



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2022

ADVENT TWO

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 December

10.00 Mass and Holy Hour – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 4 December – Advent 2

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday 5 December

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 6 December – St Nicholas

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 7 December – St Ambrose

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Thursday 8 December – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 9 December

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 10 December

10.00 Mass and Holy Hour – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 11 December – Advent 3

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.00 Christingle Service

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 11:1-10 (*Reader: Kevin*)

Psalms 72:1-7 & 18-19

R: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Romans 15:4-9 (*Reader: Debra*)

St Matthew 3:1-12

Intercessor – Celia

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

The Gospel of this Second Sunday of Advent presents the figure of John the Baptist, who, a famous prophecy of Isaiah says, withdrew to the desert of Judaea, and, with his preaching, called the people to convert so as to be ready for the coming of the Messiah, now at hand. The Precursor of Jesus, situated between the Old Covenant and the New, is like a star that heralds the rising of the Sun, the Christ. In the season of Advent we too are called to listen to God's voice, that cries out in the desert of the world through the Sacred Scriptures, especially when they are preached with the power of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, faith grows stronger the more it allows itself to be illuminated by the divine word.

Have a happy and holy Advent.

With my love and prayers,
Fr Brendan



PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

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| Saturday 3 December | Our Lady of Walsingham, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John's Walsingham Cell |
| Sunday 4 December | Our Church and parish and the residents of Woodington Road and Braikenridge Close |
| Monday 5 December | All concerned about the rising cost of food and fuel |
| Tuesday 6 December | Nicolas, Bishop of Myra, carer of all children who became St Nicolas and a role model for Santa Claus |
| Wednesday 7 December | Ambrose who has been credited for introducing hymns into western worship |
| Thursday 8 December | Conception of our Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Thursday market and all traders |
| Friday 9 December | Let us pray for the safety of all travellers, by land, sea or air |
| Saturday 10 December | Our Lady of Walsingham, the shrine and all who work there, including Fr Kevin the priest administrator and Fr Harry, priest of St Mary's, and his congregation |
| Sunday 11 December | Our Church and parish and the residents of Byways Caravan Park, Cavell Court and Strode Court |



Free Family Christmas Activities

Children's Christmas trails with dressing up and Christmas crafts

St John's Church, Clevedon

Saturday 3rd Dec 2.00pm-4.00pm

Sunday 11th Dec 2.00pm-4.00pm

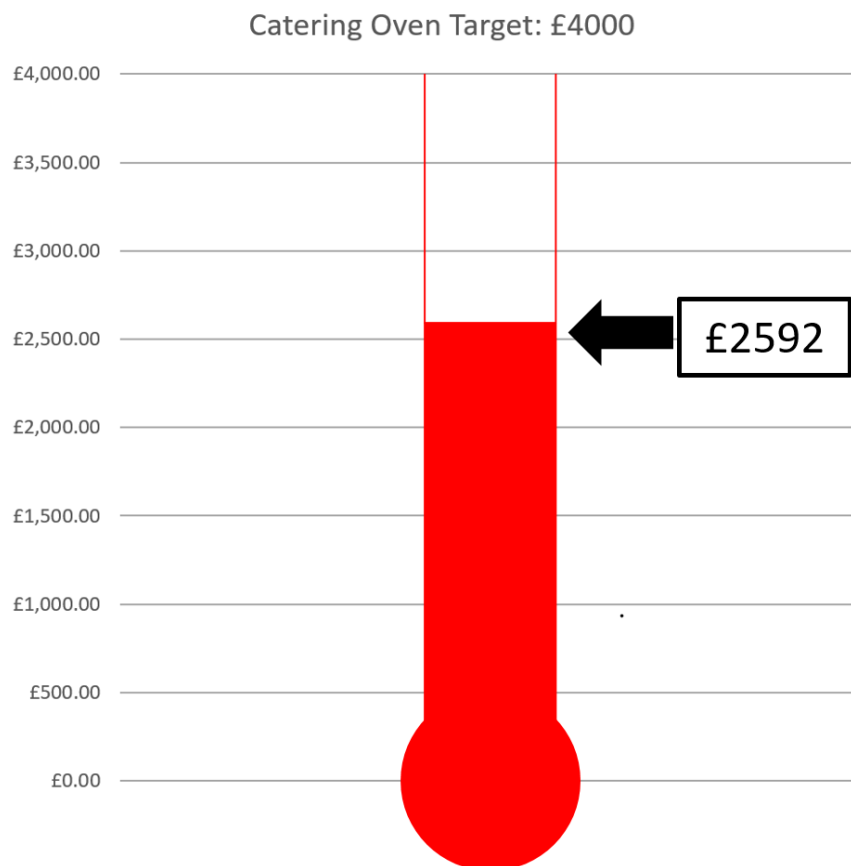
(Designed for pre-school and primary school children)

Pop up café serving homemade cakes, tea and coffee.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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| Saturday 3 December | Christmas Wreath Making in the Church Hall – 10.00 to 12.00 am. |
| Saturday 3 December | Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. |
| Sunday 11 December | Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. |
| Friday 6 January | Epiphany Party at the Vicarage after the 19.30 Mass |
| Sunday 8 January | Baptism of Christ – hot meal in the Church Hall after 10.30 Mass Details to follow |
| Saturday 18 February | Jumble Sale in the Church Hall – 14.00 to 16.00. Details to follow. |



CLEVEDON FOOD BANK NOTICES

OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS (please note in your diary...)

OPEN:

Clevedon

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd December 2022

Friday 30th December (open normal times thereafter)

Yatton Foodbank Open as normal 9.30am - 11.30am


Nailsea Foodbank - open as normal Fridays 12.30-2.30

Portishead Foodbank - open as normal Fridays 12 pm - 2 pm

CLOSED:

Monday 26th December (Boxing Day)

For emergencies outside those times, our mobile phone (07722 769529) will be monitored and we will endeavor to get back to you as soon as possible.

| Donation/activity | Most helpful if with us by |
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| Advent calendars: these mean so much more if they're in children's hands at the right time! | Last two weeks in November, please! |
| Donations of vouchers: As a change to previous years we will no longer be accepting Christmas gifts- we have asked for vouchers (£5 & £10) High street, Supermarkets. For anyone wishing to donate direct - these are our bank details Clevedon and District Foodbank CIO Account Number: 41477102 Sort Code: 40-17-50 | Friday 1st December, please...  |
| Donations of Christmas food: please check our website and social media for the most-wanted items – this will be regularly updated. | The first week of December, please! (Please check the sell-by/use-by dates are long enough...) |



Family Outreach Activities

We are running children's Christmas trails and crafts twice in December - **this Saturday 3rd December 2-4pm** and Sunday 11th December 2-4pm. This is aimed at primary and preschool children and their families as an introduction to our church and the Christmas story.

We need volunteers to help support this event

- Help with setting up church with tables etc (from 1pm)
- Help with serving refreshments
- Manning craft tables (no expertise is needed, all materials, instructions and models will be supplied)
- Welcoming families and helping to 'dress up' children as they come in.
- Help with clearing up.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or speak with Sarah Lewis.

We have received this letter of thanks from Humanity and Inclusion UK. The money raised from Helen's talk to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict earlier in the year was donated to this charity specifically for aid in the Ukraine.

Thank you so much to the congregation of The Parish of Clevedon St John for their kind gift of £125.00 to our Ukraine Emergency Appeal. Your generosity will mean the world to someone who has lost everything this Christmas.

Since the start of the conflict our teams have been working tirelessly to respond to the urgent needs of people in Ukraine.

Your gift will allow us to send basic needs items, like hygiene supplies and warm bedding, to help people through the winter months ahead. It will also allow us to send medicine, mobility aids and other vital supplies to vulnerable families. Finally, by supporting Humanity & Inclusion you are helping us to train hospital staff and provide emergency rehabilitation and mental health services, which are vital for people who have been seriously injured, so they can start their long road to recovery.

Please extend my upmost thanks to your congregation and staff who gave to your collection. Their generosity will be a lifeline to disabled and vulnerable people in Ukraine and we are so grateful to have your kind support.

With my heartfelt thanks,

Laura

Supporter Care Team

Humanity and Inclusion UK

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.



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.



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.

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

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.

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.



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.



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

God's heavenly arms are open wide calling us
home to his loving embrace.
Joy fills our heart as we feel God's embrace calling
us home to this heavenly place.
May humanity realize God has breathed life into
us all.
When our last breath comes we leap straight into
his arms.

Jane Carter

ANSWERS TO CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ AND GORDON'S POSERS

- 1: 14th (1320)
- 2: London
3. Indian Ocean
- 4: Jude Bellingham
5. About three months
6. Queen Victoria
7. Pike
8. The Darling Buds Of May.
9. Nine months
10. Castro
11. Dieppe
12. A Midsummer Night's Dream

13. Volcanoes

14. Adrian IV (12th century)

15. Zebra

16. Botticelli

GORDON'S

a: Cheddar; b: White Ox Mead; c: Charlton

CHRISTINGLE MAKING SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 12 NOON

We are looking for volunteers to help make Christingles for our service next Sunday (11/12/22). Meet on the Church steps at 12 Noon.

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

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.

Cost of Living advice event



Thursday 8 December 2022

11am-3pm. The Stable, 3-6 Wadham Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1JY

Struggling to cope with the cost of living?

We will be here to help you:

- Alliance Homes
- Bristol Water and Wessex Water
- Christians Against Poverty
- Citizens Advice North Somerset
- Lendology CIC
- North Somerset Council
 - Community Learning
 - Community Connect
 - Housing Solutions
 - Library Service
 - Public Health
 - Trading Standards
- St Monica Trust
- VitaMinds – NHS
(mental health support)
- West of England Works
- Westcountry Savings & Loans
- Weston College



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**Free raffle to win a
slow cooker and
an air fryer**

More help and advice at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/col

