

St. Aldhelm's Newsletter

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VI Sunday of Easter, 25 May 2025

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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.](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.

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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!

Readings this week

Today's readings highlight the transforming presence of God in the Church and in each believer. In Acts, the Holy Spirit guides the apostles to resolve a critical issue regarding Gentile converts, preserving unity in the early Church. The Psalm calls all nations to recognise and praise God. Revelation presents the Church as the New Jerusalem, where God dwells with His people in love through the risen Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as our Advocate, Teacher, and Source of peace. This presence brings guidance, joy, and hope to all who follow Christ.

Solemnity of the Ascension

29th May Thursday being the Solemnity of the Ascension and Holyday of Obligation, we have mass at 7pm. Please note there will be no morning Mass.

Second Collection for National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (Weekend of 24/25 May)

The Bishops' Conference received a request from the Rector of the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham for a one-off second collection. We will be having a second collection for the same on the weekend of 24/25 May. Funds collected will be transferred directly to the shrine and not to CaTEW.

Collection

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| Loose | £151.30 |
| Env NGA | £ 16.00 |
| Env | £ 70.00 |

Spring Raffle Results

We're delighted to share that the Grand Raffle Draw, held on Sunday 18th April after the 10am Mass, raised a wonderful total of £3,088. That's a fantastic achievement—thank you all so much for your generosity! A heartfelt thank you to Gabrielle, Mary, and all those who helped in so many ways to make the draw a success.

In addition to the raffle proceeds, we are deeply grateful to share news of further generosity within the parish. One parishioner has recently donated £5,000, and another has pledged £7,000, having already previously given £15,000. Their kindness and support are truly humbling, and we are incredibly grateful to them.

We now have the list of prize winners, and I'm sure many of you are eager to know the outcome. Here are all those who received prizes, lucky souls, clearly favoured by fortune

1. V15 Dyson Vacuum Cleaner – Mike Barnard 711
2. £250 Cash – Donation – P Shale (Dickenson) 155
3. Family Studio Photo Shoot worth £250 – June 704 c/o Catherine D
4. Three course meal for 2 including drinks – Whole Hog Malmesbury – Tom Okamoto 493
5. Deep Clean Bathroom – John Kimera 852
6. Private Art Lesson – CW – Nash 199
7. £30 Voucher – Tetbury Goods Shed - Michael Potter 642
8. Facial Beauty – Clint Malmesbury – Simon Galea 671
9. Two Nights Airbnb – Oaksey – Loretta Carlyon 742
10. Free MOT – Hyams, Malmesbury – P Shale (Dickenson) 152
11. Horse Drawn Carriage Driving for 2 – Cotswold Carriage Driving – Gillian Andrew 467
12. Sunday Roast and two drinks – The Three Cups Inn, Malmesbury – B Fulton 634
13. £25 Book voucher – Barn Owl Books, Malmesbury – B Ackling 734
14. Bottle of Champagne – E Enrique 922
15. Private Art Lesson – PB – Val Cleaver 056
16. Cook Book and Hamper – Echo Foods – B Nicholas 712
17. Bottle of Rum – Kings Arms – T Fulton 627
18. Flowers – Oops a Daisy, Cirencester – Helen Shaw 732
19. Cirencester Barn Theatre Years membership – Carole Baker 350
20. Voucher - Aroma Italian Restaurant – Tom Okamoto 935
21. Warre's 1977 Vintage Port Wine – B Nicholas 715
22. Moet and Chandon Champagne – APB – 520
23. Warre's 1977 Vintage Port Wine – Whatley 901
24. Meal voucher - Bird Cage, Malmesbury - T Glen 006
25. Race Entry – Castle Combe Racing Circuit – Tom Okamoto 934
26. Afternoon Tea Voucher - Old Bell, Malmesbury – V Ackling 733
27. Breakfast Voucher - Pit Stop Chippenham – B Ackling 727

Retrouvaille

Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more

retrouvaille.org.uk+44 797 338 0443



Buy a Tile or two

We have made good progress in our fundraising for our new St Aldhelm's Parish Community Hall. You are now invited to assist us by funding the roof by purchasing a tile or two on behalf of your family or organisation. Tiles are £25 each. There will be an opportunity to sign your tiles nearer the time.

1. **Buy a Tile or two** – Although we have raised a significant sum, we still need to fund the roof. You can help by buying a tile or two.
 - a. Tiles are £25 each and may be purchased:
 - i. Through the parish [electronic donation system](https://www.saintaldhelms.com/donate):
<https://www.saintaldhelms.com/donate>
 - ii. Cash (always welcome!)
 - iii. Cheques payable to "St Aldhelm's Church" (write "TILES" on the back)
 - iv. Bank Transfer with "TILES" in the bank reference: PARISH BANK
DETAILS: Clifton Diocese Re: Parish of St Aldhelm, Account Number: 66287006, Sort code: 521003
2. Please consider buying one for each member of your family
3. If you are a taxpayer, we can still claim tax back on your donation - there is an option when you complete your payment to fill in a few details so we can claim another 25% on top. Please ensure we have your details for Gift Aid so we can claim the Gift Aid. A [Gift Aid Form](https://www.saintaldhelms.com/downloads) is available on the parish website:
<https://www.saintaldhelms.com/downloads>
4. We will provide an opportunity to sign your tiles before they go into the roof for posterity.

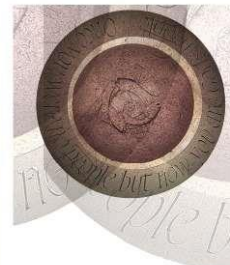


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Foundation Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a **Foundation Governor** at our parish school. If you or someone you know

may be suitable and willing to serve in this important role, please speak with Fr Thomas or contact the parish office. A poster with further details is displayed in the church porch. Also find attached the file here below. Please use the sign up button to let us know if you are happy to volunteer.



[Could you be a foundation governor May 2025.docx](#)

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Bishop Bosco welcomed families to celebrate the joys and challenges of family life

The day dawned beautifully so that the light of a glorious sun, illuminated the walls of our Diocesan Cathedral and the faces of husbands and wives of all ages, celebrating the vocation of their life lived together. In a moving and joyful celebration, Bishop Bosco welcomed families from across the Diocese who gathered to celebrate the joys and challenges of family life. A beautiful Mass honoured over fifty couples celebrating special anniversaries and those who are engaged to be married. The combined total of 2072 years of marriage were marked. ...such a great achievement. We look forward to welcoming more couples next year and celebrating once more.

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Million Minutes Relaunches Celebrating Young People: Revival Programme for 2025/26

Join Our Online Event – June 10, 2025

Million Minutes is delighted to announce the re-launch of our fully resourced Celebrating Young People: Revival programme for the 2025/26 academic year. We warmly invite schools, parishes, and all those working with young people to join us for a special online event to learn more about this inspiring initiative.

The event will take place on Monday, 10th June, with two convenient time slots available: 2:00 PM or 7:00 PM.

This online gathering is a chance to connect directly with the Million Minutes team and explore how our FREE, Catholic Social Teaching-based programme can support young people and those who accompany them. As well as being fully resourced the programme includes school and parish visits, where we deliver engaging sessions and workshops designed to empower young leaders in faith and action.

Register now to secure your place:

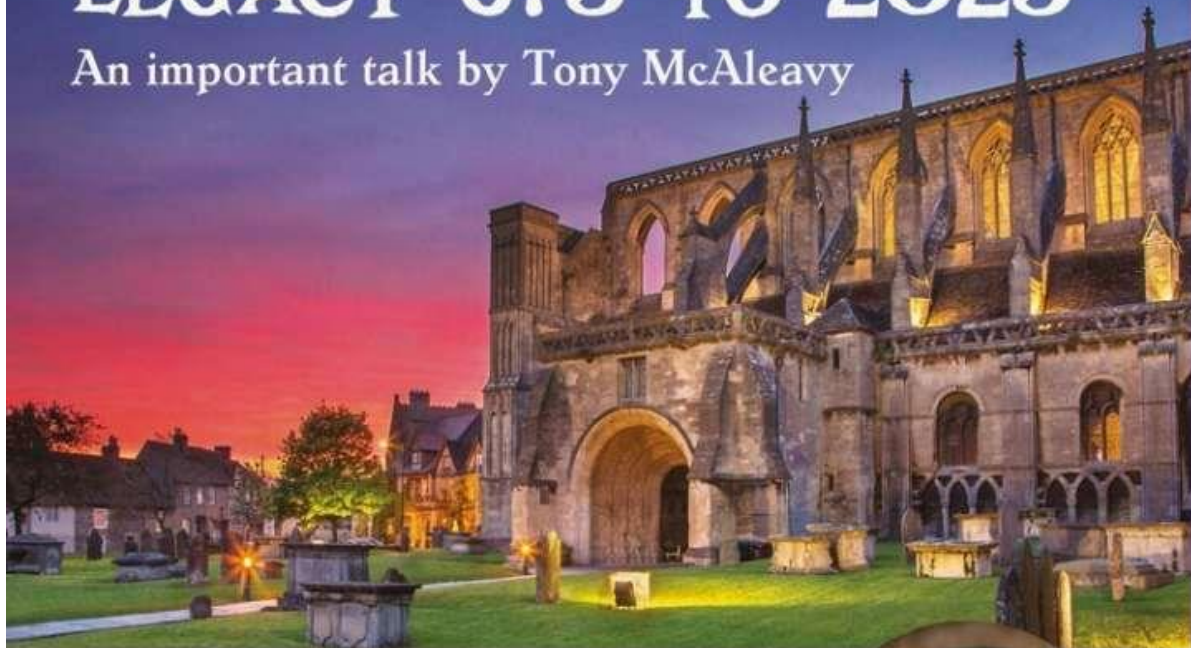
tickettailor.com/event

Please share this opportunity with colleagues and communities who may also benefit from attending.

We look forward to welcoming you on June 10th as we celebrate, support, and empower the next generation of young people.

'ALDHELM AND HIS LEGACY 675 TO 2025'

An important talk by Tony McAleavy



Malmesbury Abbey

Saturday 24th May at 7:30pm (Licensed bar from 7pm)

No Admission Charge* But Ticketed

Tickets at: tonymcaleavy.eventbrite.co.uk



* We want to fill the Abbey as part of a celebration of the 1,350th anniversary of Aldhelm becoming the first Abbot of Malmesbury Abbey and there is no one better to tell the story of Aldhelm and his lasting legacy than historian Tony McAleavy.

We also want to raise funds to help 'Save our Abbey Roof'. Tickets for this event are FREE but we will be asking you to give generously to the Malmesbury Abbey Roof Fundraising Appeal!

The fact is that our amazing Abbey is currently classed as a 'Building of National Importance in Distress!' Major work on the roof is required with a need to replace and repair cracked and broken tiles and slates, replace lead flashing, and restore the rotten or missing Medieval Wallplates. Every penny donated at the talk will go to help make this happen.



Masses Requested

24 May Sat 6.30pm: For the repose of the soul of Gill Westman RIP (offered by Simon Westman)

25 May Sun 8.30am: For the repose of the souls of Justin Douglas and Yasmin Renton RIP (offered by their family)

25 May Sun 10am: For the repose of the soul of Kevin McCormick RIP

26 May Mon: Missa pro populo

Uncover the treasures of faith:

"Through Sacred Scripture, God speaks to us in human language so that we might understand His divine message. These words, inspired by the Holy Spirit, do not remain mere texts but become a living communication of God's will and love for us. In these Scriptures, the Creator invites His creation to encounter His truth, mercy, and eternal plan for salvation."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 101.

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