

St. John the Evangelist, Clifton.

Weekly Service sheet.

Sunday 12th July 2026



Welcome to St. John's, Clifton

Celebrant: **Rev. Jane Swallow**

Reader: **Pat Ward**

Intercessor: **Pat Ward**

Roots and Shoots

Roots and Shoots will start again in September after the school break.

Gardening Club

Next gardening club will be 11th July@10am,

The Comfort Café

On Wednesday 15th July @1-3pm
Welcoming people who live with Dementia, tea, coffee, cake and musical entertainment.

Happy Birthday

Victoria Mawbey (5th)
Ben Quinn (8th)
Sorry I missed these last week.

Please keep in your prayers:

Those known to God and us, who are ill, as well as: Sylvia Nicholson, Sandra Hall, Jack Eccles, Graham Davies, Margaret Jackson, Jordan Wilkinson, Ed Spivey, Charlotte Bailey, Steve Rhodes, Rev. Anne Samuels, Archdeacon Bill Braviner Karen Webb and Lois Sykes

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Anniversary of Death

Gnr. Jack Thompson (14th)

David Paley (16th)

May Wilby (18th)

Jean Hannam (18th)

RIP

Paul's wonderful younger brother James, Please pray for Karen his wife, Andy his son, Becky and Josh his daughter and son in law, as well as Agneta and Paul.

Within our Diocese

Toby Howarth - the Bishop of Bradford - acting Diocesan Bishop of Leeds

Smitha Prasadam – Bishop of Huddersfield

Bill Braviner – Archdeacon of Halifax

James Allison ~ Area Dean

Paul Webb and Stephen Hannam– our vicars at St John's, Clifton

The Staff and children of the Academy St. John's in Rwamkoma Everyone who worships at our link parish of St. John's, Rwamkoma in the region of Mara, Tanzania

Service sheet Readings, Prayers and Hymns

July 12th

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you that
we may obtain your promises, which exceed
all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading - Romans 8:1-11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Gospel – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear. Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Post-communion

Father almighty, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen**

A Church built on a hill, cannot be hid