



# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter



SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 4 June

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 5 June - Pentecost

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover  
Preacher – Fr M Smith

17.30 Evening Prayer with Benediction

### Monday 6 June

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 7 June

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 8 June

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Thursday 9 June

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 10 June

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 11 June – St Barnabas

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 12 June – Trinity Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover  
Preacher – Revd Prebendary John Andrews  
17.30 Evening Prayer

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Words fail. No matter how eloquent the person writing or speaking, words fail to convey human experience. From the emotions of a mother's first sight of a newborn healthy child to the feeling of being in a small boat during a storm at sea, we can sometimes capture something of an experience, without being able to capture the thing itself. Like the look of love in a dog's eyes, not everything can be put into words.

The Evangelist Luke finds himself at the limits of language as he writes of the Pentecost experience. He writes, *"When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."* The sound was like the rush of a violent wind. The tongues were as of fire. This is like when Luke wrote of Jesus' baptism, *"[As he was] praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove."* Not wind. Not fire. Not even a dove. But something like wind, fire, and a dove.

A television news reporter covering a tornado will often record someone describing the sound, as the family huddled for safety, as something like a freight train roaring by. Not a freight train. But something like that. Just as Paul struggled in 1 Corinthians 13 to describe love, so we fail to describe the force of the Spirit. It will always be 'something like...'

In fact, the Pentecost experience was a creative force sending that has rippled through space and time as the Holy Spirit has remained active in the world. Before that morning, the Jesus Movement was relatively small. The greatest preacher in the world sometimes had thousands on a hillside, but mostly walked and talked with a smaller travelling band of men and women so that they could all be in one place on that 50th day after Easter. By the end of the day, the sum total of Christ-followers would never fit in a single room again. All Christianity radiates outward from this moment of creation. And that includes you and me!

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Ever,  
Fr Brendan

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

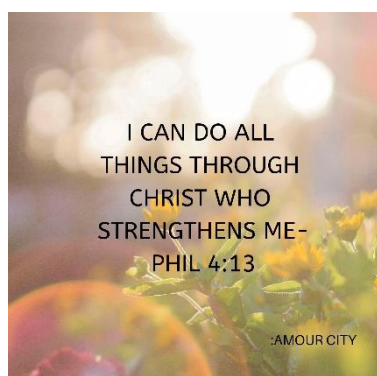
Acts 2:1-11 (Reader: Cameron)

Psalm 104

**R: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth**

Romans 8:8-17 (Reader: Judith)

St John 14:15-16 & 23b-26



# PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Sunday 5 June</b>	Our church and parish and the residents of Halswell Road
<b>Monday 6 June</b>	Christians who live in the remote islands of Melanesia, Papua New Guinea and the islands of the South Pacific
<b>Tuesday 7 June</b>	The people of Ukraine living in a broken world
<b>Wednesday 8 June</b>	Thomas Ken and all hymn writers
<b>Thursday 9 June</b>	Columba – founder of a Christian community in Iona which spread to Scotland. We also pray for all Christians who live and work in Scotland
<b>Friday 10 June</b>	All who are providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine and all other war torn areas of the world
<b>Saturday 11 June</b>	The Blessed Virgin Mary and all Mediterranean Christian communities
<b>Sunday 12 June</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Kenn Road and Davis Lane

## 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.

## JUBILEE PICNIC SUNDAY 5 JUNE – THIS WEEK!

### Important Information

Please bring your food contributions in a cool bag (if appropriate) and deliver them to the  
**Upper Church Hall by  
10.15 am on Sunday 5 June.**

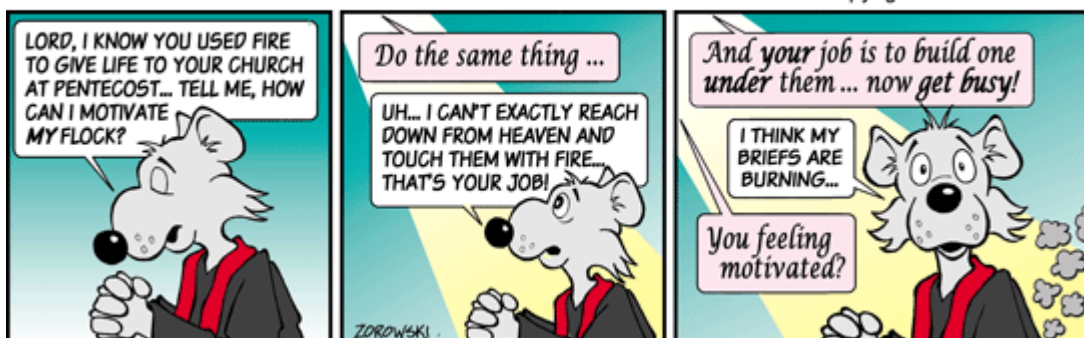
Drinks and a slice of celebratory cake will be provided.

Games for children (young and old) will be available.

Feel free to dress in red, white and blue (or a combination) and wear a hat.

For those unable to bring their own garden chairs, church tables and chairs will be available.

## Church Mice



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.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**Sunday 5 June**  
**HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Parish Picnic/Bring and Share Lunch in the Church grounds

**Sunday 12 June**

Talk on the Falklands War in the Church Hall after Mass

**Sunday 26 June**

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

**Saturday 16 July**

Summer Fête in the Church grounds

**Sunday 24 July**

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

**Sunday 21 August**

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

Fr Brendan and the members of the PCC are appealing for folk with enthusiasm to share their talents, and experience to join one of our four sub committees :

**Finance** Increasing parish income, grant applications

**Fabric** Maintenance, Repair and upkeep of our church building and hall

**Worship**

**Community** (formerly Social) Out reach within our community and outside the parish, including Children's School Holiday activities and parish celebrations and fund raising events

**Please give very serious consideration to offering your time  
in God's service on one of these committees**



### Queen's Garden Party

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 3pm – 5pm, at Clevedon Court**

Ticket £10 to include special cream tea and privileged 'open doors' entry to Clevedon Court in aid of All Saints Church Funds.

Tickets available from the Parish Office (873257 or [eastcleveub@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:eastcleveub@blueyonder.co.uk))



### APPEAL FOR HELP!

We are looking for people (men and women!) to join the tea and coffee rota for Sunday mornings after Mass. It's really not a difficult task and gives you an opportunity to talk to people. If you feel that existing church commitments mean it isn't possible for you to help, we can find a way around that! Please speak to Nicola.

# PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION



We are having a 'bring and share'  
picnic in the church gardens.

Sunday 5th June 12pm

Sign up for contributions of food on the list  
at the back of church.

Sparkling wine and cake provided. Outdoor  
games for children.

Bring your own chairs rugs etc.







## ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE SATURDAY 16 JULY

For the first time since 2019, the Summer Fete will be going ahead in the Church grounds on Saturday 16 July between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. There will be a bottle tombola, raffle, book stall, tea and cake for refreshments, a Pimms stall, home made cakes for sale, jewellery, plants and toiletries stalls. More details will follow, but please search your cupboards for any items which may be useful for donating to any of the above stalls.

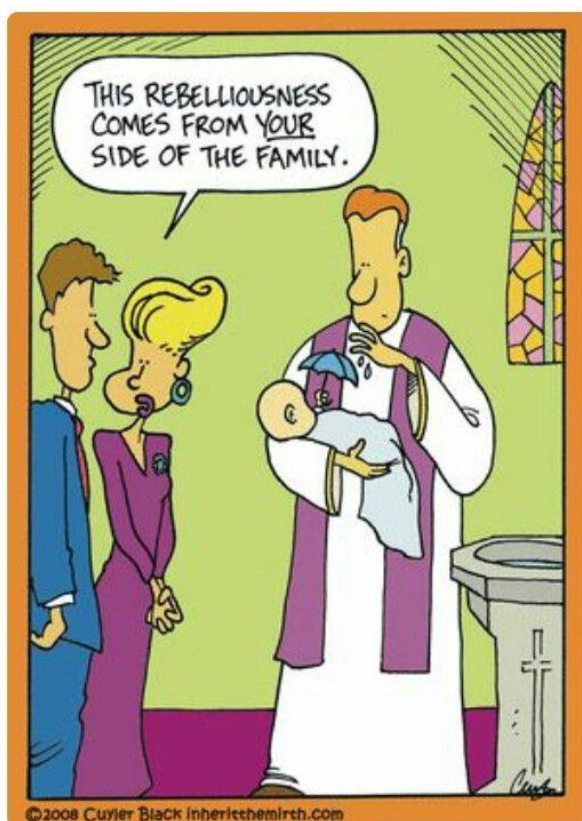


### Offertory Collection

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.



**Clevedon Literary Festival** are holding a poetry event and writing competition at St John's on **Saturday June 11th** with readings from 2-4 pm. Feel free to attend.



## SAFEGUARDING COURSE

*My name is Christine Hamilton, and I am the Safeguarding Officer at St Andrew's Backwell. We are hoping to hold a Safeguarding Leadership course at Backwell, and have been asked by Ben Goodhind, Safeguarding Manager at Wells to advertise this around neighbouring Churches, who may have people needing to do this course also. We are hoping that the course will take place in early July so it would be good to know the availability of people before we set the date. Cameron McConnell will be taking the course. I would be grateful if you could circulate this around the Parishes for me. I would appreciate all replies by 30th May.*

*Many thanks*

*Christine Hamilton 01275463125*

## 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

**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  
Toilet Rolls  
Long Life Milk  
Toiletries

Instant Coffee  
Microwavable Rice  
Cat food  
Laundry Powder/ Liquid

Instant Mash Potato  
Jam  
Tinned pasta

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

# #The Falkland's War

Helen shares with us her experiences  
of nursing wounded  
service personnel during the Falkland's conflict.



**Sunday 12th June after Mass (11.45am)**

In St. John's Church Hall.

Coffee and cakes will be served during this fascinating talk.

**Donations for Ukrainian Charities.**

Craft activities for children.



## **CHURCH CLEANING**

**Volunteers are invited to help clean the Church on Saturday 11 June at 10.30am following Mass. Coffee and shortbread will be served.**

## **MOTHERS UNION**

**The Mothers Union prayer will be said at 10.00am Mass on the first Tuesday of each month, and a member of the Mothers Union will read at that Mass.**

**Sandra Coaker**

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

Gary'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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Churches Together in Clevedon

# Midsummer Picnic



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 5pm

On the green between the  
Walton Park Hotel and St Mary's Church

A time for food and fellowship overlooking the sea. All are welcome, just bring your own picnic, something to sit on and enjoy the chance to meet socially with friends from the other churches in the town.

There will be the option of going to St Mary's Church if it's wet and toilets will also be available there. We look forward to seeing you.

**Exploring your Calling**  
**Continuing our Series of Portishead Deanery Meetings**  
**Tuesday June 7th 7.30 p.m.**

**With Helen Weld, Vocations Adviser, Bath & Wells Diocese & a local panel**

**At St Andrew Church, Backwell, Church Lane BS48 3JJ**

God created each of us with unique gifts and when we use those gifts in the service of God and others we feel most fully alive. Callings come in all shapes and forms so what is God calling you to? Come along to this event for a chance to further explore vocations in general, and to hear more about specific opportunities.

We stress that this event is NOT just for those considering ordination, but anyone who feels the call of God to serve.

Listen to encouraging speakers who are already serving in ways you may have considered, and some you may not! Come with expectancy, leave inspired, and listen for that still, small voice which beckons you forward.

Portishead Deanery would like to help everyone find their vocation from God.

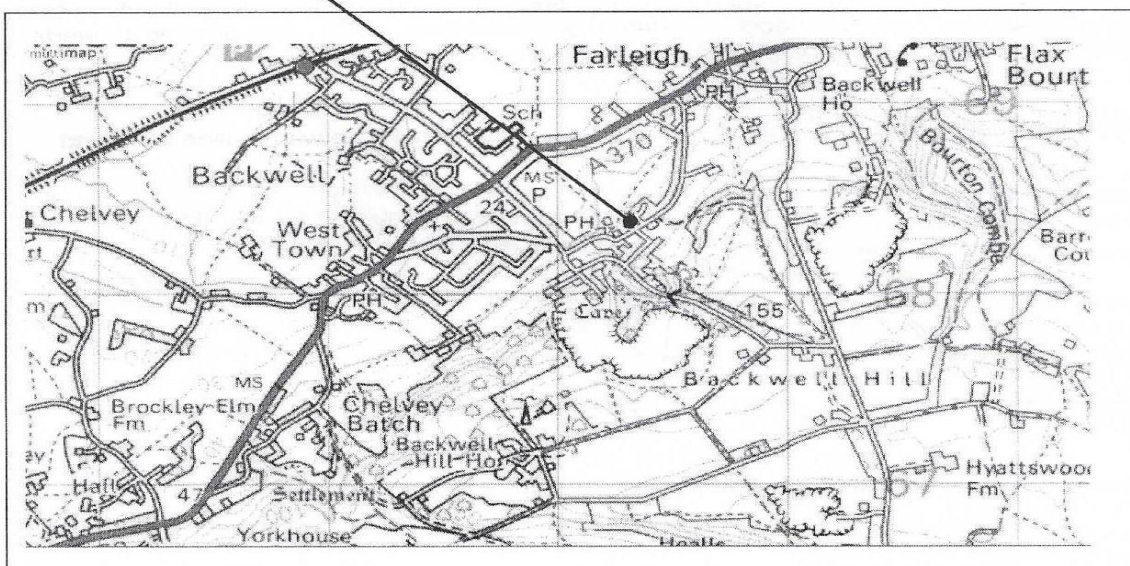
There will be some input from Helen and interviews with the local panel, which includes pioneers, a reader, a churchwarden, an ordained person, a lay worship assistant, and a lay pastoral assistant. You will also have the chance to ask questions and chat informally.

This evening is for all who might be interested, not only Synod members. Please share this notice with any who might be interested from your church.

**Please note that the evening will start with light refreshments from 7.00pm and that there is limited parking available so shared transport is recommended. The map below shows the location of St Andrew Backwell and the address is St Andrew, Church Lane, Backwell BS48 3JJ**

***Backwell St Andrew***

***Please note:***  
*Not a huge amount of parking available  
so shared transport is encouraged*





**The Chapter of  
Wells Cathedral and  
Churches Together in  
Somerset**



have pleasure in inviting you to

**Choral Evensong on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm followed by tea and a  
commemorative lecture by**

**Bishop Rowan Williams (Lord Williams of Oystermouth) Former Archbishop of Canterbury**

**“A Blind Date? The beginnings of Anglican/Roman Catholic Dialogue, 1921-1925”**

The lecture (at 4pm) marks the centenary of the Malines Conversations which began the modern dialogue between the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church. Those conversations were in large part inspired by the friendship between Dr Armitage Robinson, Dean of Wells, and two Abbots of Downside, Cuthbert Butler and Leander Ramsey. Those early discussions have led in part to the significant process in reconciliation and closer cooperation seen today between the churches.

There will be an opportunity to put questions to Bishop Rowan and to have conversations with him during the afternoon.

To help us prepare, if you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to  
[office@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:office@wellscathedral.org.uk) by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

With all best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Davies".

**The Very Reverend Dr John Davies,  
Dean of Wells**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan Lloyd".

**Canon Jonathan LLOYD  
County Ecumenical Officer**

Sunday 5 June 2022 – Pentecost  
Strange Happenings

Bible reading: Acts 2: 1 - 21

Questions

What is the strangest thing you have ever seen?  
What does this reading say about the Holy Spirit?  
How do you see the Holy Spirit at work today?

Prayer suggestion: - Ask God to pour out his Holy Spirit in the world today

*Come, Holy Spirit of God*  
*In your power let your wind renew us*  
*Let your fire change us*  
*Come, Holy Spirit fill us with your presence*  
*Amen*

This week's challenge: Look out for the Holy Spirit at work this week

Activity suggestions:

- Activity sheets for Pentecost
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on John 14: 8 - 17

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