

## Items We Have Been Asked to Advertise.

Dear all

Just a reminder - as part of our commitment to growing as a Synodal Church the department of Adult Education and Evangelisation are offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of [small group facilitation](#) in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Confirmation Preparation, and any other Parish groups.

This short session will help us to develop an attitude of listening with the heart and sharing with generosity. It will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation.

Dates and venues (including Eventbrite link to register):

Thurs 21 Sept: Apostle Room, Cathedral (2-4pm)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652901695547>

### **Marmalade trust**

We are delighted to share that [Marmalade Trust](#) is open to new referrals for the [Marmalade Christmas Cheer 2023](#) project.

We will be offering Christmas Day lunch time meal events, in local pubs and restaurants, for those who are able to self-mobilise and are keen to socialise with others on Christmas Day. We will also be offering a festive doorstep social visit for those whose physical or mental health mean they are unable to attend an event, but would still like to share some conversation with a friendly volunteer on Christmas Day.

This year we have made a few changes, this is to try and increase the sustainability and suitability of the project for both our service users (members) and for our volunteers.

### **Christmas Cheer 2023 - eligibility**

Please note these important eligibility criteria for making referrals in 2023. We can accept people who:

- Would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day (no family, friends or neighbours to see on Christmas Day) and feeling lonely most or all the time.
- Live in Bristol, South Gloucestershire or North Somerset.

- Live on their own, in their own home, rented or owned, (i.e. not nursing home or sheltered housing where meals are provided in the company of others).
- For meal events - able to self-mobilise (this can include wheelchair users who can self-transfer), get in & out of transport, and be happy seated at a table with other members and volunteers, and look after their own personal care.
- For doorstep visits - able to come to their door, receive a gift and have a chat. (N.B. Our volunteers are not able to enter properties).
- Be comfortable making and remembering the arrangements with the volunteers.
- Are not experiencing a mental health crisis or drug/alcohol abuse.

We also are unable to take forward referrals which do not also include the referrers' contact details. This information is **vital for us** in situations where we cannot get hold of someone or if we are unable to take them forward for the option selected.

Attached to this email are 2 A5 flyers, please feel free to print this information, share with your colleagues and hand out to anyone who might find it of interest. One leaflet puts less onus on it actually being Christmas Day, as we continually endeavor to reach out to all those in the community, whatever background and faith.

Link to information and online referral form: [Christmas Cheer 2023 | Marmalade Trust](#)

To ensure we have sufficient time make all the necessary arrangements, we hope to fill spaces for Christmas Cheer by **late October 2023**.

**We rely on approx 150 volunteers to help us on Christmas Day - so if anyone is interested in this.... [Look here](#)**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.  
Kind Regards,

Marmalade Trust team

**07942 359343**



# Are you spending Christmas Day alone? Join us!

**Join us for Christmas Cheer on December 25th**

For the **11th year** running, Bristol-based charity **Marmalade Trust** are bringing cheer and companionship to anyone alone on Christmas Day. Everyone is made to feel part of the Marmalade family, with a free festive lunch in a pub or restaurant in **Bristol, South Glos or North Somerset**, or a doorstep visit from a friendly volunteer, subject to meeting eligibility criteria. Visit our website or contact us by phone or email for further information - we'd love to hear from you!

**07566 244 788 | [info@marmaladetrust.org](mailto:info@marmaladetrust.org)**  
**[www.marmaladetrust.org/christmas](http://www.marmaladetrust.org/christmas)**



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Dear Father

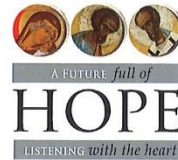
Linking with the first Session of the Synod on Synodality in Rome (October 2023), Clifton Diocese will be exploring the same themes through a series of webinars (7.30-9pm) through September & October. For the first session of the series we are delighted to welcome **Bishop John Arnold**, on **21 September**, who will set our series within the context of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church – **Lumen Gentium**. [Click here to register](#)

Each webinar will be focusing on a different element of the work of the Synod. Parishioners are welcome to [sign up for any of the sessions on offer](#). I would be grateful if you could promote this opportunity this weekend in your parish.

With all good wishes,

Sarah

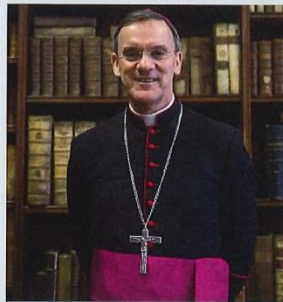
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*Beginning our series, we are delighted to welcome **Rt Rev Bishop John Arnold** (Salford Diocese) who will set our series within the context of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church – **Lumen Gentium** on 21 September (7.30-9pm).*



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Communion - Participation - Mission  
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**THE SHORE GALLERY - FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER**

**7:30PM - 10:30PM**

# **MENU**

**ST PATRICK'S DINNER CLUB**

## **STARTER**

Onion Pakoras with Mint Chutney

Tomato & Basil Soup with Rustic Roll

## **MAIN**

Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice/Naan Bread

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Baked Sweet Peppers with Chorizo Risotto

## **DESSERT**

Spiced Pear and Berry Crumble with Ice Cream

Traditional Tiramisu

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Includes a glass of wine or a Beer, or bottomless soft drinks.

£20 per head.

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For Bookings Contact 01174505289

[pizzeria.assisi@gmail.com](mailto:pizzeria.assisi@gmail.com)

Arts  
at St Aidan's

Doors open  
7.00pm for a  
7.30pm start

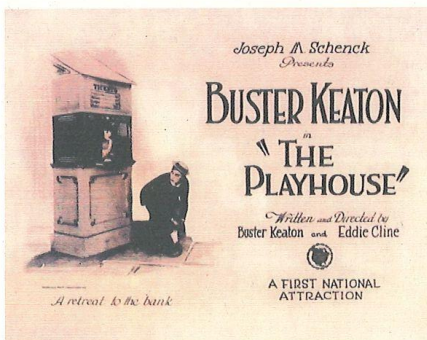
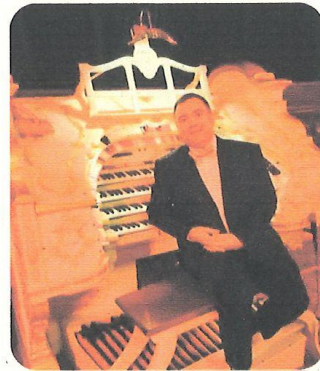
Fir Tree Lane, St. George,  
Bristol BS5 8TZ

# SILENT FILM NITE

7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Donald MacKenzie,

Internationally acclaimed  
organist



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All seats £11.00, incl. interval refreshments.

To reserve ring Amy on 9586412 or 07437190465 between 9.30am & 1pm,  
Mon and Thurs, or between 1 and 5pm on Tues – money with order, please.  
Booking opens 11<sup>th</sup> September. Or just turn up on the night!

See [www.staidansbristol.co.uk](http://www.staidansbristol.co.uk) for further information