

St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2024

TWO BEFORE LENT, FIFTH SUNDAY

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 3 February

10.00 Walsingham Cell Mass at St John's

Sunday 4 February – 5th Sunday, 2 before Lent

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Robert Ward

17.30 Evening Prayer with Benediction

Monday 5 February – St Agatha

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 6 February

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 7 February

14.00 Memorial Service for Sandra Coaker

18.00 Requiem Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 8 February

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 9 February

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 10 February - St Scholastica

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 11 February – 6th Sunday, Next before Lent

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

We have been on quite a journey these last three years. Thank you so much for being part of that journey and for pulling together around some common agreed objectives.

What happened yesterday was as much about you as it was about me. Though what happened yesterday gives us all some stability and a secure future. Our Christian community is flourishing and God is attracting more people to join us.

We should rejoice and thank God. And there is more to come as the word gets out about the welcome people and organisations might expect from this congregation.

There are so many people to thank in connection with yesterday's Institution and Induction:

First of all the Diocese for having faith in us, and Bishop Michael and Archdeacon Adrian (who regretted that he could not attend). The Area Dean phoned on Thursday to say that he had contracted COVID - hence his absence. Also thanks to the Patrons of our parish, the Society of the Maintenance of the Faith, and to Colin Podmore for attending to present me to the living.

Then our Wardens and the PCC for embracing a vision for our future that involves being a regional centre for Catholic life in the Church of England; rediscovering what it means to be the 'Town Church'; and putting our excellent facilities to the serve of the local community. There is still much more to be achieved but we are well on the way...

Then thanks to the 'Community and Outreach Committee' for a splendid reception after Mass (another fabulous cake from Stevie!), and thanks to everyone who was involved in the Liturgy: the choir, servers, Andrew on the organ, and to everyone who attended. I am thrilled to be Vicar of this great parish. It is the one title I have never had!

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The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Job 7:1-4 & 6-7 (Reader: Robert)

Ps 146

R: Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted

1 Corinthians 9:16-19 & 22-23 (Reader: Roger)

St Mark 1:29-39

Intercessor – Kevin



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And now, the party over, we begin to turn our attention to the call of Lent, a call for renewal and the deepening of our discipleship, as we prepare for the great events of Holy Week. One date please to put in your diary now is Thursday 21 March when we renew our vows at the Chrism Mass in Gloucester Cathedral. This time it is a Chrism Festival, with the Mass at Noon, a delicious lunch, some teaching and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament to end the event. What is there not to like?!

With my renewed thanks to you, and my promise to be the best Vicar I can be... for you.

With love and prayers,

Fr Brendan

FUNERAL OF SANDRA COAKER

Dear friends,

This is to let you know about the funeral arrangements for our dear Sandra Coaker.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday 7th February with a private Cremation in the morning, and a Memorial Service in Church at 2pm, followed by tea in the Elton Hall. Mass at 6pm will be a Requiem Mass for Sandra. These arrangements accord with Sandra's wishes.

Please continue to pray for the repose of her soul, and for Derek and the family as they mourn her passing. Jesu, mercy. Mary, pray.

Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 3 February	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham, the St John's Walsingham Cell who meet today
Sunday 4 February	Our Church and parish and the residents of Hurn Road, Wrangle Farm Green and Gulliford's Bank
Monday 5 February	Our school, its pupils, teachers, parents and guardians. All who give time to serve on the PTA and school council
Tuesday 6 February	All who travel long journeys on pilgrimage seeking guidance
Wednesday 7 February	Residents of mental hospitals and staff who work with them to restore their mental health and wellbeing
Thursday 8 February	The Thursday market, its traders and all visitors to Clevedon
Friday 9 February	All who control and maintain public transport
Saturday 10 February	Our Lady of Walsingham, Scholastica, twin sister of St Benedict and founder of the Benedictine nuns
Sunday 11 February	Our Church and parish and residents of Conway

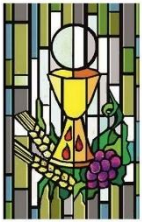
MASS TIMES

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

Friday 2 February

Sunday 11 February

***Saturday 2 March
 To be rescheduled***

Sunday 10 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

Fr Brendan's Induction as Vicar of St John's

Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent

***'The Scandalous Duchess' – historical talk by Alison Soars
 with bread and soup supper***

Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday Rose Reception

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

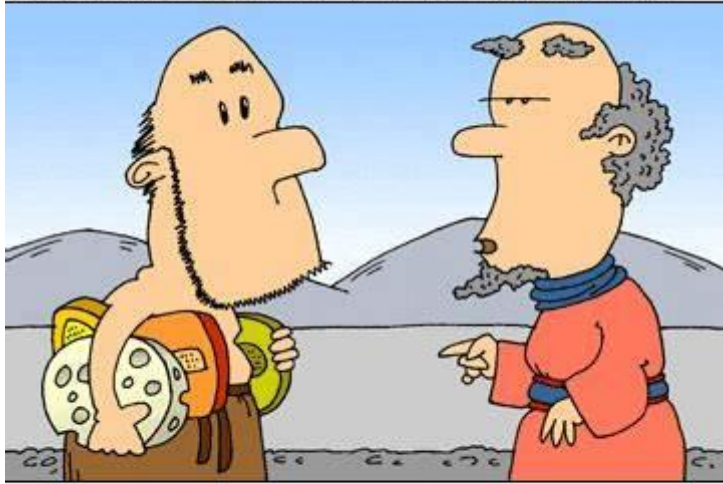
Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper

Celebration Sunday – Christ the King

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.



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"JESUS" OF NAZARETH ... I SAID TO GO
FIND "JESUS" OF NAZARETH!!!

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

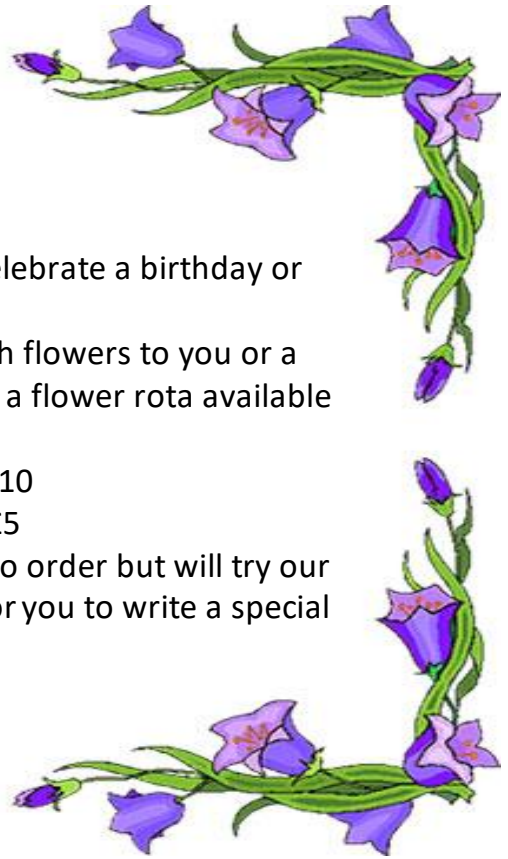
continues to meet every Thursday afternoon in the Church Hall between 2 and 4pm. Bring your own project along to work on, and chat to fellow crafters. A drink and biscuits will be available. For more information, talk to Sue at church or ring on 01275 877710.



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.



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.

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/stjohntheevangelistclevelandon/>



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who invite people to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. The theme for the 2024 World Day of Prayer is *"I beg you, bear with one another in love."*

We have been invited to attend a service for Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 1 March at 10.00 at Kenn Road Methodist Church. This year's focus is especially important and timely as the service has been prepared by the women of Palestine.



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 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.



Celia Quiz !!

1. Clevedon's population was 341 in early 19th century - how much in 1871 census?
2. What was the final imperial dynasty ruling Russia?
3. Which type of bird has the largest wings?
4. Which TV sitcom features Gary and Tony as flatmates?
5. In the Book of Revelation what is given as the access to heaven?
6. What title was given to both Richard I of England and Louis VIII of France?
7. What is the northern most province of South Africa - named after a river?
8. Which England cricketer scored 196 against India in the recent First Test?
9. How many Church of England clerics have the title Cardinal?
10. When were Pet Passports first used England?
11. Which flowers of an oleaceous shrub are used to flavour some teas?
12. In the poem beginning: "I wandered lonely as a cloud" how many daffodils are there?
13. Which bird used to be used to warn of dangerous gases in coal mines?
14. The Diet Of Worms declared Martin Luther a heretic in which decade?
15. What is the collective noun for monkeys?
16. Which Gilbert & Sullivan comic opera has the sub title The Town Of Titibu?

GORDON'S POSERS

a: Famished crossing; b: crossing for the laundry; c: Cold securing iron