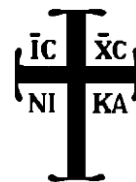




# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter



SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY, THIRD BEFORE LENT

If you wish to contribute to the next edition of the newsletter, please email [office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk) marking your email 'Newsletter Article' by **12 noon Thursdays weekly**.

## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 4 February

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 5 February – Fifth Sunday, 3 before Lent

10.30 Solemn Mass– Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer and Benediction

### Monday 6 February – St Paul Miki and Companions

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 7 February

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 8 February

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Thursday 9 February

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 10 February – St Scholastica

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 11 February

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 12 February – Sixth Sunday, 2 before Lent

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 58:7-10 (*Reader: Robert*)

Psalms 112

**R: The good will be a light in the darkness**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (*Reader: Alison*)

St Matthew 5:13-16

*Intercessor – Debra*

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

You will notice quite a change when you next come to church!

Having received a Faculty for the removal of the choir stalls, which belonged to Christchurch, they have now gone back to their owners. As I understand it the owners, Christchurch PCC, intend to sell them as they are surplus to their requirements. They have a Faculty to allow them to do this. I have asked that they might consider a donation to St John's in respect of their being in our church for over twenty years! We shall see! Now we will need to work out how best to use the space for our liturgical and hospitality needs, but you will be amazed at the sense of openness the removal has created. There is, to my mind, some further rationalization that could take place and we must talk about that. It may be that we need to trial various different arrangements, which we are allowed to do under the current Faculty permission, before settling on a preference.

We must thank Kevin and Derek Coaker who gave up several hours of their time on Tuesday to help in the removal effort and to clean up afterwards.

And finally this week: what a beautiful celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple last Sunday, both in church and over lunch. Thank you to everyone who took a part in the celebrations and came along. The bar is fixed very high indeed!

With my love and prayers,  
Fr Brendan

"FOR IN CHRIST JESUS YOU ARE ALL  
SONS OF GOD, THROUGH FAITH."

GALATIANS 3:26

# PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Saturday 4 February</b>	The Blessed Virgin Mary, St John's Walsingham Cell at Mass today
<b>Sunday 5 February</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Rivermead, Pedder Road and Dawes Close
<b>Monday 6 February</b>	All who travel long journeys or on pilgrimages seeking guidance
<b>Tuesday 7 February</b>	All sufferers of Long Covid
<b>Wednesday 8 February</b>	Residents of mental health hospitals and the staff who care for them and work with them towards full health
<b>Thursday 9 February</b>	Market traders and retail outlets who serve our community
<b>Friday 10 February</b>	St Scholastica, twin sister of St Benedict and founder of the Benedictine nuns
<b>Saturday 11 February</b>	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham and Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Sunday 12 February</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Hurn Road, Wranglers Farm Green and Gullivers Bank

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

<b>Saturday 18 February</b>	Jumble Sale in the Church Hall – 14.00 to 16.00. Details to follow.
<b>Sunday 19 February</b>	Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent
<b>Sunday 19 March</b>	Rose Reception for Mothering Sunday Cream tea and prosecco in the Church Hall after Mass
<b>Sunday 9 April</b>	Celebration Sunday – Easter Day
<b>Sunday 7 May</b>	St John's Patronal Festival and Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles Bring and Share Picnic Lunch in the Church grounds (if fine) or Church Hall
<b>Saturday 13 May</b>	Plant Sale – 10.00 – 12 noon in the Church grounds
<b>Saturday 15 July</b>	St John's Summer Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church grounds
<b>Sunday 13 August</b>	Parish BBQ, after Mass
<b>Saturday 16 September</b>	Quiz Evening, time to be confirmed, in the Church Hall
<b>Sunday 1 October</b>	Harvest Lunch – 12.30 in the Church Hall
<b>Saturday 2 December</b>	Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall



A very big THANK YOU to all who supported last week's Candlemas lunch. £320 was raised for church funds. Hopefully the Church Hall kitchen will be fully functioning by the time we have our next Church meal!

## Do you have talents and experience to share?

After many years of loyal and dedicated service to this parish and the PCC, with much sadness we are saying farewell to our PCC Secretary, Sue and our Treasurer, Fiona at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in April. Sue and Fiona have done a fabulous job at keeping the PCC on track procedurally and financially. We thank them so much for all they have done for St John's Church.

We are now in search of replacements for Sue and Fiona, who are difficult acts to follow. However, both these roles are supported by the diocese who run an induction programme, regular updates, access to the diocese Finance Department and the Diocesan Secretary's office, plus buddies in similar roles in other parishes, and the support of the Churchwardens, PCC Chair and relevant sub-committees at St John's.

We hope the following provides a brief insight into the roles we are looking to fill:

### PCC Secretary

The primary responsibilities of a PCC Secretary are to support the PCC Chair in the preparation and organisation of meetings and to handle all correspondence on behalf of the PCC. The Diocesan Office contacts the parish from time to time to request specific information, every effort is made to keep this to a minimum and all meeting agendas are issued and minutes stored electronically using Microsoft Office.

### PCC Treasurer

You do not need to have been a treasurer of an organisation before. In many respects it is not too dissimilar from keeping good control of household finances, however, if you have an understanding of some accountancy practice it will be useful but not essential. This role implements decisions made by the PCC. This role is also supported with diocesan induction training for new treasurers, updates and continued support throughout the financial year for all financial procedures and processes.

For further information about both roles please speak with Nicola or Gary, Churchwardens.



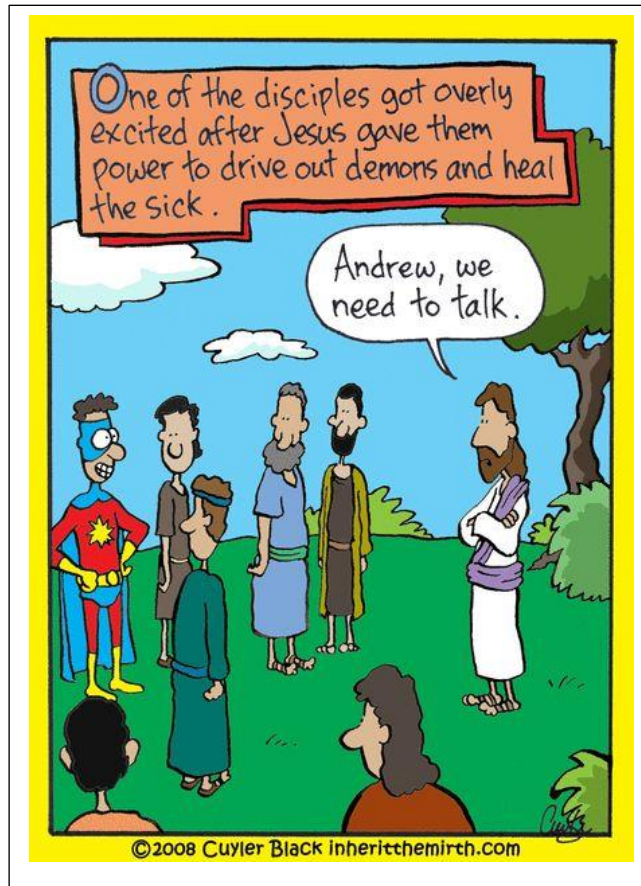
**SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY**  
**2.00 – 4.00, St John's Church Hall**

Please bring your donations (eg coats, scarves, hats, trousers, jumpers, shoes, bags, kitchenware, brick-a-brack etc) – anything we can sell to the Church Hall at **10.00 am on 18 February**. (Please note: we cannot accept anything electrical).

We will also need volunteers to help at this fundraising event. If you can help on the day to sort – from 10.00 am - or assist with selling, or clearing up, or can spare the time to do all three, please let Margaret or Sarah know.



**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED CLEAN THE CHURCH LAST SATURDAY. IT LOOKS WONDERFUL.**



If anyone has palm crosses from last year or earlier years and would like them burnt for ash to be used on Ash Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> February), please bring them to St. John's leaving them on the west end altar as soon as possible by **Friday 17th February** latest.

### 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

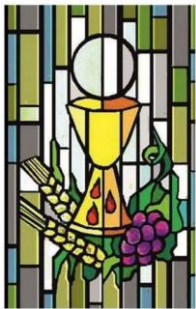
Here is the link to our on line facility:

<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.



**“The last things she said to me was,  
‘Would it kill you to apologize?’”**

## **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.

### **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.

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](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

### **Success !!**

Our lovely canine friend from the last couple of editions has now found his forever home. Thank you.

## HOW WE WORK

If you have any useful ideas and suggestions that would benefit the life of our church please share these with the relevant members of the sub-committees below, for discussion at their next committee meeting. The majority of our church work is done by the committees, who in turn make recommendations for approval at our PCC meetings.

We are always looking for new members to join our committees, if you have any talents and/ or experience to share for the benefit of our church, please see the committee chairs about joining. You are not required to be a PCC member to serve on a sub-committee and membership can be associated with a particular project for a few months, or for the whole year.

<b>St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Sub-Committees</b>	
<b>PCC</b>	
Chair	Fr Brendan
Churchwarden	Nicola Coaker
Churchwarden	Gary Lewis
PCC Secretary	Sue Rossiter
PCC Treasurer	Fiona Dixon
Electoral Roll Officer	Kevin Coaker
PCC Member	Derek Coaker
PCC Member	Michelle Hibberd
PCC Member	Judith Boulden
PCC Member	Peter Woolf
PCC Member	Sarah Lewis
<b>Worship Committee</b>	
Chair	Fr Brendan
Member	Diane Woolf
Member	Gary Lewis
Temporary organist	Kevin Coaker
Head Server and Sacristan	Martin Ingram
<b>Fabric Committee</b>	
Chair	Gary Lewis
Member	Derek Coaker
Member	Martin Ingram
Member	Peter Woolf
<b>Community Committee</b>	
Chair	Sarah Lewis
Member	Betty Taylor
Member	Celia Andrews
Member	Debra Ward
Member	Fr Brendan
Member	Judith Boulden
Member	Margaret James
Member	Nicola Coaker
<b>Finance Committee</b>	
Chair	Nicola Coaker
PCC Treasurer	Fiona Dixon
Member	Fr Brendan



Member	Lynne Box
Member	Roger Mortimore

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.



**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.



## what3words

This is a very important free app used by Avon and Somerset Police, Avon Fire and Rescue and South West Ambulance and most emergency services nationwide. It is not just very useful if you break down or need to find an exact location but can literally be a lifesaver in ensuring valuable times isn't wasted trying to find you if the worst happens

<https://what3words.com/news/emergency/three-words-for-a-faster-emergency-response>

### **What is what3words?**

what3words has divided the globe into 3m squares and given each one a unique 3 word address. It means everywhere can be located with just three words. For example [///kite.chats.dine](#) will take you to a precise spot in a field next to the River Ouse in York. what3words is available as a free app for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) and online map at [map.what3words.com](http://map.what3words.com). You can find out [more about what3words here](#).

## **Celia Quiz Time !!**

1. In which decade did Christ Church cease as a parochial chapel of St. Andrew's and become a parish?
2. When did the first demonstration of an electric car (by Clive Sinclair) take place?
3. Which country borders Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Iran?
4. What are three consecutive strikes in 10 Pin Bowling called?
5. In the Old Testament whose sister is Miriam?
6. Which religious order did John Smythe found in England in the late 16th century?
7. Which tree living primate is only found in Madagascar?
8. Who is Countdown's Dictionary Corner expert?
9. How many seats are there in the House Of Commons?
10. Who was on the English throne when the Danes invaded England in 1003?
11. To what other small animal is the stoat closely related?
12. Who wrote the music for West Side Story?
13. Of what is Loaf of Bread cockney slang for?
14. In which decade did the first public demonstration of TV take place?
15. Which is the New Zealand region in the south of the South Island?
16. Which Disney film is based on a book by Rudyard Kipling?

GORDON'S POSERS

a: Piggy forest; b: Fiddles home; c: Too many dirty feet have crossed here

## **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



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](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

Gary's email address is [churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

If you have any safeguarding questions or issues, please email [parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)



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