fuel costs). Interested?

Please contact Chris Menzies, email : chris_menzies57@icloud.com

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for more information by 5th October

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Horfield Parochial Church Council (General Account)

Sort Code: 301611 **Account Number:** 00887278

Horfield Parochial Church Council (Charity Account)

Sort Code: 306296 **Account Number:** 27658063

Horfield Parochial Church Council (Welcome Project)

Sort Code: 306232 **Account Number:** 64788960

Please make any cheques payable to 'Horfield PCC'.

Parish Office:

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Instagram Account: @holytrinityhorfield

Regular Services:

Sunday 10am Mass. **Tuesday 12 noon Mass.**

Thursday 10am Mass. **Friday 6pm Mass.**

Next Messy Church - 20th September

Additional monthly Services in Chapel of Reconciliation & Peace at 10am

First Saturday - the Holy Rosary will be prayed for peace.

Last Saturday - a Mass for healing with anointing will be offered.

Holy Hour of prayer – Last Sunday of the month at 4pm **SEPTEMBER ONLY**

Holy Hour will take place on Sunday 20th at 4pm

Live streams of Sunday Mass (10 am), Tuesday Mass (12 noon), Thursday Mass (10 am) and any other advertised services being streamed, and recordings of previous services are available at

<https://www.youtube.com/@HolyTrinityHorfield>

Bookings for the Hall, Helliwell and Blancharde rooms can be made via:

<https://www.sharesy.com/v/holy-trinity-horfield>



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Getting involved: 13th September 2026

Activities

- **Sapling Saturday**, an informal and friendly working party undertaking maintenance work in the churchyard. 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 9.30 - 11am followed by coffee and cake. Next date 26th September
- **Green Gym** Every Monday from 2-5pm; mowing, strimming and trimming the churchyard. Training is given in using any equipment.
- **Tombstone Tuesday**, meets whilst light at 6.15pm on the last Tuesday of the month to make safe and reset headstones so they are visible
- **Memorial Recording Project**, uncovering, deciphering and recording all the memorials in the churchyard before they are lost for ever. Regular recording sessions whilst light at 5.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday each month and from 9.30am on the 4th Saturday.

If you or someone you know is interested in any of our churchyard volunteering opportunities, please get in touch. Whilst there are a lot of sessions there is no expectation that you attend all of them - just those that you can make.

- **Craft Club** - "Weekly 'Craft Club' every Monday, 9.00 am to 10.30 am. Bring along your own craft work to do or have a go at the craft of the day (materials supplied).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15th September 2026. North Bristol History Society talk, 'Holy Trinity Horfield Memorials Recording Project'

Andy Buchan, local historian, will explain the project, give a very brief history of the church and the churchyard, before talking about memorials in general and then some of the memorials in the graveyard.

It will be on Tuesday 15th September, at the Horfield Quaker Meeting on Gloucester Road and will start promptly at 19:30. The talk will end by about 21:30

Visitors are welcome - entry is £4.00, which includes interval refreshments. There will be space for about twenty visitors.

Andy will also be doing a cutdown version of the talk for the Horfield Families Group on the 13th January in the church hall.

Sunday 20th September, The People's Emergency Briefing, A short film presenting the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis followed by discussion. Bradbury Hall, Henleaze. Doors open 5.30 pm.

Thursday 24th September 6.30-8pm at the Arnolfini. *Sagrada Familia. Gaudi's masterpiece: the final chapter*. A talk by an architect and a structural engineer on the building of the Sagrada Familia. Tickets available [here](#)

Sunday, 27th September - Harvest Lunch – see poster for full details
Please can you let Emma or Kate know if you have any apples/blackberries suitable for crumbles. Donations of raffle prizes would also be much appreciated

Saturday, 10th October – Parish Conference **POSTPONED UNTIL 2027. Date to be confirmed.**

Saturday, 21st November - Curry and Quiz Night

Saturday, 23rd January 2027 - Burns Night Supper

Saturday 22nd May 2027 Open Day

Sunday Coffee – Appeal for more help

We are very short of people to help serve the refreshments after Mass on Sundays. It is not an onerous task and you wouldn't be doing it on your own. If you feel you would be able to help one Sunday every few months, please do have a word with Carolyn.

Bayeux Tapestry

If it is possible to obtain tickets in the next round being released in October, I'm exploring a church outing by coach to the exhibition. Please let me know by Thursday September 20th if you are interested. Caroline Plaice (Warden)

Welcome Pantry

As per information in the pew sheet previously, our colleagues at the TA Centre will be donating provisions for the Pantry from the start of Warm Welcome (clock change weekend). Before then, please, if you are able, bring along tinned goods and toiletries to stock up the table for those in need. Thank you.



MY STORY – ANDREW CLEAVER

I'm taking on the Bristol to Bath Trail Escape (25km) on Saturday, 26th September 2026, to raise funds for Bristol & Weston Hospitals Charity which supports millions of patients, their families, and NHS staff across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

The charity funds projects that go beyond what the NHS can provide alone, enhancing care and transforming patient experiences across our local hospitals.

Funds raised through events like the Bristol to Bath Trail Escape help to:

- Improve access to care by reducing health inequalities and ensuring everyone receives the best possible care for their needs.
- Support older patients, helping to improve comfort, dignity, and transform the experience they have in our hospitals.
- Create calm, healing environments, including spaces and programmes that promote wellbeing and recovery.
- Drive innovation by funding life-changing treatments, pioneering research, and cutting-edge equipment.

Every donation helps the charity respond where the need is greatest, bringing joy, comfort, and hope to those who need it most.

That's why I'm proud to be fundraising for them. ❤️

Andrew Cleaver

To support Andrew (Andy) this link for Andy's fundraising page

<https://bwhospitalscharity.enthuse.com/pf/andrew-cleaver/post/28329331>

Alternatively speak to Andy or Caroline in Church if you would like to make a donation.

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send
out workers into his harvest field."

Jesus in Matthew 9:37-38 cc



HARVEST LUNCH – SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Tickets now on sale for the Harvest Lunch which will be on
Sunday, 27th September after Mass.

Three course lunch - £12 for adults and £6 for children.

Bar and a raffle.

For tickets, please contact (if not in church) :

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If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle this would be much
appreciated.

PROCEEDS IN AID OF WELCOME PROJECT