



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 2 MAY 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 May – Ss Philip and James

10.00 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 2 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Monday 3 May

18.00 Mass in Church - Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 4 May – The English Martyrs

10.00 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 5 May

10.00 Mass in Church – Fr Robert Ward

Thursday 6 May

12.30 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 7 May

10.00 BCP Mass in St John's Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 8 May

10.00 Mass in St John's Church– Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 9 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30 Mass in St John's Church – Fr Brendan Clover
& Bishop Jonathan

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Next Thursday 6th May, in the old Calendar, and in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, was observed as the Feast of St John at the Latin Gate. This feast commemorates the journey St. John the Evangelist made to Rome during the reign of the Emperor Domitian (81-96AD), about the time St. John wrote the book of Revelation. Domitian had sentenced St. John to death. John's captors attempted to execute him at Rome's Latin Gate by dipping him in a vat of boiling oil. However, God miraculously saved him, and he emerged as if from a bath!

Some people think the story is apocryphal. I prefer to believe it because I like to think that St. John visited Rome which had become the centre of the Christian movement. The Latin Gate is near the Lateran, so St. John would have met his martyrdom close to what is now the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. St John Lateran, a truly awe-inspiring church, is the cathedral church of Rome containing the throne of the Bishop of Rome, and this church is mother church of the entire world, and it is dedicated to Our Saviour, to St. John the Baptist, and to (wait for it)... St. John the Evangelist. If this event really did take place, and the execution failed by an act of God, it is likely that St John the Evangelist was able to venerate St. Peter's relics and meet the reigning Pope at the time (St. Clement I) before returning to Patmos.

In the future I am hoping we will host a Festival weekend after our Patronal Festival of the Passion of St John the Evangelist, a festival of liturgy, music, literature and the arts. This year, due to

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The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 8:26-40 (Reader: Alison)

1 John 4:7-21 (Reader: Debra)

St John 15:1-8

Psalm 22:25-31

R: All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

(Intercessor: Judith)



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COVID, we will welcome Bishop Jonathan who will preside and preach at the Parish Mass on Sunday 9th May at 10.30am. Please do all you can to be present that day so that we can share with our Bishop our hopes and aspirations for the future, and our joy in the present.

May our heavenly Patron pray for us as we celebrate his Gospel, his Letters, and his witness even unto death.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Brendan

WEBSITE

We now have a new website. Please log into it 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 at parishpriest@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Vicarage Telephone Number



The expertise of a young BT engineer has restored the phone line in the Vicarage.
It is (01275) 5879617.

Daily Prayer (The Office)

Evening Prayer is said publicly in church every day (except Wednesday) at 5.30pm.

From September on the first Sunday of the month there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Evening Prayer.

Morning Prayer is said at 9.30am when there is a 10.00am Mass.

St John's Zoom After Church Coffee Meeting – Sunday 2 May 2021 12:15 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73716336772?pwd=azZBS0ZOL1p0M3F5VFRqbRkRmRmtlUT09>

Meeting ID: 737 1633 6772

Passcode: Xh7gfV

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 John Andrews and Fr Brendan and names will be added to the sick list.



Pilgrimage

One of the victims of the pandemic was our planned Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Walsingham, England's Nazareth. The Shrine opens up again - alleluia - in July and we have booked twelve places for the weekend of 22/23/24 October. If you would like to come please let Peter Woolf know. The costs are modest. Budget for around £150 all in. We will try and stop at Ely on the way there for Mass in the Cathedral's Lady Chapel.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Please note, this is a provisional list and all are Covid restriction dependant.

Sunday 2nd May - After Church Zoom Coffee Morning

Wednesday 12th May - St John's Social Committee Zoom Meeting

We welcome new members. if you are interested in joining contact Fiona, email: PCCTreasurer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Sunday 23rd May - Celebration Sunday Coffee, Sherry, Wine and Cake in the Church Grounds

We start our monthly event to mark celebrations of the month with a celebration of missed events of the last year e.g. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Licencing.

Sunday 27th June - Parish Picnic in the Church Grounds after 10.30am Mass.

Bring your own picnic, drink and garden, picnic, or deck chair.

Saturday 17th July - Parish BBQ and Musical Entertainment-4pm

In the parish grounds, details to follow.

Saturday 11th September - Murder Mystery in St John's Hall

Details to be confirmed - Who murdered the Verger, in the Hall, with a Church Candle Stick!!



Votive Candles



Following a successful pilot, we will continue to ask for a show of hands at the beginning of the service. This is to indicate how many votives our members and visitors would like lit by a Server and extinguished at the end of the service. This will continue until Covid-19 restrictions change. Thank you. for your co-operation.

Covid-19 Restrictions

Please be reminded the following applies to our worship in church so we can remain open.

- If you have symptoms please stay at home and worship with us on-line (all our services are Livestreamed).
- Masks must be worn (if you cannot wear a mask please consider a visor)
- Please use the hand sanitizer provided on entering the church and when reading at the lectern
- Please provide your contact details for Track and Trace or use the QR code
- Please follow the one-way system using the direction arrows on the aisles
- The government and Church of England Guidelines prevent any socialising in church apart from within your own households or bubbles.
- Please refrain from speaking to anyone before the service.
- Once seated please remain in your seat.
- Please refrain from entering the Vestry, this is for Clergy and Servers only.
- Please be reminded the rule of 6 applies outside the church.



Donations to Clevedon Food Bank can be put in the Food bank bin at Tesco, taken to the Food Bank in Knowles Road on Mondays or Fridays between 9.30 and 11.30 am, or added to your local street collection.

There is also a basket in the porch at Church for your goods please deposit them when entering the building. Thank you.



Lent Boxes

As Lent is now over please return Christian Aid Lent boxes as soon as possible. Please leave boxes at the back of St. Johns on the west end altar. Please complete the slip inside the box your details if you are a UK taxpayer and are happy to Gift Aid the box contents, this will allow

Christian Aid to claim the tax from the government at no extra cost to you.

Many thanks, Martin

Wellspring Counselling Service continues to offer vital support

Wellspring Counselling has been caring for people across North Somerset since 1994. The service provides affordable, professional counselling for adults as well as donation-based counselling for young people aged 11 to 18.

Wellspring has counsellors available to help adults with a wide range of concerns, including anxiety, depression, relationship issues, abuse and bereavement. All counsellors are professionally trained, have regular clinical supervision and engage in Continued Professional Development.

Since the pandemic hit and the country first went into lockdown in March, Wellspring has adapted its services and is currently working with clients remotely, offering the option of video calls or telephone sessions during the day or evening. The continuation of this much-needed service has been a lifeline for many who have been struggling with their mental health in these difficult and unprecedented times.

If you think counselling could benefit you please call the reception team on 01275 810879 or email

reception@wellspringcounselling.org.uk For more information visit www.wellspringcounselling.org.uk

ANSWERS TO CELIA'S QUIZ

1. End of Clevedon Pier
2. Cutty Sark
3. Surinamer
4. Robert Galbraith
5. Jupiter (39)
6. 9
7. Round worm
8. Seven
9. Sapphire
10. Francis Drake
11. Tasmania
12. All That Glitters
13. Onesimus
14. Swiss (from 16th century)
15. Crash
16. The Old Curiosity Shop (Dickens)

AND TO KEEP YOUR BRAINS WORKING, GORDON'S TEASERS!

These are all the names of towns within 10 miles of Clevedon. Answers next week. Good luck!

1. Crossing for blackbirds
2. Giddy folk here
3. Wading place for rooks
4. Opening for brewing from honey
5. Crossing place for old sailors
6. No place for sinners

If you need to contact a Churchwarden please contact Nicola Coaker or Nick Dixon. Nicola can be contacted on 07940759891 or email her at churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk
Nick's email address is churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk Thank you.

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

Please follow us on our new website at: <https://www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/> or at www.achurchnearyou.com/church/111185/ or on YouTube 'St John's Clevedon' or on Facebook: St John the Evangelist Church, Clevedon or join our WhatsApp group.

St John's Sunday Club

Sunday 2 May 2021

Easter 5

Divine Encounter

Bible readings – Acts 8 : 26 – 40 and John 15: 1-8

Questions (based on Acts)

When have you helped someone understand something about Jesus?

How did Philip share Jesus's love with the Ethiopian?

What can you learn from Philip and the way God used him to speak to the Ethiopian?

Prayer suggestion

Ask the Holy Spirit to prompt you to share Jesus this week

Lord Jesus, we thank you that you have called us to be part of your team.

You have called us to work with you and tell others of you.

Help us to do our best in showing how we love you and bring others to know you.

Amen

This week's challenge

Pray for your friends who don't know Jesus

Activity suggestions

- Activity sheet for fifth Sunday of Easter
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on John 15: 1 - 8

If you do not have access to a printer and would like the activity sheets printed out and delivered to you, please contact me (Fiona) and I'll arrange for you to receive copies.

Good Luck from St. John's Sunday Club Team (Sue & Fiona)