

# year of faith

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## THE YEAR OF FAITH

*deepening prayer, enabling communion, strengthening mission*

### Opening the Year of Faith

*Sunday 14 October Clifton, Cathedral, 4pm*

To celebrate the opening of the Year of Faith as a diocesan community, Bishop Declan invites you to join him in our cathedral for a celebration of Evening Prayer. In the mother church of our diocese, we gather with our shepherd and embark upon our journey through this year of an ever deepening friendship with the one who gives us life in abundance. Come and join our bishop and represent your parish community at this celebration.

### Opening the Windows - Vatican II lecture

*Wednesday 17 October, Clifton Cathedral, 7.30pm*

Our innovative series comes to a conclusion as we welcome His Eminence Godfrey Cardinal Danneels to our Cathedral for the last in the series entitled Opening the Windows - the Council for the Contemporary Church. Cardinal Danneels, the emeritus Archbishop of Mechelen-Brussels, comes to reflect upon the ongoing agenda of the Council as we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its opening in 1962. This has been a wonderfully enriching series, and the Cardinal graciously accepts the invitation to speak at the end of the series. All are welcome and the cathedral provides us with a wonderful opportunity to gather as the People of God from across the four counties of our diocese.

### Exploring the Council

*'Making the truth of the Gospel shine forth'*

*Thursday evenings, Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral, 7.30pm - 9pm (refreshments from 7pm)*

Led by Gavin D'Costa, these sessions will allow us to explore the thoughts and reflections of the Council, shaping the Church for its mission in the modern world. Bring a copy of the documents along with you each time. It would be great if those taking part in each session could have read the relevant document.

*22 November What happened at Vatican II?*

*17 January Dei Verbum*



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*14 March Lumen Gentium*

*16 May Sacrosanctum Concilium*

*11 July Gaudium et Spes*

### What did Vatican II do for us?

*Saturday 20 October, St Teresa's Church Hall, Gloucester Road, Filton 10am - 1pm*

As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, Bristol North West Deanery is hosting a morning session exploring how the Council changed the role of the laity and offered us an understanding of what it means to be a Christian. Do go along - you'd be more than welcome!

### Exploring the Documents

*15, 22 October, 12, 19, 26 November, 3 December*

*14, 21, 28 January, 4, 18, 25 February*

*St Osmund's Parish Rooms, Salisbury*

*and 13, 20, 27 September, 4 October in Tisbury*

The Salisbury deanery is also hosting a series of talks on the documents of the Second Vatican Council, which will take place both in Salisbury and Tisbury. These will feature a range of speakers both from within the deanery itself and across the country and will cover each of the documents of the Council. These run on the following dates in Salisbury (St Osmund's Parish Rooms) and in Tisbury.

### Our Faith - handed on by the Apostles

*'This is our faith; this is the faith of the Church and we are proud to profess it in Jesus the Lord.'*

These thirteen sessions - running simultaneously in three areas of our diocese - will follow the presentation of the Creed as found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Each session will explore a particular article of the Creed we profess Sunday by Sunday. Led by a variety of presenters, each week will seek to deepen our understanding of a faith we have received and enable us to grow in confidence in the faith we hand on to others.

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*St Bernadette's Parish Hall, Whitchurch,  
7.30pm - 9pm (refreshments from 7pm)*

25 September This is our faith  
23 October I believe in God,  
the Father almighty, the creator  
20 November I believe in Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God  
4 December Conceived by the Holy Spirit;  
born of the Virgin  
22 January Suffered, crucified, died, and buried  
19 February Descended into hell;  
rose on the third day  
19 March Ascended into heaven;  
seated at God's right hand  
23 April He will come again to judge  
the living and the dead  
21 May I believe in the Holy Spirit  
18 June I believe in the Holy Catholic Church  
16 July I believe in the forgiveness of sins  
10 September I believe in the resurrection  
of the body  
8 October I believe in life everlasting

*St Patrick's Parish Hall, Brockworth,  
7.30pm - 9pm (refreshments from 7pm)*

9 October This is our faith  
6 November I Believe in God,  
the Father almighty, the Creator  
4 December I believe in Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God  
8 January Conceived by the Holy Spirit;  
born of the Virgin  
5 February Suffered, crucified, died,  
and buried  
5 March Descended into hell;  
rose on the third day  
9 April Ascended into heaven;  
seated at God's right hand  
7 May He will come again to judge  
the living and the dead  
4 June I believe in the Holy Spirit  
2 July I believe in the Holy Catholic Church  
3 September I believe in forgiveness of sins  
1 October I believe in the resurrection of the body  
5 November I believe in life everlasting

*St John the Baptist Parish Hall, Trowbridge  
7.30pm - 9pm (refreshments from 7pm)*

25 October This is our Faith  
29 November I Believe in God,  
the Father almighty, the Creator  
13 December I believe in Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God  
31 January Conceived by the Holy Spirit;  
born of the Virgin  
28 February Suffered, crucified, died, and buried  
21 March Descended into hell: rose on the third day  
25 April Ascended into heaven;  
seated at God's right hand  
23 May He will come again to judge  
the living and the dead

27 June I believe in the Holy Spirit  
25 July I believe in the Holy Catholic Church  
26 September I believe in forgiveness of sins  
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### Lord teach us to pray

*Wednesdays in Lent, Monastery of Our Lady  
and St Bernard, Brownshill 7.30pm - 9pm*

Drawing on some of the great 'teachers' at the school of prayer, these sessions will allow us to enrich our prayer through the experience of some of the religious communities. Taking place during the season of Lent, these opportunities will accompany us on our journey of renewal towards Easter.

20 February Our Father - the prayer of Jesus  
27 February At the school of St Benedict,  
Bernadine Sisters  
6 March At the school of St Francis,  
Fr George Smulski OFM  
13 March At the school of Carmel,  
Canon John Udris  
20 March At the school of Pope Benedict XVI,  
Fr Michael McAndrew

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### The Church's best kept secrets

*Saturday 20 April, St Brendan's Sixth Form College  
Brislington, Bristol, 10 am - 4pm*

The day will be facilitated by two competent theologians who will enable us to unpack something of the rich teaching of the Church, aspects that we are not always confident to proclaim. There will be chance for questions, for conversation, for input, and for an acquaintance with this treasure chest of teaching.

The Church's Social Teaching - David McLoughlin,  
Newman College, Birmingham  
The Church's Sexual Teaching - Matthew Nichols

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### Days of Prayer & Recollection, Advent 2012

These quiet days in this season of hope and preparation draw us into the Word of God who calls us into silence and stillness. The days of recollection entitled The Word in Advent may, of course, be useful to readers in parishes. The days are open to everyone.

The Word in Advent, Swindon Deanery

*Saturday 24 November  
Holy Family Parish/ Presentation Convent  
Marlowe Avenue, Park North, Swindon.  
led by Fr Michael McAndrew*

The Word in Advent, Salisbury Deanery

*Saturday 1 December  
St Osmund's Parish Centre,  
Exeter Street, Salisbury  
led by Fr Tom Dubois*

Mary - Woman of Hope, Stroud Deanery

Saturday 8 December

Marist Convent, Nympsfield

led by Sr Jackie Brain

O Come, Emmanuel

Weston-super-Mare Deanery

Saturday 15 December

The Friary, The Immaculate Conception, Clevedon

led by Fr George Smulski OFM

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## Celebrating the Mysteries

'Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy'

These Thursday evening sessions seek to give us a confident understanding of how we allow the Sacraments to shape and affect our lives, inviting us to be holy as the Lord is holy. These sessions are ideal, not only for those who want to explore the Catechism a little more, but also RCIA groups and those journeying towards the Sacraments at Easter.

Thursday evenings, The Friary

The Immaculate Conception, Clevedon

7.30pm - 9pm (refreshments from 7pm)

31 January Being holy -

an introduction to the Sacraments

7 February Baptism and Confirmation

14 February Eucharist

21 February Reconciliation

28 February Orders

7 March Marriage

14 March Anointing of the Sick

21 March How to live a Sacrament

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## Christian Unity Week - a celebration of Evening Prayer

What does God require of us? (Micah 6:6-8)

Sunday 20 January 2013, Clifton Cathedral, 4pm

Bishop Declan invites you to join him and our fellow Christian brothers and sisters at a celebration of Evening Prayer in the heart of this week of prayer for Christian Unity. This is a real opportunity for us to come from the four counties of our diocese, inviting the communities of the Christian churches in your area to join our bishop in the cathedral.

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## Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land

30 October - 7 November 2013

Join Bishop Declan travelling in the footsteps of the Lord and his apostles on this eight day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Visiting Bethlehem, Capernaum, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Cana, and Galilee, our journey through the Year of Faith draws to a close in the Lord's homeland. Details, itineraries and costs will be sent to all parishes before September 2012.

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## Closing of the Year of Faith

A celebration of the faith of our young people

The Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 24 November 2013, Clifton Cathedral, 3.30pm

Bishop Declan will be inviting the people of our diocese to gather together on the afternoon of the Feast of Christ the King with our young people to celebrate their faith on this Youth Sunday. Come and represent your parish community as we celebrate the end of the Year of Faith and the Feast which proclaims Christ as Lord and Saviour, King of justice, truth, love and peace.

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## Cardinal Danneels meets those who work with our young people

17 October 2012, Clifton Cathedral, 4pm

Cardinal Danneels will be spending an afternoon with those who work with our young people in the diocese. The Cardinal will speak to them about the place of our young people in the church and the contribution they have to make. There will be an opportunity for conversation and question. Invitations have been sent out around our diocese and this event should prove informative and encouraging for those who nurture and encourage the faith of our youngsters.

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## This is our Faith

Throughout the Year of Faith parishes are invited to gather their young people for 8 sessions of catechesis using the 'This is our Faith' course based on the popular YouCat catechism of the Catholic Church. The resource will be available to parishes in the autumn and will encourage young people to enter more fully into the life of the Church.

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## Appear in the Light

Thursday 6 December, St Georges Warminster

Thursday 13 December, St Joseph's Portishead

Thursday 20 December, St Gregory's Cheltenham  
7pm ending with refreshments at 8.30pm

These evenings give young people the chance to stop and reflect on the true meaning of Advent and to prepare fully to celebrate the birth of our Lord at Christmas. Each evening begins at 7.00pm and will finish with refreshments at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

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## I-reflect

During the season of Lent young people will be able to reflect on each Sunday's Gospel using podcasts available to download from [cliftondiocese.com](http://cliftondiocese.com). There will be a variety of ecumenical guests who will lead the short reflections, that young people

can listen to, from the comfort of their bedroom. The I-Reflect series reaches young people where they are and empowers them to deepen their faith and prayer life. Look out for the podcasts on [cliftondiocese.com](http://cliftondiocese.com), on each Sunday of Lent.

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## Born for this

*1 March, St John's Bath*

*working with St Greg's Secondary School*

*2 March, Swindon*

*working with St Joseph's Catholic College*

Clifton Diocese Youth Ministry is working with young people from our Outstanding Secondary Schools in Bath and Swindon to produce a beautiful and inspiring musical. 'Born For This' is the powerful telling of the Easter story and is being performed on Friday 1st March in St John's Church, Bath and on Saturday 2nd March in Swindon, Bristol. 'Born For This' is the perfect way to begin Lent and our personal preparations for the great celebration of Easter. It is both reflective and engaging.

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## CYMFed adult congress

*16 - 17 March 2013, The Sage, Gateshead*

The CYMFed (Catholic Youth Ministry Federation) National congress for those working with young people in school and parishes takes place at The Sage, Gateshead on the weekend of 16th - 17th March 2013. The theme is 'The Story of Faith' and will include inspiring speakers and engaging witness that will encourage and empower youth ministry in England and Wales. For more information visit [cymfed.org](http://cymfed.org) or contact Clifton Diocese Youth Ministry.

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## Theology of the body for young people

*Friday 19 April, 7pm*

*St Peter's High School, Stroud Road Gloucester*

On Friday 19th April young people of school years 11+ are invited to St Peter's High School, Stroud Road, Gloucester for an evening exploring the Church's sexual teaching led by respected theologian Matthew Nichols. This is a great opportunity to go deeper into the Church's teachings and gain a greater understanding of a less discussed aspect of our faith. The evening will begin at 7pm.

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## World Youth Day 2013 @ home

Gloucester & Brightlights @ Aylesford Priory. "Go and make disciples of all the Nations" (Mt 28:19) Celebrating World Youth @ home

*Monday 22 - Thursday 25 July*

*Gloucester Deanery*

*Friday 26 - Monday 29 July*

*pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory in Kent*

Bishop Declan invites young people to celebrate World Youth Day 2013 @ home. Our Days in the Diocese will be hosted by the Gloucester Deanery from Monday 22nd - Thursday 25th July. Each day will include catechesis led by inspiring speakers and engaging with the religious communities of Gloucestershire.

We will then make a pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory in Kent to join with young Catholics from across England and Wales for the Brightlights festival which runs from Friday 26th - Monday 29th July. We will be able to link up live with the celebrations in Rio, including the final Mass with Pope Benedict XVI. Look out for more information in parishes and schools and how to sign up for this fantastic opportunity.

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## Lourdes Pilgrimage

*August 2013*

Our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will continue to see many young people accompanying Bishop Declan, and many other pilgrims from across the South West, to Lourdes to spend time deepening prayer, bring their gifts and talents to our diocesan community and strengthening the mission of the Catholic Church. Pilgrimage is a vital aspect of the deepening of our faith and we encourage young people to take this worthwhile and enjoyable pilgrimage in 2013.

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## Salisbury Deanery faith prayer events

*1 February, St Gregory*

*1 March, Tisbury*

*3 May, Christ the King*

*7 June, Holy Redeemer*

*5 - 6 July, overnight prayer vigil at St Osmund's*

On these evenings, there will be a number of different prayer options made available to people in the church and parish rooms, including adoration, guided meditation, lectio divina, confessions, etc.

This series of prayer events culminates in an overnight prayer vigil from 5-6 July at St Osmund's. More details from the Salisbury Deanery parishes.

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## Year of Faith Twitter

The year of faith twitter feed [#cliftonfaith](https://twitter.com/cliftonfaith) will give an inspiring daily message throughout the year of faith. This will feature inspiring quotes from the documents of the Second Vatican Council, from Pope Benedict and other Year of Faith related material, as well as information on Year of Faith events in the diocese.

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