

St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 2 JULY 2023

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY, TRINITY 4

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 July

10.00 Mass at St John's for the Walsingham Cell

Sunday 2 July – Thirteenth Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Robert Ward

17.30 Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday 3 July – St Thomas

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 4 July

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 5 July

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 6 July

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 7 July

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 8 July

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Sunday 9 July – Fourteenth Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

1 Kings 4:8-11 & 14-16a (*Reader: Kevin*)

Psalms 89:2-3 & 16-19

R: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord

Romans 6:3-4 & 8-11 (*Reader: Sandra*)

St Matthew 10:37-42

Intercessor – Celia

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

It's hard to put into words the gratitude I feel to you for the generosity and kindness you have shown me over the celebration of 40 years in priestly ministry. What an amazing Mass with an exemplary sermon from Michael Tavinor! And the lunch... the atmosphere and the food were lovely. Thank you so much to Sarah and her team. How well we do things here! I am delighted and humbled by your love and support, and I am thrilled that sometime soon I will be instituted as Vicar of St John's. Sunday's Gospel contains some of the 'hard sayings': teachings of Jesus which stand out and stick in the memory for their apparent harshness. Jesus articulates a recurrent theme of the hard sayings: we are unworthy of Christ if we prefer anything or anyone to him, even our own parents or children.

Now there is a sense in which we have become over familiar with the Gospels. We have heard them time and time again. If we think about how we approach these hard sayings, there might be a connection with the casual familiarity with which we can treat the Gospels as a whole. If our impression of the Gospels is of something comfortable and comforting, nice and familiar, then the bits that don't fit in with that approach are really going to shock us, to challenge us. Talk about loving Jesus more than our mother and father, more than our children, can never be something which will sit comfortably with us; it speaks of hard choices and brings home to us in very concrete terms what the difficulties of following Jesus, the 'cross' we are to take up, might look like.

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But as these hard sayings remind us of the cost of discipleship, they can also help us to discover – or rediscover – new depths in the texts and stories which we have, perhaps, allowed to become overly familiar. To put it bluntly, when we think more seriously about the cost of discipleship, we're more likely also to think more seriously about the benefits. We're challenged to be single-minded in following Christ, to place him above all else, because he shows to us the sheer immensity of the gift which he gives to those who follow him.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 1 July

Canada Day, all Canadian Christians wherever they are. National Doctors Day – all doctors whatever their chosen field of expertise.

Sunday 2 July

Our Church and clergy. Our parish, especially residents of Treefield Road

Monday 3 July

All sufferers of mental illness and those with the experience to listen and to guide

Tuesday 4 July

American Independence Day – American Christians throughout the world

Wednesday 5 July

New born babies, their parents and families

Thursday 6 July

Thomas More and John Fisher – Reformation martyrs. Our market day traders and all local businesses

Friday 7 July

All who are lonely and without someone to share a chat and a cup of tea

Saturday 8 July

Our Lady of Walsingham and Our Lady of Itati in Argentina

Sunday 9 July

Our Church, clergy and parish and the residents of Shelly Avenue

MASS TIMES

Below are the new Mass times for St John's.



Sunday – 10.30 am

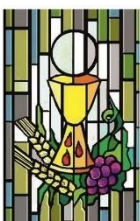
Monday – 6.00 pm

Wednesday – 6.00 pm

Thursday – 12.30 pm

Friday – 10.00 (Book of Common Prayer)

On Tuesdays at 10.00 am and Saturdays at 10.00 am
Mass will be said at All Saints, Weston Super Mare, BS23 2NL



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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Saturday 15 July | St John's Summer Fete – 14.00 to 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 24 September | NEW DATE!! Harvest Lunch – 12.30 in the Church Hall NEW DATE!! |
| Saturday 2 December | Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall |

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



St. John's Summer Fete !! **Saturday July 15th 2.00-4.00pm**

We are looking for offers of support to help set-up, pack-up and run a variety of stalls. Lists are at the back of church, please sign up!

We need donations for

- Raffle (list of items at the back of Church)
- Cakes (list at the back of Church)
- Books
- Plants
- Jewellery
- Toiletries
- Bottles
- Knitted, crochets or handmade goods
- Preserves

Please put in the bags at the back of church. Plants and cakes on the day please, we set up from 1pm.



See Matthew 14:24-33 02-06-1998

PETER'S EARLY ATTEMPTS TO WALK ON WATER WITH JESUS DISPLAYED AN INADEQUATE AMOUNT OF FAITH

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.



Church Flowers

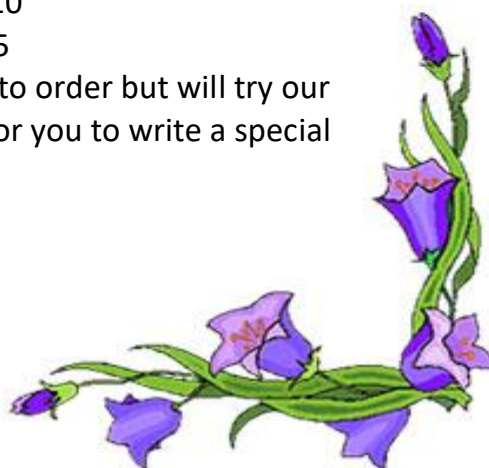
Would you like to sponsor church flowers to celebrate a birthday or commemorate an anniversary?

We would be very happy to dedicate the church flowers to you or a loved one if you let us know in advance. There is a flower rota available at the back of church.

Front pedestal suggested minimum donation £10

Statue of Mary suggested minimum donation £5

We may not be able to provide specific flowers to order but will try our best. There will be a card and holder available for you to write a special message to display with the flowers.



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.



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/>

Website

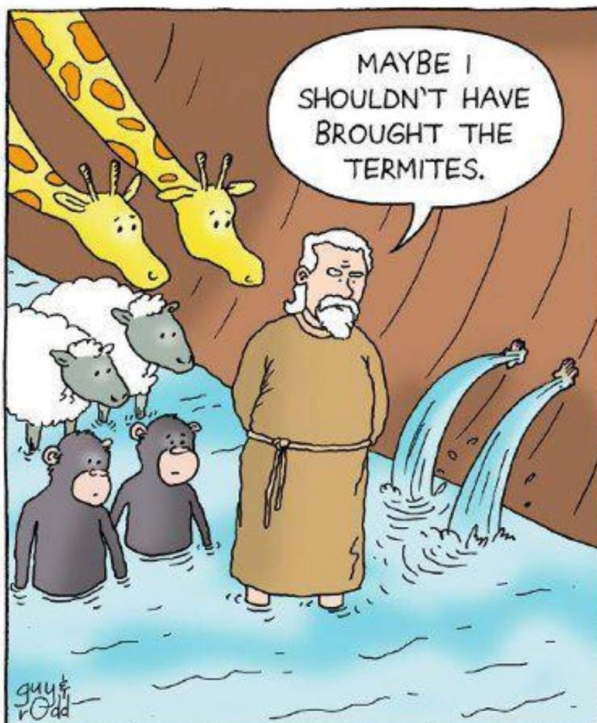
Please log into our website with as much frequency as you are able in order to bring it up the Google ratings...

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

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 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.



Celia Quiz Answers !

1. Mid 1920s
2. 1917
3. Australia
4. Novak Djokovic (23 Grand Slams)
5. Four (James, Joses, Simon, Judas)
6. 1890
7. Abergarvany
8. Puzzling
9. BBC
10. Wat Tyler
11. Three
12. An organ - a stop
13. TV set
14. Haile Selassie
15. Juniper
16. Revd W. Awdry

GORDON'S

a: Washbrook; b: Hythe; c: Street on the Fosse

What is a Church ?

A quiet place within ourselves where we retire to be alone with God.

A house of prayer where we worship together as brothers and sisters in Christ

Our home where we feel a sense of belonging.

Our family with whom we can share our joys and sorrows.

All existence lives within the church of God.

I believe God is the church.

Jane Carter

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.

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.



If you need to contact a Churchwarden please contact Nicola Coaker or Gary Lewis. Nicola can be 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

Please follow us on our 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.



Volunteers needed in Clevedon!

Help asylum seekers in temporary
accommodation feel welcome

We're looking for sensitive, friendly, proactive people to
give 2-4 hours a week (times and days flexible to suit)

More information:

rwns.org.uk/volunteer

Email:

volunteer.coordinator@rwns.org.uk



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