



# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter



SUNDAY 3 APRIL 2022

LENT 5

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Sunday 3 April – Passion Sunday, Lent 5

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover  
17.30 Talk, Devotion and Benediction

### Monday 4 April

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 5 April

10.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross  
– Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 6 April

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Thursday 7 April

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 8 April

10.00 Mass from the BCP – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 9 April

10.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross  
– Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 10 April – Palm Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover  
17.30 Talk, Devotion and Benediction

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 43:16-21 (Reader: Helen)

Psalm 126

**R: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad**

Philippians 3:8-14 (Reader: Robert)

St John 8:1-11

Intercessor – Kevin

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

On Sunday Passiontide begins. The statues and crucifixes are veiled, but not the icons, and the season takes on a more somber feel. Please avail yourself of the opportunities we have to come close to Christ in his Passion in the parish. Mass is offered every day, Stations are Tuesdays and Sundays, and our Lent course has two sessions to go at 5.30pm on Sunday.

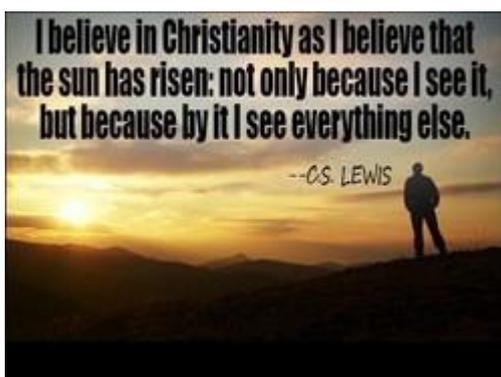
The timetable for the services of Holy Week is published in this Newsletter. On Holy Monday the Bishop of Chichester will preside at the Chrism Mass in Bristol Cathedral at Noon. At this Eucharist bishops, priests and deacons renew their vows, and the holy oils are consecrated for use in the parishes. It would be lovely if some of you were able to attend this service as a sign of our solidarity one with another.

I am looking for volunteers; volunteers to take part in the Passion on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, and volunteers to have their feet washed at the Liturgy of the Last Supper. Please have a word with me if you are able to do either of these things. And we must make sure that the Watch of the Sacred Passion on Maundy Thursday, which ends at Midnight, has people there. 'Could you not watch with me one hour?' asks the Lord. There will be a sheet for you to commit to a time at the back of the church.

Finally on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April we have our APCM. We need people to serve on our PCC, and we need a new warden as Nick is stepping down. Is serving on the PCC something you might consider?

Most of the work is done in the three committees and the PCC meets only four times a year, though we did have a strategy day in addition last September. Have a word with me or any current member of the PCC if you are interested. It would be very good to broaden the base from which we are working.

So, wishing you a happy and holy rest of Lent,  
Fr Brendan



## RECOMMENDED LENT READING

### **Entering the Twofold Mystery** by Eric Varden

Erik Varden became Bishop of Trondheim in his native Norway in 2019. This, his second book, is a meditation on the religious life, on the life of Christ, and the call to live in community.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book this year is

**Embracing Justice** by Isabelle Hamley. Isabelle is the Archbishop's former chaplain, now theological adviser to the House of Bishops. Her knowledge as an Old Testament scholar shines forth in the first three chapters on Genesis, Exodus and liberation. The remaining chapters deal with the Incarnation, the Crucifixion and Holy Communion.

in **The Way of the Franciscans - A Prayer Journey through Lent** Daniel Horan offers insights from Franciscans across the ages. There are questions for reflection or discussion.

Richard Harries, former Bishop of Oxford, offers us **Hearing God in poetry - Fifty poems for Lent and Easter**. Each chapter is a poem and a short reflection on the poet, poem and some gentle theology.

Henry Martin is a retired prison chaplain retired to France where he devotes his time to writing, painting, his husband and their dog. **Vincent van Gogh and the Good Samaritan** recalls Henri Nouwen's classic on the prodigal son.

## SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

Continuing this Sunday, 13 March, a series entitled 'Talk, Devotion, and Benediction - an opportunity for all to engage with the Festival Icons' at 5.30 pm in Church.



### Easter Flowers

If you would like to contribute to the cost of Easter flowers, please speak to Margaret or Debra, or leave your donation on the plate, labelled 'Easter Flowers', which is at the back of the Church.

## Annual Parish Meeting

Advance notice that our Annual Parish Meeting and APCM will be held on **Sunday 24 April** following the 10.30 Mass. If you have any items you wish to appear in the annual report, please let me have them **as soon as possible**.

Many thanks

**Sue Rossiter**

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## **HOLY WEEK AT ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CLEVEDON**

### **PALM SUNDAY - 10 APRIL**

10.30am **PROCESSION OF PALMS,  
PASSION GOSPEL AND SOLEMN MASS**  
5.30pm **LENT COURSE LECTURE, DEVOTION  
AND BENEDICTION**

### **HOLY MONDAY - 11 APRIL**

12 Noon **CHRISM MASS AT BRISTOL CATHEDRAL**  
Celebrant: The Lord Bishop of Chichester  
6pm **MASS**

### **HOLY TUESDAY - 12 APRIL**

10am **MASS and STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

### **HOLY WEDNESDAY – 13 APRIL**

10am **MASS**

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY - 14 APRIL**

7.30pm **LITURGY OF THE LAST SUPPER,  
WATCH OF THE PASSION**

### **GOOD FRIDAY - 15 APRIL**

10am **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
2pm **LITURGY OF THE LORD'S DEATH**

### **HOLY SATURDAY - 16 APRIL**

10am **MORNING PRAYER**  
8pm **LITURGY OF THE RESURRECTION**

### **EASTER DAY - 17 APRIL**

10.30am **SOLEMN MASS**  
Preacher: Rt Revd Mike Hill  
5.30pm **EVENING PRAYER AND SOLEMN  
BENEDICTION**

# PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Sunday 3 April</b>	Our Church and parish and all who live in Oldfield and Claremont Gardens
<b>Monday 4 April</b>	Children without clean water to drink
<b>Tuesday 5 April</b>	All who work and volunteer for the Fire and Ambulance services
<b>Wednesday 6 April</b>	The deaf and hard of hearing
<b>Thursday 7 April</b>	St John the Baptist de la Salle and all who give children a Christian education; our school, its staff, parents and carers and Ian the head teacher
<b>Friday 8 April</b>	Those who are so unwell and depressed that they contemplate suicide
<b>Saturday 9 April</b>	Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a post-war theologian put to death by the Nazis and all others who died at their hands
<b>Sunday 10 April</b>	Our Church and parish and all who live in Newlands Green and Staples Close

## CHURCH CLEANING

**THANK YOU**, to all who turned out last Saturday to begin cleaning our church. It very quickly became obvious that it is going to take some time to get to grips with all that needs doing.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April we are going to meet again and this time we would like folk with long arms and very long feather dusters to dislodge some very big cobwebs from the dark corners of the church and in front of our beautiful stained glass windows.

The floor needs sweeping and washing. The wall tiles need washing and drying. Please come along with dusters, brushes, mops and lots of enthusiasm and energy. You will be rewarded with a gleaming church and maybe coffee and doughnuts!!

Thank you, Sandra and Diane.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

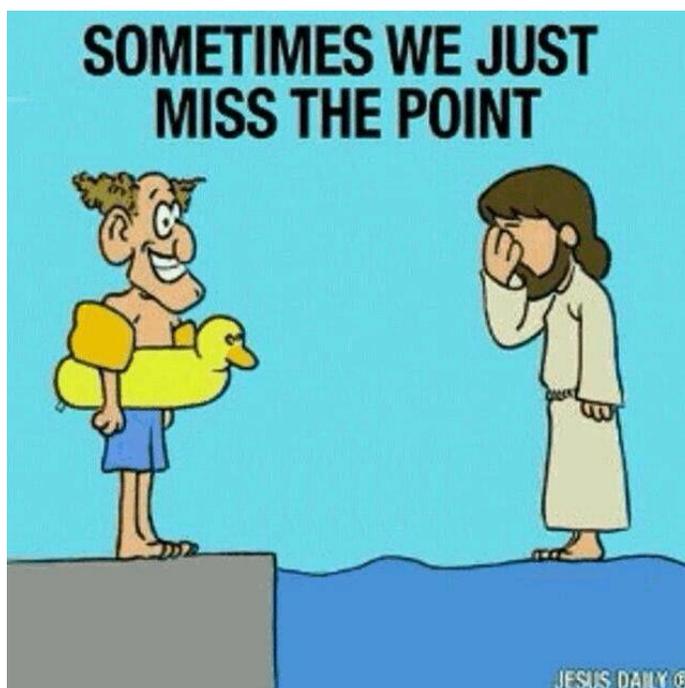
(All subject to there being no changes in Covid restrictions)

<b>Tuesday 12 April and Wednesday 13 April</b>	Easter Egg Hunt and Pop up Café in the Church (details later in this newsletter)
<b>Sunday 17 April</b> Easter Day	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in the Vicarage after Mass
<b>Sunday 24 April</b> Friday 6 May St John's Patronal Festival	Annual Parish Meeting and APCM after Mass Festival Mass at 19.30: Revd. Canon Peter Newby, Canon of Westminster Cathedral will be our preacher followed by wine and refreshments in the Church Hall Lunch Time Concert
<b>Saturday 7 May</b> Sunday 5 June HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Parish Picnic in the Church grounds
<b>Sunday 26 June</b> Saturday 16 July Sunday 24 July Sunday 21 August	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass Summer Fête in the Church grounds Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

## Easter Biscuits

Betty is taking orders for her famed Easter Biscuits

Please place your orders on Sunday.  
All donations to church funds.



## 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.

**Clevedon Foodbank** is still in of donations to support people in need in Clevedon and the surrounding area. Rising prices for electricity, gas, petrol and food add to the difficulties of those affected by illness, disability, bereavement, unemployment or low wages.

The foodbank would appreciate donations of the following:

**Tinned fruit**  
**Instant Coffee**  
**Instant Mash Potato**  
**Toilet Rolls**  
**Microwavable Rice**  
**Jam**  
**Long Life Milk**  
**Cat food**  
**Tinned pasta**  
**Toiletries**  
**Laundry Powder/ Liquid**

Donations of food may be brought to church and put into the purple bin in the porch, taken to the Food Bank depot in Knowles Road on Monday or Friday mornings, or put into the collection bin at Tesco's in Clevedon (Sainsbury's in Portishead, Waitrose in Nailsea). Tesco's add 20% to the value of donations.

For more information and how to ask for help if you need it, see their website at [clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk](http://clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk), or contact them on [info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk) or tel. 07722 769529



**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. Normally we have the kettle on, but while the electrics in the church hall are being worked on please bring your own drink. I will bring biscuits. For more information talk to Sue at church or ring on 01275 877710.

## CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ

### THINK ABOUT IT

1. With what did Lazarus's sister anoint Jesus's feet just before the entry into Jerusalem?
2. When did Great Britain abolish slavery?
3. What species is Britain's smallest bird?
4. How many medals did GB win in 2022 Paraolympics?
- 5: When was the first official application made for the construction of Clevedon Pier?
- 6: When was the Social Democratic Party launched?
7. Which is the smallest of Japan's five main islands?
8. In which year did the BBC first broadcast Mastermind?
9. Which wood is used to make the black keys on a piano?
10. When was a Nobel Prize first awarded?
11. Vesta and Paltas are what in the solar system?
12. Which 1966 film is about Elsa the lioness?
13. What do you measure with a Kelvin unit?
14. Richard the Lionheart was a member of which royal line?
15. Which part of the marshmallow plant is used to make the sweet?
16. The novel Hemingway's Chair was written by which Monty Python member?

### AND GORDON'S POSERS

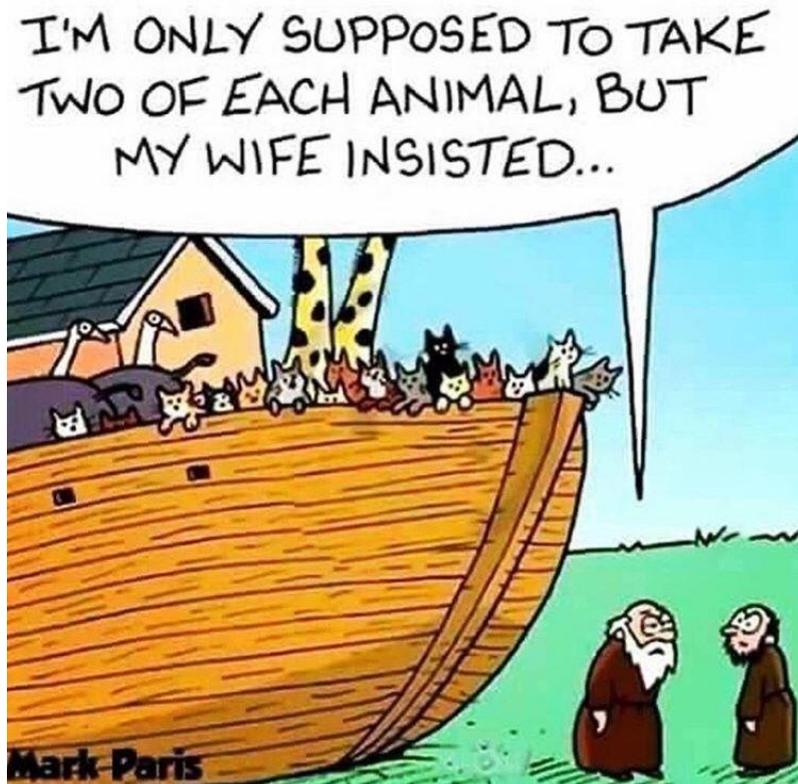
- a: Opposite south start;
- b: Loaf around here;
- c: Royal sunset settlement;
- d: Frosty meadow

## 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



## 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/>

## 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 a bit more 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 Nick Dixon. Nicola can be contacted on 07940759891 or email her at [churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)  
Nick'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**

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### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

#### **Scent From Heaven**

Bible reading: John 12: 1-8

#### Questions

What are your favourite smells?  
How do you think Lazarus, Martha and the other disciples reacted to Mary's actions?  
Why were Mary's actions so significant to Jesus?

#### Prayer suggestion

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you be more obedient to God.

*Jesus, you love each one of us  
and want us to be your friends.  
Help us to give you more time in our thoughts  
and in our prayers.  
Amen.*

#### This week's challenge

Be bold in faith and bless someone with a generous gift

#### Activity suggestions:

- Activity sheet for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

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

# Easter Egg Trail, Easter Crafts and Pop-up Cafe



Looking for something fun to do during the Easter Holidays with the children?

St. John's Church, Clevedon are running Easter egg trails for all ages and children's Easter crafts with a pop-up café for mums and dads.

£2.50 per child

@St. John's Church, Queen's Road  
Clevedon BS21 7TH.

Tuesday 12<sup>TH</sup> April and Wednesday  
13<sup>TH</sup> April 2-4pm.

