

St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

If you wish to contribute to the next edition of the newsletter, please email office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk marking your email 'Newsletter Article' by **12 noon Thursdays weekly**.

Church Services (also on-line)

Saturday 1 April

10.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross
Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 2 April – Palm Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass– Fr Brendan Clover
17.30 Evensong and Benediction

Monday 3 April

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 4 April

10.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross
Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 5 April

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Thursday 6 April – Maundy Thursday

19.30 Mass followed by Watch till Midnight
– Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 7 April – Good Friday

10.00 Stations of the Cross for children and families
14.00 Good Friday Liturgy – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 8 April – Holy Saturday

10.00 Morning Prayer
20.00 Easter Vigil Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 9 April – Easter Day in the Lord's Resurrection

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 50:4-7 (Reader: Kevin)

Psalm 22

R: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Philippians 2:6-11 (Reader: Sandra)

St Matthew 26:14-27:66

Intercessor – Kevin

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

It is a moving experience each year on Palm Sunday as we go up the mountain with Jesus, towards the Temple, accompanying him on his ascent.

But what are we really doing when we join in this procession as part of the throng which went up with Jesus to Jerusalem and hailed him as King of Israel?

Does it have anything to do with the reality of our life and our world?

To answer this, we must first be clear about what Jesus himself wished to do and actually did. He was journeying towards the Temple in the Holy City, towards that place which for Israel ensured in a particular way God's closeness to his people. The ultimate goal of his pilgrimage was the heights of God himself; to those heights he wanted to lift every human being. Our Procession on Sunday is meant to be an image of something deeper, to reflect the fact that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God.

I sincerely hope that many of you will be called to keep a Holy Week, to attend the Liturgies, to watch and pray with the Lord, to place yourself at the foot of the Cross, and to find yourselves renewed when Easter comes. I am available to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a time to suit your needs. With my love and prayers,
Fr Brendan

CONGREGATIONAL LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Before Mass, talk to God
During Mass, let God talk to you
After Mass, talk to each other.

The Worship Committee want to suggest that we try to make that our Congregational Lenten Discipline this year to seek to recover the calm before the most important duty we can perform as Christians, our attending the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day.

So, we suggest that you might like to come earlier to church so that you can hear the glorious bellringing and say your hellos. The notices will be given at 10.25am sharp, and then silence descends until the Sacristy bell rings. That way, please God, we may be more prepared for all that is

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 1 April	Mass for St John's Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham. Our Blessed Virgin Mary and all our sister cells
Sunday 2 April	Palm Sunday. Our Church and parish and the residents of Tutton Way and Sercombe Park
Monday 3 April	All children without clean water to drink and proper sanitation
Tuesday 4 April	All who volunteer for our fire and ambulance services
Wednesday 5 April	The deaf and hard of hearing
Thursday 6 April	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Friday 7 April	GOOD FRIDAY - all murdered for preaching the word of God
Saturday 8 April	HOLY SATURDAY - the faithful departed
Sunday 9 April	EASTER DAY - Our church and parish and the residents of Oldfield and Claremont Gardens

CHURCH CLEANING – SATURDAY 8 APRIL

Time is getting short to make our church look beautiful for the Easter celebrations. So, at 11.00 am on Saturday 8 April anyone not involved in flower arranging or other setting up for the special services please come with brushes, dusters and polish and help to make our church glow. The time is a little later than usual but we need to allow time for Morning Prayer.

Please come and help.

Sandra and Diane

EASTER FLOWERS



If you would like to donate some money towards the cost of Easter flowers, please give your offering to either Gary or Nicola, the Church Wardens. If you usually decorate one of the windowsills for Easter and are able to do so this year, please speak to Sarah or Debra on Sunday.



On **Good Friday 7 April** there will be a Churches Together United Service in Queen's Square at 11.45am. The service is being led by youth workers from the town. There will be an opportunity to lay flowers at the foot of the cross. Hot cross buns and coffee will be available after the service.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

We are revising the elector roll, our list of members, in preparation for our Annual Meeting, which will be on 23 April. If you are not on the roll please pick up a form in church. ***You need to be on the roll to vote or stand for office. If you are already on the roll, you do not need to do anything.***

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 9 April	Celebration Sunday – Easter Day
Sunday 7 May	St John's Patronal Festival and Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles Bring and Share Picnic Lunch in the Church grounds (if fine) or Church Hall
Monday 8 May	Mass at 12.00 noon followed by fizz at the Vicarage
Monday 8 May	17.30 Solemn Evensong for the Coronation sung by Clevedon Choral
Thursday 11 May	Recital by Matthew Clark at 19.30 with a glass of wine afterwards Tickets £10.00 to include a glass of wine
Friday 12 May	Betjeman evening in the Church Hall at 19.30 with light refreshments Tickets £10 to include madeira and cake
Saturday 13 May	Festival Concert by Clevedon Choral Society
Sunday 14 May	Solemn Mass followed by the dedication of the refurbished Lower Hall and Kitchen
Saturday 20 May	Plant Sale – 10.00 – 12 noon in the Church grounds
Sunday 25 June	Parish Lunch to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Fr Brendan's ordination
Saturday 15 July	St John's Summer Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church grounds
Sunday 13 August	Parish BBQ, after Mass
Saturday 16 September	Quiz Evening, time to be confirmed, in the Church Hall
Sunday 1 October	Harvest Lunch – 12.30 in the Church Hall
Saturday 2 December	Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!



If you would like to take one of the Communion elements to the altar during the offertory hymn, please let one of the sidespeople know when you come into Church on Sunday morning.

Plant Sale
Saturday 20 May - 10-12noon

NEW DATE!

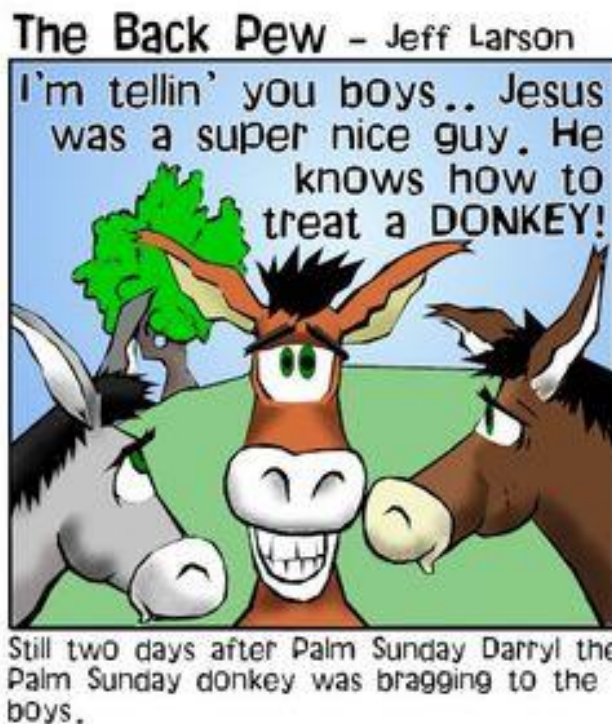
**A date has now been set for our plant sale to be held
in the
Church grounds.**



If you are taking cuttings
or splitting plants this winter/spring, please do a few extra for
the church plant sale.

Sick List

If you need to let the clergy know of anyone who is unwell and/or is needing pastoral care, please email office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk or mention this to David or Betty, our Sickness Points of Contact (SPOC's), after the service outside of the church building. Any requests will be passed on to Fr Brendan and names will be added to the sick list.



Do you have any pearls of wisdom which could be used in the newsletter? They don't need to be religious; perhaps a special gardening tip, favourite recipe or an interesting story you'd like to share with your Church family. You can even remain anonymous if you wish. If so, please speak to Nicola or Gary or email office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Fund Raise as You Shop

We have registered St John's with easy fundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easy fundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

Although you may only raise a few pence with every purchase, these donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohntheevangelistclevedon/>

Calling all bakers! If you would like to provide a cake(s) for one of our regular Celebration Sundays, please add your name to the list at the back of Church. Alternatively, if you would like to celebrate a special occasion (perhaps an anniversary, birthday or exam success) please put your name against the relevant date and bring along your cake (it doesn't have to be homemade) on the day. Any questions, please speak to Sarah or Debra.



Chat and Craft Group continues to meet every Thursday afternoon in the Church Hall between 2 and 4pm. Bring your own project along to work on, and chat to fellow crafters. A drink and biscuits will be available. For more information, talk to Sue at church or ring on 01275 877710.



On-line Giving

Here is the link to our on line facility:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/b8e3af98-2c05-4dfb-bd27-570f15c91a21> this link has been added to our Website, our Church Near You page and all our YouTube and other online offerings including social media. Please feel free to share it with all your friends to help with the ongoing good work of our Parish and the exciting outreach plans for our near future (not to mention the maintenance of our beautiful building and Hall!!) The QR code appears further on in this newsletter.

Website

Please log into our website with as much frequency as you are able in order to bring it up the Google ratings...

It is <https://www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/>

The website is a dynamic tool, so please send any comments, criticisms or ideas to Fr Brendan

For those technically minded, here is the QR code for our online giving. Simply scan the code with your smartphone QR scanner and be magically directed to our 'givealittle' page.



Do you have talents and experience to share?

After many years of loyal and dedicated service to this parish and the PCC, with much sadness we are saying farewell to our PCC Secretary, Sue and our Treasurer, Fiona at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in April. Sue and Fiona have done a fabulous job at keeping the PCC on track procedurally and financially. We thank them so much for all they have done for St John's Church.

We are now in search of replacements for Sue and Fiona, who are difficult acts to follow. However, both these roles are supported by the diocese who run an induction programme, regular updates, access to the diocese Finance Department and the Diocesan Secretary's office, plus buddies in similar roles in other parishes, and the support of the Churchwardens, PCC Chair and relevant sub-committees at St John's.

We hope the following provides a brief insight into the roles we are looking to fill:

PCC Secretary

The primary responsibilities of a PCC Secretary are to support the PCC Chair in the preparation and organisation of meetings and to handle all correspondence on behalf of the PCC. The Diocesan Office contacts the parish from time to time to request specific information, every effort is made to keep this to a minimum and all meeting agendas are issued and minutes stored electronically using Microsoft Office.

PCC Treasurer

You do not need to have been a treasurer of an organisation before. In many respects it is not dissimilar from keeping good control of household finances, however, if you have an understanding of some accountancy practice it will be useful but not essential. This role implements decisions made by the PCC. This role is also supported with diocesan induction training for new treasurers, updates and continued support throughout the financial year for all financial procedures and processes.

For further information about both roles please speak with Nicola or Gary, Churchwardens.

Celia Quiz !!

1. Which Apostle accompanied Paul to Cyprus?
2. Who was the King of England from 1042 - 1066?
3. Which river runs through Canterbury?
4. Which country gained victory in the 2022 FIFA World Cup?
5. Which year and month was the foundation stone of St. John's laid by the Bishop?
6. When was the Social Democratic Party formed in this country?
7. Which part of a flower contains pollen?
8. Who composed the music for the ballet The Rite Of Spring?
9. Which is the brightest star ?
10. Hadrian was the adopted son of which Roman Emperor?
11. Which three species of the mouse are common in Britain?
12. Which former Top Gear presenter was known as Captain Slow?
13. What is the heraldry word for silver?
14. In which decade was the penny farthing bicycle invented?
15. Which is the largest of the Canary Islands?
16. Who is the heroine of Charlotte Bronte's novel Villetta?

GORDON'S POSERS

a: carry fuel across lake here; b: direction for Royal Attendees: c: ?
James stream

Annual Reports for the APCM

Our **Annual Report for 2022** is in preparation, ready for our **Annual meeting and APCM on Sunday 23 April**. If you have any reports or information for inclusion in this, please pass it to Sue as soon as possible and no later than Saturday 8 April. pccsecretary@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Good Friday

Could you not stay and watch with me one hour?

I meant to, Lord. I rose with time to spare.
But as I was about to start the car
the cat arrived with something on her fur.
I had to sponge and comb her matted coat.
The time went by, I saw I'd missed the boat!
I'm sorry, Lord. I'll try again next year.

Could you not stay and watch with me one hour?

Lord, there's so much to do this time of year,
The family comes to stay. It takes
all week to shop and cook, you've no idea!
But I don't mind. I love their visits here.
Good Friday's always busy, but next year
they'll see their other gran. Then I'll be there.

Could you not stay and watch with me one hour?

Lord, I was there. I sang the songs, and prayed,
and listened to the readings telling how
You suffered on the cross, and shed your blood.
Lord, all those silences were useful, too
I made a list of things I need to do -
and feel much better organised as a result!

Could you not stay and watch with me one hour?

***The time is short, the enemy draws near.
Will you be one who keeps your lantern bright?
Or scared and aimless, run into the night?
My child, draw near, and ease my wounded heart.
Keep vigil with me, let your soul be stilled.
Then go in peace, the Father's word fulfilled.***

Jill Harris

If you need to contact a Churchwarden please contact Nicola Coaker or Gary Lewis. Nicola can emailed at churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Gary's email address is churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

If you have any safeguarding questions or issues, please email parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk



The Vicarage telephone number is 01275 879617

The Office Number is 07522 494 504

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