



# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter



SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2022

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 1 October – St Teresa of the Child Jesus

10.00 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 2 October – Twenty seventh Sunday

#### Harvest Thanksgiving

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer and Benediction

### Monday 3 October

18.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 4 October – St Francis of Assisi

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 5 October

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Thursday 6 October

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 7 October

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 8 October

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 9 October – Twenty eighth Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Habakkuk 1:2-3 & 2:2-4 (Reader: Robert)

Psalm 95

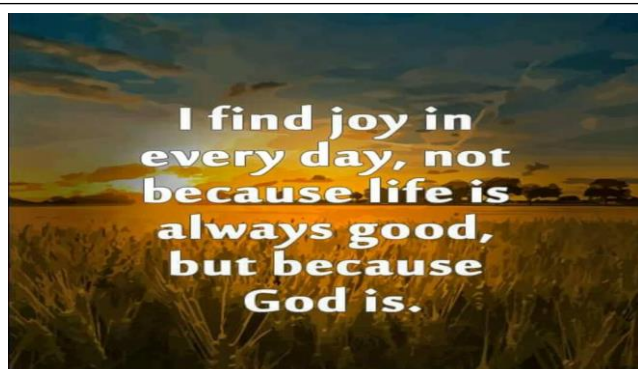
**R: O that today you would listen to his voice:**

**'Harden not your hearts.'**

2 Timothy 1:6-8 & 13-14 (Reader: Diane)

St Luke 17:5-10

Intercessor – Judith



## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

*And he showed me a little thing, the size of a hazelnut, on the palm of my hand, round like a ball. I looked at it thoughtfully and wondered, 'What is this?' And the answer came, 'It is all that is made.' I marvelled that it continued to exist and did not suddenly disintegrate; it was so small. And again my mind supplied the answer, 'It exists, both now and for ever, because God loves it.' In short, everything owes its existence to the love of God. In this 'little thing' I saw three truths. The first is that God made it; the second is that God loves it; and the third is that God sustains it.'*

In one of the most famous passages of *Revelations of Divine Love*, the medieval English writer, Julian of Norwich, distils the heart of Christian belief about the all-encompassing love of God our creator. Her words echo the theme of God's loving sovereignty proclaimed in Scripture: 'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the compass of the world and all who live therein' (Psalm 24.1). They constitute a foundational truth for all Christians. We believe that God has created the world and sustains it in being. We also believe that God has uniquely entrusted the care of creation to human beings (Genesis 1.26–30) and that to God we must render an account of our stewardship. And not simply to God, but to our children and grandchildren, who are increasingly clamouring to know what will be their global inheritance. As members of the global Anglican Communion, we are aware of those around the world who face losing their homes and livelihoods as a result of the effects of climate change. Across the world, people of different nationalities and faiths, and

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those who profess no faith at all, are using the language of climate emergency and environmental crisis to express their profound concern about the impact of humankind's wilful indifference to the state of the planet. Pictures of oceans clogged with discarded plastic, the desertification of productive farmland, extreme weather conditions, rising sea levels and the catastrophic decline of biodiversity in some parts of the world have introduced an urgency in public and private discourse. For too long humankind has taken the environment for granted. Now that we see it threatened, we are at last waking up to the challenge of caring better for God's earth, 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. The care of creation is integral to our evangelism and mission.

All this we celebrate at the Harvest.

See you in church on Sunday,

Fr Brendan

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND CLEVEDON FOODBANK

In addition to supporting our Harvest Lunch by attending, please bring your Harvest gifts to Church on Sunday 2 October. Gifts of long life food offered at that service will be donated to Clevedon Foodbank. Any long life food or toiletries are welcome, but there are particular needs for the following : -

- INSTANT MASHED POTATO
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD
- JAM
- TOOTHPASTE
- SOAP
- TOILET ROLLS

If you would rather give a money donation, please bring your offering in an envelope and give it to one of the churchwardens on Sunday 2 October.

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## PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Saturday 1 October</b>	Our Lady of Walsingham, all members of the St John's Cell and St Teresa of Lisieux
<b>Sunday 2 October</b>	Our Church and parish and all residents of Churchill Avenue. Our Harvest celebration and all who will benefit from our donations of food and money.
<b>Monday 3 October</b>	All who are paralysed and dependent on others for their basic needs. All our Guardian Angels
<b>Tuesday 4 October</b>	St Francis of Assisi and all who belong to the Franciscan Order
<b>Wednesday 5 October</b>	All who live alone and would love someone to talk to
<b>Thursday 6 October</b>	St Bruno, founder of the Carthusian Order. William Tyndale who was born in Gloucestershire, studied at Magdalen College, Oxford and translated the scriptures from Greek to English. Our market traders and all visitors to Clevedon
<b>Friday 7 October</b>	Our Lady of the Rosary
<b>Saturday 8 October</b>	Our Lady of Walsingham and all pilgrims to England's Nazareth
<b>Sunday 9 October</b>	Our Church and parish and all who live in Wordsworth Road, Hanson's Way and Wains Close

## PRAISE HARVESTER

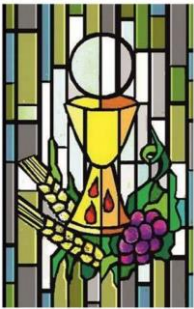
A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

— PSALM 67:5-6 NIV

## 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 May/June 2023

Please start thinking about this. If you are taking cuttings or splitting plants this autumn, please do a few extra for the church plant sale.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All subject to there being no changes in Covid restrictions)

<b>Saturday 15 October</b>	Australian Evening – an entertaining talk with cheese, Aussie wine and extras. Tickets available for £7.50 per person
<b>Sunday 30 October</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Saturday 19 November</b>	Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall – 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow.
<b>Sunday 20 November</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Saturday 3 December</b>	Christmas Wreath Making in the Church Hall – 10.00 to 12.00 am. Details to follow.
<b>Saturday 3 December</b>	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow.
<b>Saturday 10 December</b>	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow

## FUND RAISING EVENTS

Two fund raising events are due to take place in the next few weeks – our Harvest Lunch (this Sunday - 2 October) and an Australian evening (15 October). Details of both dates appear in this newsletter.

**Donations of raffle prizes will be most welcome for both events.**

Both events are raising money to help equip the hall kitchen. We have set ourselves a target of £4,000 by Christmas to pay for the catering oven and hob that we need. Please support us! For further details, please speak to one of the Church Wardens – Nicola or Gary.

## Offertory Collection

A recent review has resulted in a decision to continue with a retiring collection for all services, the collection plate is located just inside the church entrance, as is our Electronic Payment Card Reader for those of you who prefer not to carry cash (very much like the King) and wish to donate to the work of St John's.

Thank you to all the members of our church community near and far, who regularly make generous donations to the work of our church through the Planned Giving Scheme and have consented to gift aiding their donations to increase the amount we can receive into our church funds.

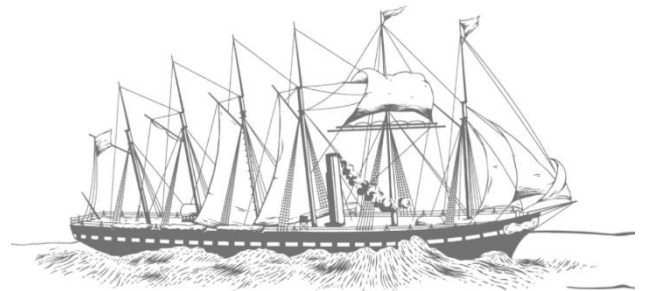
Planned Giving Scheme standing order forms are available inside the south door entrance. If you wish to join this scheme, please ask for more details from Nicola or Gary, Churchwardens or Fiona, PCC Treasurer. Thank you.

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# A voyage to Australia in the 1850s: the story of Mrs Margaret Lambton

Alison Soars will provide us with an evening of social history with the fascinating story of Margaret Lambton's voyage to a new life in Australia on the SS Great Britain. Accompanied with a selection of cheese, paté and Australian wines.

**Saturday 15 October**  
**6.45pm for 7pm start.**



This is a fundraising event for  
St. John's Church. Please support us.  
Tickets (£7.50) available from the back of the Church

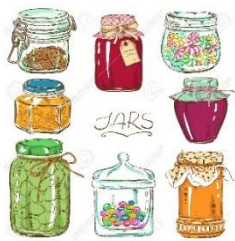
Do you have any pearls of wisdom which could be used in the newsletter? They don't need to be religious; perhaps a special gardening tip, favourite recipe or an interesting story you'd like to share with your Church family. You can even remain anonymous if you wish. If so, please speak to Nicola or Gary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

### 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](mailto: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.

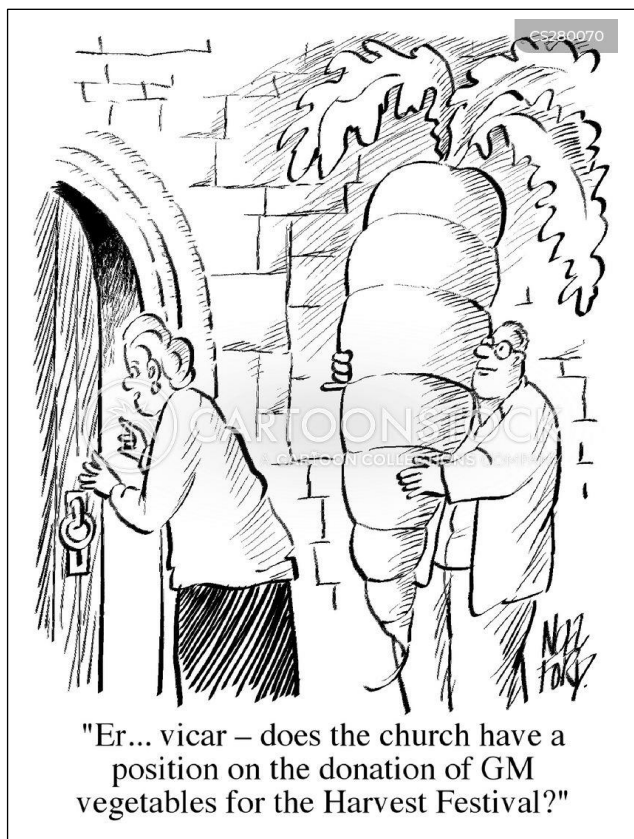


## Jam jars



We are looking for jam jars (no lids necessary) to make preserves for the Church Christmas Fayre. Please leave at the back of church.

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.



## It's Shoebox Time!

**Operation Christmas Child** is once again collecting shoeboxes full of small gifts to send to children in need around the world. Suggestions for gifts include toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hat, gloves, scarf - but no toothpaste or sweets, no liquids or glass. Further details and parcel labels from Sue Rossiter (tel 01275 877710).

Shoeboxes should be returned to church by Sunday 13 November. Alternatively you can pack a shoebox online at [shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk). The intention this year is to send boxes to Ukraine, and to nearby countries such as Moldova and Romania which have taken lots of refugees. Thank you.



### **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

### **CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ**

**Answers next week. Good luck!**

1. In which road in Clevedon has North Somerset Council planted trees as part of its 2021-2022 rewilding project?
2. When was the 999 telephone service introduced in the UK?
3. Which large aquatic rodent is native to South America?
4. Which cricket ground was the site on the first FA Cup Final?
5. What Autumn harvest festival is celebrated by the Jewish people?
6. Who was the chief engineer of the Great Western Railway in the 1830s?
7. Which country's capital is Suva?
8. Which dramatist created Talking Heads?
9. What is measured with a hygrometer?
10. When was the Authorised Version of the Bible issued in England?
11. In which South American country is the kip a currency?
12. Manet, Degas and Renoir were artists in what school of Art?
13. What is the only property on the London based Monopoly Board south of the Thames?
14. When did fingerprint identification first come into use?
15. The pod of which tropical climbing orchid is used to flavour food?
16. Who wrote the overture and incidental music to Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream?

### **Gordon's Posers**

a: quintet of clangers; b: was on horse or bicycle etc; c: off - white water

### 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/>

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.



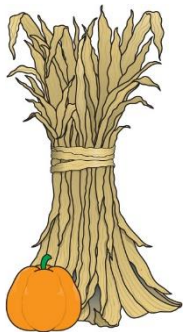
# Harvest Lunch

*This Sunday – 2 October*

*12.30 pm in the Church*

*Hall*

*Please bring your own drinks!*



If you need to contact a Churchwarden please contact Nicola Coaker or Gary Lewis. Nicola can be contacted on 07940759891 or email her at [churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

Gary's email address is [churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk) Thank you.

If you have any safeguarding questions or issues, please email [parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)



The Vicarage telephone number is 01275 879617

The Office Number is 07522 494 504

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# United Service

**What kind of a world do  
we want to live in?**

**What is the Church's  
response to our climate  
emergency?**

**HOPE**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:00 pm**

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**Clevedon School**



Each year Churches Together in Clevedon holds a united service, a chance for all the Clevedon congregations to meet and worship together. This year it will have a climate theme. We hope you will want to come and explore the Christian response to this emergency. There will be a chance for discussion and refreshments.



# HARVEST APPEAL

## HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOOD BANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

### DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.



### DONATE MONEY

help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



### SHOPPING LIST TOP FIVE ITEMS

Tinned Tuna  
Tinned Custard  
Savoury Biscuits  
Cleaning Products  
Toiletries

*Don't forget...  
You can help transform more lives  
with a financial donation too.*



