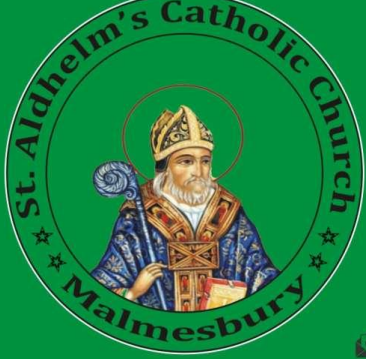




St Aldhelms Roman Catholic Church



# St. Aldhelm's Newsletter

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**Live Webcam Link for all our Masses**

[churchservices.tv/malm](http://churchservices.tv/malm)

**To Make your Weekly Contribution Online**

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

**New Parish Hall Project**

[saintaldhelms.com/new-](http://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](http://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](#)



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



[Clifton to Rome Flyer \(1\).pdf](#)

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!

### Scripture summarised

The first reading features Moses urging the Israelites to honour our God's Law, as it grants them dignity, purpose, and a special identity, bringing blessings of long life, prosperity, and peace.

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 18) calls us to love God, our strength and protector.

In the Gospel, a Scribe asks Jesus to summarize the Mosaic Law, and Jesus quotes the Shema, emphasizing wholehearted love for God. He adds the command to "love your neighbor as yourself," showing that true religion involves loving both God and others. Genuine love for our neighbors reflects and preserves our love for God.

### Mass Schedule for 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of Nov

1<sup>st</sup> Nov, Friday- All Saints Day: 10am and 7pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, Saturday – All Souls Day: 10am

Weekend Masses as usual, Sat 6.30pm vigil, Sun 8.30 and 10am

**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.

**Please note** there will be no mass on 4th Nov Mon, as the Requiem Mass is scheduled for Fr Paul Gonsalves in Devizes at 11am. Mass will be livestreamed. Look up on Devizes Parish website to get the link to watch the mass remotely: [devizes.cliftondiocese](https://www.devizes.cliftondiocese.org.uk/)

As many parishioners from Devizes and Swindon are expected to attend, it would be helpful if those from St Aldhelm's could join the Mass online via the livestream. This would allow more space for Devizes parishioners to attend in person.

Later in the week, all things going well, Fr Paul will be repatriated to Goa, where he will be laid to rest with his family. Let us continue to pray for the repose of his soul.

### **Join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome 2025!**

Clifton diocese is excited to announce the **Clifton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome** in 2025 with Bishop Bosco MacDonald! This journey is a unique opportunity to experience the Jubilee Year theme, **"Pilgrims of Hope,"** right in the heart of Rome.



**Dates:** 2025



**Places Available:** 55 (first come, first served!)



**Link for Details and Sign-Up:** [jcjourneys.com/clifton](https://jcjourneys.com/clifton)

Spots are limited, so if you or anyone you know might be interested, please encourage them to sign up soon.

### **Collection figures**

Loose £134.86

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**St Joseph's Catholic Primary** School has a new governing body after a year being run by an Interim Executive Board. From the parish, the Foundation Governors are Christine Hainsworth, Frances Thickett, Mary Barnard and Carole Baker. Two of the new governors were chair and vice-chair of the IEB and are staying on in those roles as Foundation Governors, they are Kirsty Martin and Gabriella Tiley. The final Foundation Governor will be known to the parish, she is Karen Bathe who was one of the interim headteachers last year. Two parents, a member of staff and the headteacher Paul Bacon make up the rest of the board. There is one vacancy to fill, but the board is confident that can be sorted soon. The board is very keen to strengthen and deepen links with the parish. Mary Barnard who has a vast experience in the educational field will help us liaise between the school and the parish. We thank them for the generosity of their time and talents.

### **November - Month of Holy Souls**

We have the tradition of praying during masses celebrated throughout November for the Holy Souls, for the souls of our loved ones, our beloved parents, brothers and sisters, and all who have gone before us. You are very welcome to write the names of departed members of your family and friends on the paper kept in the church porch, and drop it through the presbytery letter box. Or you can send the names to [malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com). We will make sure to print them off and add them in the basket that will be kept at the altar and prayed throughout November.

### **Repository**

The repository is open at all times for purchases. We have just received a new stock of greeting cards, suitable for every occasion. They are located in the racks behind the DONA machine and include mass cards, sympathy, special occasion, get well, thank you and thinking of you cards. Purchases help our

parish funds and can be made on the DONA machine or by using the envelopes provided which should be posted through the presbytery door.

Christmas cards beautifully designed by Anna Longridge are also available now, with all funds going to the Parish Hall.

### **Assisted suicide bill before Parliament**

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29 November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting [livesworthliving.org.uk](https://livesworthliving.org.uk)

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](mailto:Alessia.Dini@cliftondi) by 29<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

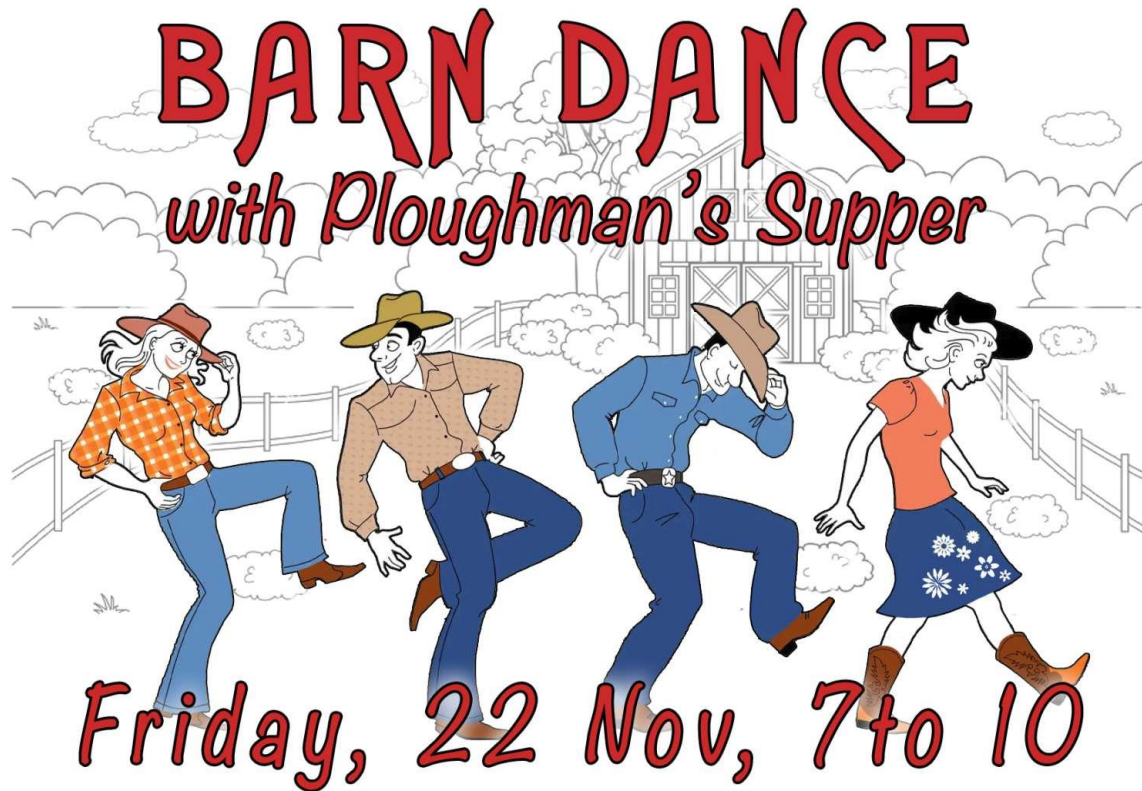
Enjoy the music from **Lucky 7 Band**, a hearty **Ploughman's Supper**, a well-stocked **Bar**, and a **Raffle** with some exciting prizes.

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

2 Nov Sat 6.30pm: Private Intention

3 Nov Sun 8.30am: For a Special intention (by Veronica Anderson)

3 Nov Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

#### **Wisdom from Saints**

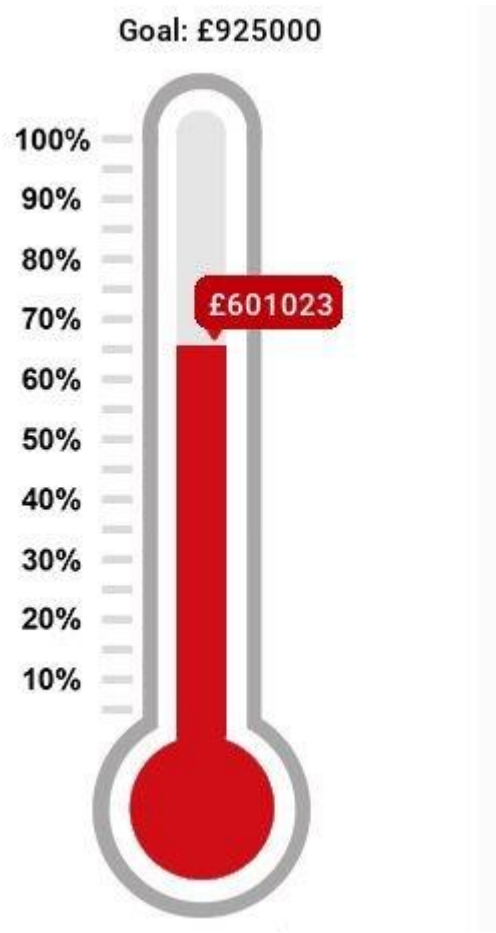
"In my deepest wound I saw your glory and it dazzled me." *St. Augustine of Hippo*

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





**E**ternal rest grant  
unto them O Lord,  
Let perpetual light  
shine upon them.

**May they rest in peace!**

## 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
1,068	832	528 hrs	331	217	395	125

### Viewers by Country (20 countries)

**united kingdom: 668**

**ireland: 84**

**united states: 22**

**slovakia (slovak republic): 14**

**france: 8**

**germany: 6**

**spain: 5**

**jersey: 4**

**italy: 4**

**australia: 3**

**zimbabwe: 3**

**isle of man: 2**

**nigeria: 2**

**south africa: 1**

**sierra leone: 1**

**canada: 1**

**greece: 1**

**turkey: 1**

**belgium: 1**

**saudi arabia: 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
16,318	10,101	9,309 hrs	4,032	3,279	7,475	1,532

### Viewers by Country (53 countries)

united kingdom: 8,186  
 ireland: 958  
 united states: 355  
 slovakia (slovak republic): 140  
 germany: 129  
 france: 60  
 spain: 37  
 australia: 24  
 canada: 22  
 italy: 22  
 india: 12  
 jersey: 10  
 saudi arabia: 9  
 netherlands: 9  
 brazil: 8  
 denmark: 8  
 greece: 8  
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 argentina: 7  
 portugal: 7  
 singapore: 6  
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 philippines: 5  
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