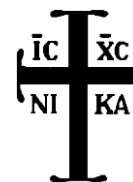




St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2022

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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)

Sunday 4 September – Twenty third Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Thursday 8 September – Birth of the BVM

12.30 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Friday 9 September

10.00 BCP Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Sunday 10 September – Twenty fourth Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Wisdom 9:13-18 (Reader: Gary)

Psalms 90

R: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next

Philemon 9:10 & 12-17 (Reader: Celia)

St Luke 14:25-33

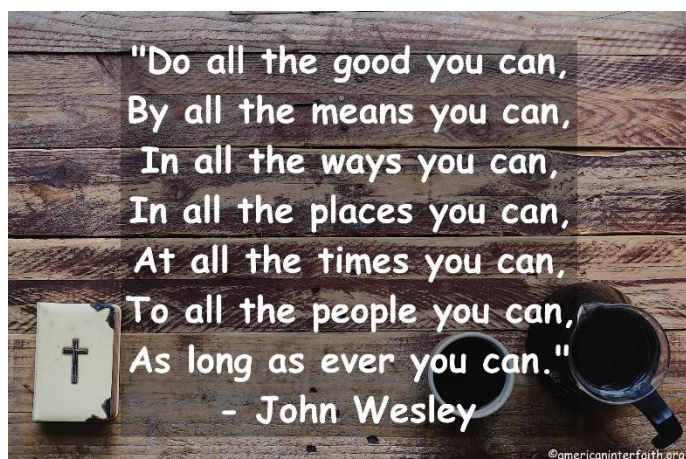
Words from Churchwarden, Gary Lewis

Father Brendan is currently on holiday and we hope that he has a restful and enjoyable time. In his absence Nicola and I thought that it might be good to tell you a little about the issues that the PCC will be considering when we meet for our strategy session this month.

To begin with we will be reviewing the feedback from the Healthy Churches Survey conducted last autumn. Back in July Father Brendan and I met with Father Gary Eccleston who conducted the survey. The results are really encouraging. The survey measures the conditions for growth that exist in a parish and St John's profile is the most positive of all the churches that took part. Of the eight areas explored we scored 'high' for seven and participants reported that inspiring worship was our greatest strength - in an Anglo-Catholic parish such as ours that feels good, and I hope that it will be motivating feedback to our priests, servers, musicians, bellringers, readers and intercessors. There are also some areas for us to consider how we might improve further, for example our only 'average' score was for 'holistic small groups' and the answers to those questions showed that not many of us engage with the parish in that way, or didn't during the pandemic. Perhaps we should.

The PCC will also be considering our priorities for the coming year and that will doubtless be where we face some real challenges. We will remind ourselves that we are now halfway through Father Brendan's three years of interim ministry. In agreeing to support that interim ministry the Diocese charged the parish to 'reassess its resources, needs and priorities; see where and how it needs to change; make plans for the future and prepare for the next chapter of its life.' Our survey has showed us that with our talented priest and committed congregation we have the capacity to grow but we also know that our finances are vulnerable, we are not yet outward looking enough and we have some big projects to deliver to make our facilities ready for outreach and community use. It is the PCC's job to put a plan in place to deliver that, so we have a lot to do.

Please pray for Father Brendan and the PCC as we prepare for the strategy day.



Welcome back to our Sunday School children and their teachers. We hope you all had a really good summer break.

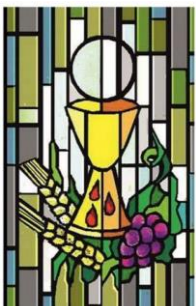
PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Sunday 4 September	Our Church and Parish and the residents of St Michael's Avenue and Hill View Avenue
Monday 5 September	The beginning of a fresh academic year. All teachers and pupils that they may lead and learn and work together
Tuesday 6 September	Allen Gardiner – founder of the American Missionary Society. All missionaries in their work to bring people to Christ
Wednesday 7 September	All who are on holiday or who are just taking a break from their usual routines
Thursday 8 September	Our market day traders. The birth of our Blessed Virgin Mary and her parents, Anna and Joachim
Friday 9 September	Charles Lowder, priest, who worked amongst the poor and destitute of London's docklands and those who work in similar circumstances today
Saturday 10 September	Our Lady of Walsingham, the shrine in Walsingham, Fr Kevin – priest administrator – all staff and pilgrims
Sunday 11 September	Our Church and parish and the residents of Coleridge Vale Road East



APPEAL for small (and quiet) children's toys or jigsaws to go into the play sacks we are planning to place at the back of the Church. Please speak to Nicola if you think you may be able to help and/or have something suitable.



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

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

Saturday 17 September	Australian Evening – an entertaining talk with cheese, Aussie wine and extras. Tickets available for £7.50 per person
Sunday 2 October	Harvest Lunch – hot food in the Church Hall at 12.30. Tickets are £7.50 per person, children under 16 go free.
Sunday 30 October	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Saturday 19 November	Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall – 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow.
Sunday 20 November	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Saturday 3 December	Christmas Wreath Making in the Church Hall – 10.00 to 12.00 am. Details to follow.
Saturday 3 December	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow.
Saturday 10 December	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow

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 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.

Offertory Collection

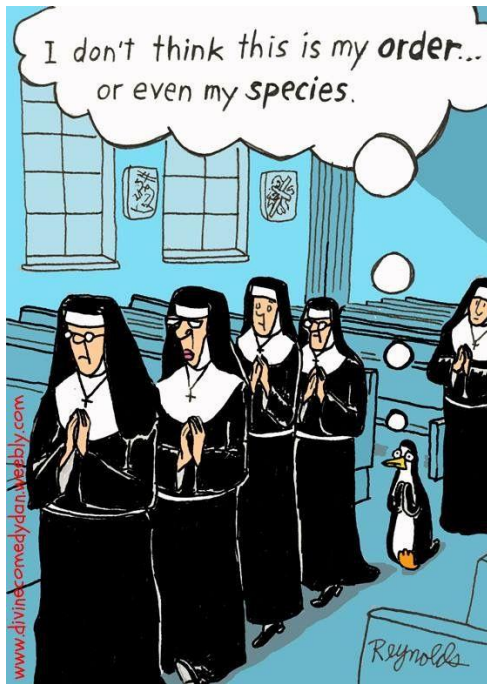
A recent review has resulted in a decision to continue with a retiring collection for all services, the collection plate is located just inside the church entrance, as is our Electronic Payment Card Reader for those of you who prefer not to carry cash (very much like the Queen) and wish to donate to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

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.





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

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.

Celia's Latest Quiz

1. When did Marine Lake, Clevedon open for public use?
2. When were the first post codes used in Britain?
3. What is the highest peak in the Atlas Mountains?
4. Where does the last stage of the Tour de France take place?
5. Who succeeded Moses as leader of Israel taking his people from Egypt to Canaan?
6. Between which dates did Samuel Pepys keep his diary?
7. Which large island in the Caribbean is divided between Haiti and the Dominican Republic?
8. Who created the character Poldark in the historical novels set in Cornwall?
9. What were first birds to be domesticated?
10. Which notorious London asylum was founded in 1247?
11. Which material makes plants green?
12. Which 19th-20th century artist had 'Blue' and 'Pink' periods of work?
13. What are the names of the Seven Hills of Rome?
14. What went down in 1545 and came up in 1982?
15. What do frogs have that toads don't?
16. Who wrote the opera the Turn Of The Screw?

AND GORDON'S POSERS

- a: Quartet of garden/table implements;
- b: Not yet a river;
- c: disadvantage;
- d: mounted the bicycle/train/bus etc

Answers next week. Good luck!

Fr Jeremy Hellier, who has preached at St John's in the past, has recommended the following radio programme to us, as a congregation which has supported Sea Sunday in the past. It is a BBC radio programme made for Sea Sunday on the work of Mission to Seafarers through the Port Chaplains. The primary focus of the programme is with Fr Jeremy's fellow Chaplain in South Wales, but Royal Portbury and Avonmouth gets a mention. In particular, the story of the chaplains' work with the cruise ship Marco Polo during lockdown is retold. The series is called 'All Things Considered' and the episode is called 'Faith on the Ocean Waves'. You can listen to the programme at the link below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00192p1>

Clevedon Foodbank is still in need 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.

If you would like to donate any of the items listed below, it would be appreciated.

Cereal	Fruit juice
Tinned pasta	Rice pudding
Tinned vegetables	Custard
Tinned tuna	Rice
Pasta sauce	Cooking sauce
Biscuits	Tinned meat
Soap	Shower gel
Washing up liquid	

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

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, or contact them on info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk or tel. 07722 769529

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

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 contacted on 07940759891 or email her at churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk
Gary's email address is churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk Thank you.

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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