



St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church



St. Aldhelm's Newsletter

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XXXII Sunday in OT, Remembrance Sunday, 10 Nov 2024

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-

Mass Schedule

Weekends: Sat vigil 6.30pm, Sun 8.30 & 10am

Weekdays: Mon, Thurs and Fri 10M

Wednesday Word

www.wednesdayword.org


St Joseph's School Website

[st-josephs-malmesbury.](http://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.


 [Rosary prayers Oct24.docx](#)


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!

 [Reflections for the Mysteries of The Rosary Oct24 \(1\).docx](#)

Scripture summarised

Remembrance Sunday in the UK, observed on the second Sunday in November, honours those who served and died in military conflicts, especially since the First World War. The day is marked by ceremonies at war memorials, churches, and cenotaphs, with the main service held at the Cenotaph in London. At 11 a.m., a two-minute silence commemorates the armistice of 11 November 1918. Wreaths of red poppies are laid as symbols of sacrifice, and prayers are offered across the UK—not only for the fallen but also for those suffering from war and violence today, asking God for peace, strength, and comfort.

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Repatriation of Fr Paul Gonsalves RIP

I will be traveling with Fr. Paul Gonsalves, accompanying him to Goa for his funeral and burial. During my time away, Fr. Shalbin will kindly cover Masses in my absence. Please hold Fr. Paul's family close in your prayers; it has been a difficult and painful journey for them, losing someone so young, so far from home. May they find comfort and strength in our prayers, love and support for them.

Than you

I am deeply grateful for the thoughtful gesture from the parishioners of St. Aldhelm's in arranging a novena of Masses through Aid to the Church in Need. I was truly touched by this kindness. Four novenas were offered: two for me personally, one for the MSFS English Province, and one for peace in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Mrs Sue Woodhead RIP

The Funeral Service for Sue Woodhead will take place at St. Aldhelm's on Friday, 8th November, at 11 pm. Please keep her loved ones in your thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace.

Mrs. Jo Blamey RIP

It is with deep sadness that we share the sudden passing of Jo Blamey earlier last week. Her loss comes as a great shock to all of us, as Jo was a beloved member of our parish family and a faithful, regular parishioner. Our hearts and prayers are with her daughter, Francesca Insley, and her sisters, Pat and Rosemary, close and extended family and friends, who mourn this unexpected loss. Only six years ago, Jo endured the heartbreaking loss of her daughter, Sarah Johnson. May Jo now find eternal peace in God's loving embrace. Funeral Mass will take place on 25th Nov Mon at 11am.

Wedding

Congratulations to Laurence Murphy and Joanna Lynch, who will celebrate their marriage at St. Aldhelm's on Saturday, 9th November, at 1 pm. We wish them a day filled with joy and blessings as they begin this new chapter together. May their life be enriched with love, happiness, and faith.

School Mass: on 11th Nov Monday at 10am. Please do join us.

Remembrance Sunday – 10th November

On Sunday, 10th November, we will observe Remembrance Sunday. The 10am Mass will be offered for all those who have died and continue to die in the tragedy of war.

There will also be a service at 2pm at Malmesbury Abbey, organised by Churches Together in Malmesbury (CTiM). All are welcome to join in prayer as we remember and honour those who have lost their lives.

Christmas Cards designed by our parishioner, Anna Longridge, featuring St Aldhelm's Church are available for sale in the porch at £5 per pack of 6. All proceeds will go to the Parish Hall fund so please purchase these cards to send to your family and friends and help our fundraising efforts.

More of the new missals have been ordered and will also be found in the church porch as soon as they arrive. The cost is £20.

Payments may be made for all items via the DONA machine or, if using cash, via envelopes through the presbytery door.

Collection figures

Loose £177.47

Env NGA £ 22.00

Env GA £ 130.00

Repository £13.50

Missals £120.00

Parish Hall £120.00

Choir Practice for New Mass Setting

The choir will be holding practice sessions to learn a new Mass setting, and others are very welcome to

join in!

Practice Dates:

- Friday, 8th November at 10:30 am
- Wednesday, 13th November at 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 21st November at 7:30 pm

Come along and lend your voice – we'd love to see you there!

St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar

Save the date! St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar will be held on **7th December** from **11am to 1pm** at **St. Joseph's School**. Join us for a festive day of fun, food, and holiday cheer!

Clifton Diocese Trustees: Following the recent retirement of one of the educational linked Trustees, there is a current vacancy to join the Board. Suitable applicants should have in depth knowledge and experience of education within the UK and knowledge of the Catholic sector would be advantageous. The commitment is to attend one 3-hour meeting approximately seven times per year on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol, along with membership of two education related committees which would meet six times per year. Time to prepare for the various meetings is also required. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for a position, please send your details to Alessia Dini, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW or by email to Alessia.Dini@cliftondi by 29th November.

Clergy Welfare Officer

Part-time – 15 hours per week

The Curia team is recruiting a new position to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement, or on sick leave. The role will provide advice, practical assistance, and support on a wide range of issues including health, finances and housing.

The successful applicant will have a full understanding of the Catholic religion and the role of priests, including empathy with their spiritual and pastoral needs, and experience of working in a healthcare setting or with social services.

The role is mainly based in the Curia Offices in Bristol with travel within the Diocese as required.

For further information please see the Diocesan website: cliftondiocese.com/dio

Closing date for receipt of applications: 22 November 2024

CTiM Christmas Voucher Scheme

You can be part of an amazing example of the church in action again in our community! Each year Churches Together in Malmesbury (CTiM) like to help low income families in the area who would

struggle to have a few seasonal treats that many of us take for granted, so they can enjoy celebrating this special time of year too and know that the local community cares for them. Our generosity means they will be given vouchers that can be exchanged for food at a local store and last year we were able to help around 80 local families, in conjunction with the local Foodbank scheme. The continued rise in the cost of living situation means we are expecting many families will rely on these vouchers again.

- Make any cheques out to **Malmesbury Abbey PCC** as the payee; Put 'CTiM Christmas Vouchers' **on the back of the cheque**
- Put cheque/cash into a sealed envelope labelled 'CTiM Christmas Vouchers'
- Put envelope through the letterbox of the Presbytery by 1st December; Customised envelopes are kept in the church porch.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK tax payer and want to boost your donation by 25p for every £1 you give, **you must include these details in your envelope:** I want to Gift Aid my donation of £___ to Malmesbury Abbey. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference

Your name

Your address

Your postcode

Date

Join us for Barn Dance with Ploughman's supper!

Get ready for an evening of lively music, great food, and good company.



Date: Friday, 22nd November



Time: 7pm - 10pm



Location: The Town Hall, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BG

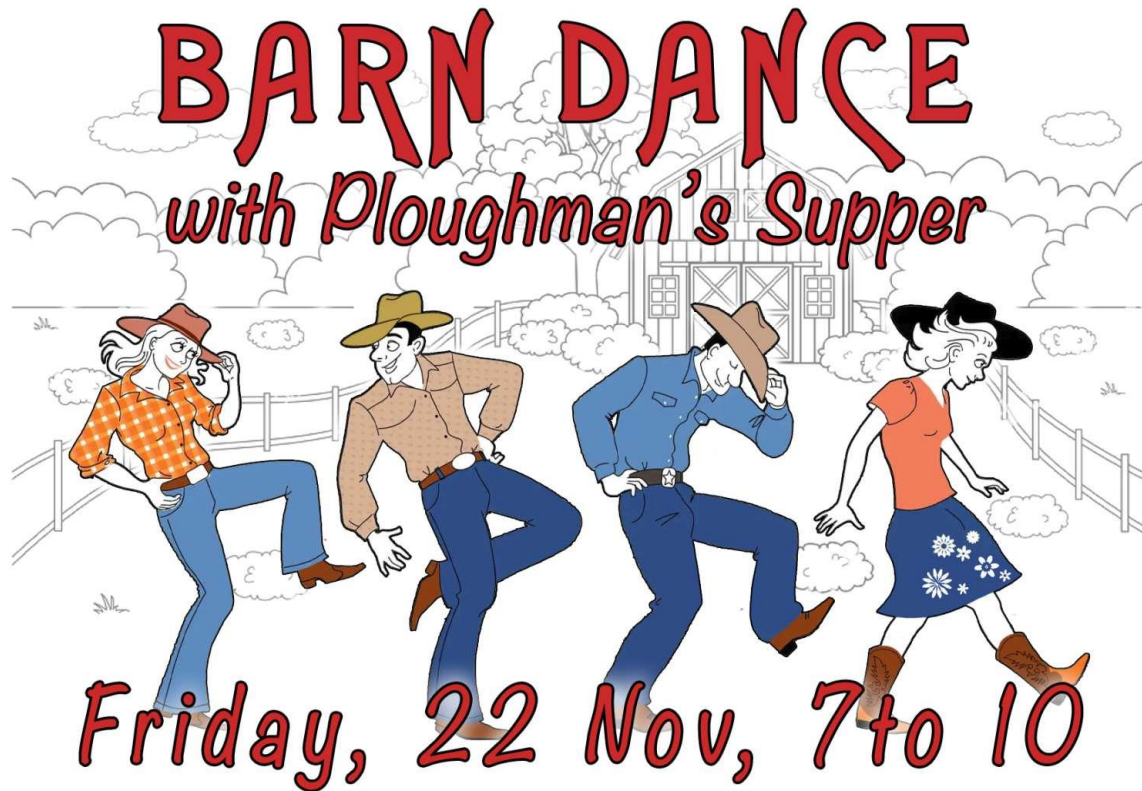
Enjoy the music from **Lucky 7 Band**, a hearty **Ploughman's Supper**, a well-stocked **Bar**, and a **Raffle** with some exciting prizes.

Tickets are £15—easy to grab by scanning the QR code or using the link here: ticketlab.co.uk/event/

No experience? No problem! If you don't know the steps, you'll be taught—and who knows, you might just head home a professional dancer! 🕺💃

Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a first-timer, come along for a relaxed, joyful evening.

All in support of our parish hall. Tickets will be on sale at all masses this weekend. It will be our last fundraising for the year—we've had quite a few this year, and with Christmas on the horizon, we need to save not just our energy but a bit of cash too!



Masses Requested

9 Nov Sat: Missa pro populo

10 Nov Sun: 8.30am: For the repose of the soul of Jo Blamey RIP

10 Nov Sun 10am: For all who died and continue to die in war (Remembrance Sunday)

Wisdom from Saints

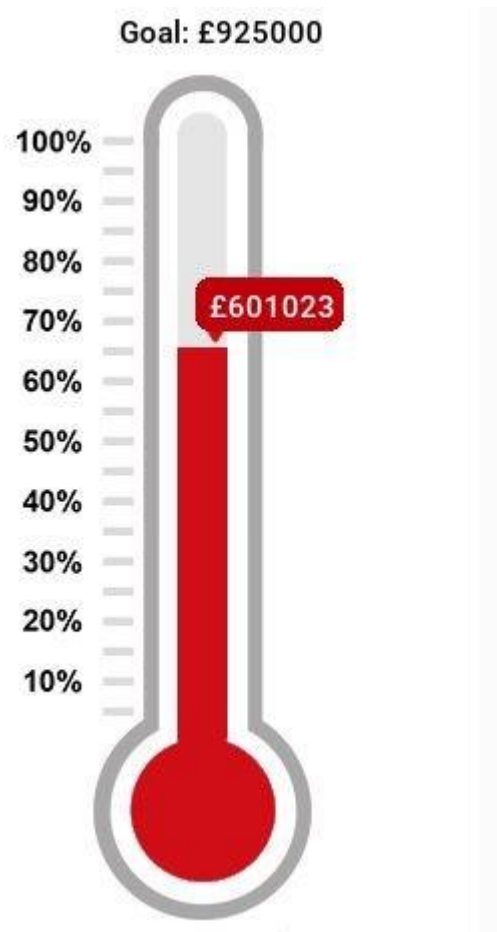
"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love."
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta


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

Please do join us for coffee on Sunday after 10am mass, and on Thursdays after 10am mass.

With every blessing

Father Thomas and Deacon Steve





November and December 2024, Liturgical Schedule

St Aldhelm's, Malmesbury

1 Nov Fri: All Saints Day (Holyday of Obligation)

10am – Mass

7pm – Mass

2 Nov Sat: All Souls Day

10am- Mass

13 Dec Fri, Reconciliation Service and Confession

7pm

18 Dec Wed, Christmas Mass in the Church for the School

10am

24 Dec Tue, Christmas Eve

5pm Carols, 5.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass (Children's choir)

7.30pm Carols by candlelight, 8pm Mass of Midnight

25 Dec Wed, Christmas Day

8.30am – Mass of Dawn

10am – Mass during the Day

26 Dec Thurs, St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day)

10am - Mass



Eternal rest grant
unto them O Lord,
Let perpetual light
shine upon them.

May they rest in peace!