



St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024

LENT THREE

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 2 March

10.00 Walsingham Cell Mass, St John's

Sunday 3 March – Lent 3

10.30 Solemn Mass – Bishop Mike Hill

17.30 Lent Course and Benediction

Monday 4 March

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 5 March

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

18.00 Lent Group – The Suffering Servant

Wednesday 6 March

18.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 7 March – Ss Perpetua and Felicity

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 8 March

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 9 March

10.00 Mass, All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 10 March – Mothering Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Lent Course and Benediction

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Exodus 20:1-17 (*Reader: Roger*)

Ps 115

R: You have the message of eternal life, O Lord

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (*Reader: Robert*)

St John 2:13-25

Intercessor – Kevin

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Writing on the readings for this Sunday Pope Benedict has this to say:

'The words of the Apostle Paul, which today the liturgy proposes for our meditation, resound in my mind: 'We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ [is] the power of God and the wisdom of God.' I have nothing to propose or give to those whom I shall meet except Christ and the Good News of his Cross, a mystery of supreme love, of divine love that overcomes all human resistance and even makes forgiveness and love for one's enemies possible. This is the grace of the Gospel that is capable of transforming the world. The Church, therefore, does not pursue economic, social or political objectives; the Church proclaims Christ, certain that the Gospel can move the hearts of all and transform them, thereby renewing people and societies from within.'

It strikes me, as I ponder the situation in too many parts of our world, that this is a helpful message which gives us hope.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Brendan

Art Installation

Our mystery artist writes:

The cover has now partially opened up at the top. It is quite large. It is clear that there is nothing inside it. So what is its purpose?

The nails have gone. Now, a small leather pouch has been thrown onto the altar. Pouring out of the pouch are a number of silver coins. If you count them there are 30. This is obviously the money Judas was paid for his treachery. Thirty pieces of silver was a lot of money to give a poor man in those days. It had great value. Jesus must have been a very worrying threat to the powers that ruled during that time to offer such a huge reward.

It is clear now that the story being told is the Easter story. But once again, what is the connection between the cloth and the items on the altar? It is still a mystery. Next week there will be more clues as the art piece develops. Can you guess what the final piece will look like when it is finished?

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 2 March	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, the Shrine that bears her name in Walsingham and all who worship there. St John's Walsingham Cell which will meet today for Mass.
Sunday 3 March	Our Church and parish and the residents of Yeoward Road
Monday 4 March	The hungry and malnourished
Tuesday 5 March	All who are homeless and lonely
Wednesday 6 March	All who keep their faith in spite of or because of war and conflict
Thursday 7 March	The Thursday market and traders and visitors to Clevedon that they may receive a warm welcome
Friday 8 March	All fishermen, sailors and those who make a living on the high seas
Saturday 9 March	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, her shrine in Walsingham, Fr Kevin, priest administrator, and all who work and visit there
Sunday 10 March	Mothering Sunday. Our Church and parish and residents of Hazell Close

MASS TIMES

Below are the 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

Thursday 7 March

Sunday 10 March

Friday 22 March

Good Friday 29 March

Easter Sunday 31 March

Sunday 7 April

28 April to 5 May

Sunday 5 May

Wednesday 8 May

Sunday 19 May

Saturday 25 May

Sunday 23 June

Saturday 6 July

Saturday 13 July

Sunday 28 July

Sunday 1 September

Sunday 8 September

Sunday 13 October

Saturday 16 November

Sunday 24 November

School Visit for Mothering Sunday activities 13.15 – 15.00

Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday Rose Reception

School Visit for Palm Sunday activities – 13.15 – 15.00

Hot Cross Buns in the Church Hall at 15.00

Easter Celebration – Prosecco and Cake

Celebration Sunday – Octave of Easter

St John's Festival Week

Bring and Share Lunch

19.00 - Talk by Aidan Hart, iconographer

Celebration Sunday – Pentecost

Plant Sale – TBC

Celebration Sunday

14.00 – 16.00 – Summer Fayre

Glastonbury Pilgrimage

Celebration Sunday

Parish BBQ

Celebration Sunday – Education Day/King's Accession

Harvest Festival

Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper

Celebration Sunday – Christ the King



The West of England Music and Arts Alliance are holding a concert in St John's Church on
Saturday 2 March at 19.30.

A variety of youth ensembles will be performing.
Entry is FREE! Please support this worthwhile organisation.

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.



SCHOOL VISITS TO CHURCH – HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

Two visits are planned for children from St John's school.

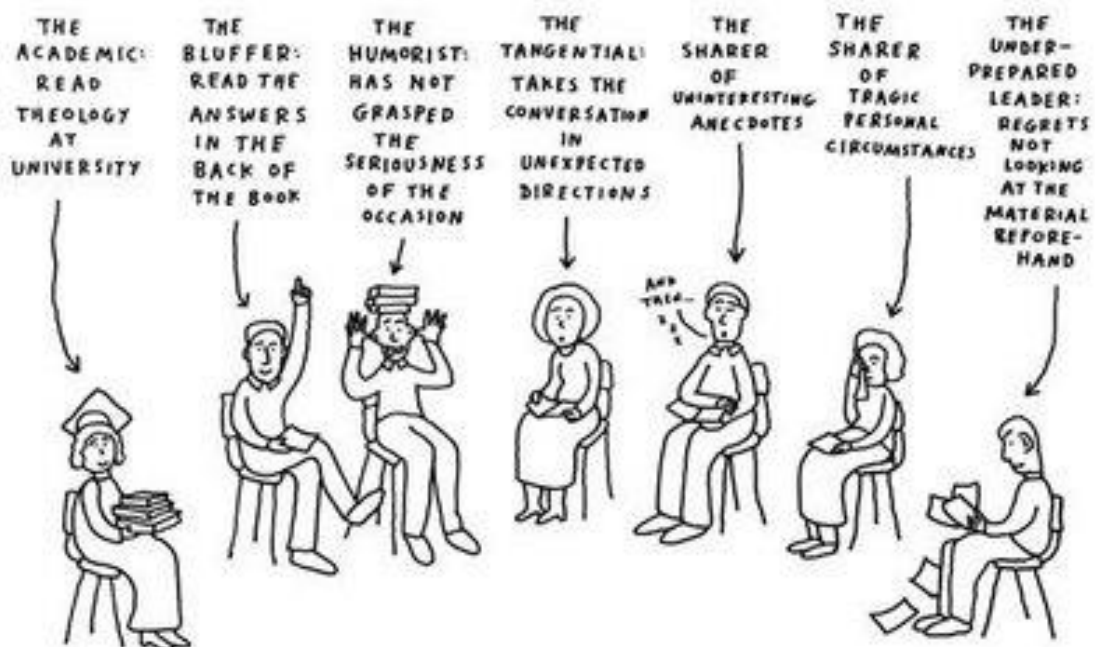
The first is on **Thursday 7 March** for 5 to 7 year olds. The children will be introduced to the importance and meaning of Mothering Sunday and will then be encouraged to make a variety of appropriate crafts. Parents will be invited to attend a short service at 14.25 when children will read prayers they have prepared. At the end of the session the children will serve their mothers/carers with tea, coffee and cake in the Church Hall. We will need help setting up in Church and in the Hall (set up beginning at 11.30), welcoming pupils at 13.15 and assisting with craft activities at 13.55. It would be good to have help when the parents arrive at 14.25 and with clearing up at the end (15.00).

The second visit will take place on **Friday 22 March** for 7 to 9 year olds. It will follow a similar format where Fr Brendan will explain Palm Sunday and children will then make a donkey mask and a palm leaf containing a personal prayer. Tea and coffee will be served at the back of the Church to parents/carers after a short service. Again we will need help setting up (11.30), welcoming pupils (13.15) assisting with crafts (14.00), welcoming parents (14.30), serving refreshments (14.45) and clearing up (15.00).

Please speak to Sarah if you are able to help in any way at either of the sessions. Thank you.

THE LENT GROUP

THEY MEET IN LENT TO STUDY THE LENT COURSE, READ THE LENT BOOK ETC





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.

St John's 100 Club

The 100 club is an easy way you can help raise money for St. Johns. It only costs £12 per year (equivalent to £1 / month) and you will be entered into a drawer every month with a chance to win a prize. Over the last 15 years the 100 club, has raised over £12,000 for the church and has paid out almost £8,000 in prizes. Providing we have more than 80* people join we will pay out £40 in prizes each month and any profit over £510 will be paid to the Church but there is no upper limit, the more the merrier and the more money that will be raised for the church.

The three prizes are:

- 1 st Prize - £25
- 2 nd Prize - £10
- 3 rd Prize - £5

*If there are less than 80 members, there will be no 3rd prize.

If you join the Club ,please contact any of the organisers to enquire about joining, application forms can be located at the back of the church on the leaflet table. Talk to any of us in church or by emailing using one of the email addresses below.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FEBRUARY'S WINNERS!

First	71 Maureen H
Second	14 Edward C
Third	105 Jane C

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

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

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.



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 Point of Contact (SPOC), 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.

On-line Giving

Here is the link to our on line facility:

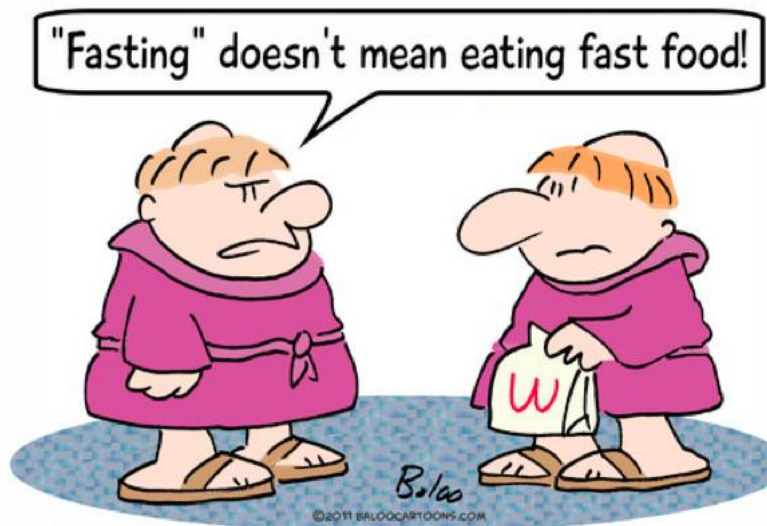
<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/b8e3af98-2c05-4dfb-bd27-570f15c91a21> this link has been added to our Website, our Church Near You page and all our YouTube and other online offerings including social media. Please feel free to share it with all your friends to help with the ongoing good work of our 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.

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.



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

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Celia Quiz !!

1. Who was the father of the Apostles James and John?
2. Barclays and Lloyds Banks were founded in the 17th century by which religious group?
3. Which is the largest river in the world?
4. Which pop singer in the 1950s warned people “Never do the tango with an Eskimo”?
5. In which decade did Christ Church - first a chapel in St. Andrew’s parish - become a parish in its own right?
6. Which was the royal house for Great Britain and Ireland 1689 - 1702?
7. The bird kookaburra is a native of where?
8. Which long running TV drama series is based on the memoirs of Jennifer Worth?
9. Which is the coldest planet in the solar system?
10. In which year was the Labour Party formed?
11. Which English county has the ten highest peaks?
12. What is the maximum number of sets in a men’s tennis match?
13. How many times does Black Rod knock on the Commons’ door?
14. Which American President drafted the Declaration Of Independence in 1776?
15. What is another name for the plant saxifrage?
16. What is the surname of the Kentish family in a series by H. E. Bates?

GORDON’S POSERS

a: Crossing for Charles’s sister; b: Acorn’s origin on high; c: After and before the flame