



# St John the Evangelist Newsletter



**SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - TRINITY 14**

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 4 September

**10.00** Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 5 September – Twenty third Sunday/Trinity 14

**10.30** Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

**17.30** BCP Evening Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

### Monday 6 September

**18.00** Requiem Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 7 September

**10.00** Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 8 September – Birth of the BVM

**10.00** Mass – Revd Preb John Andrews

### Thursday 9 September

**12.30** Market Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 10 September

**10.00** BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 11 September

**10.00** Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 12 September – Twenty fourth Sunday/Trinity 15

**10.30** Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

**17.30** Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Summer holidays are past for most of us, and we now begin the journey towards Advent and Christmas. Welcome back!

On Saturday the PCC meets for a discussion of parish priorities. These include the re-establishment of Church in the School and other outreach projects as we seek to serve our parish and our town. Once these have been clarified we will share the vision with the congregation and seek your support. Please pray for the PCC and for your clergy at this time of discernment.

There are many events to look forward to. Dates have been published for the social events, but I would like you to put one liturgical event in your diary and I ask you to support it.

On Tuesday 2nd November, All Souls Day, Nailsea Choral Society have agreed to come to St John's to sing Faure's Requiem in its liturgical setting. The Requiem Mass that day will be at 7.30pm and, as always, we will remember by name loved ones departed. Sunday 31st October will be observed as All Saints Sunday, and I am pleased to welcome Revd Rosey Lunn as our preacher.

We are also planning a series of visiting preachers for the Sundays of Advent. Hoping to see many of you in church on Sunday,

Ever,  
Fr Brendan

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 35:4-7 (*Reader: Helen*)

James 2:1-5 (*Reader: Martin*)

St Mark 7:31-37

Psalms 146

**R: You open wide your hands O Lord and satisfy our needs.**

(*Intercessor: Debra*)

## Daily Prayer (The Office)

Evening Prayer is said publicly in church every day (except Wednesday) at 5.30pm.

Morning Prayer is said at 9.30am when there is a 10.00am Mass.



The Vicarage Telephone Number is 01275 879617.

### **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 at [parishpriest@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:parishpriest@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](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.

### **Votive Candles**



We will continue to ask for a show of hands at the beginning of the service. This is to indicate how many votives our members and visitors would like lit by a Server and extinguished at the end of the service. Thank you for your co-operation.



Father Brendan,  
for the Assumption Day Garden Party and BBQ.  
It was great, and much appreciated.  
From all your Parishioners.

### **Volunteers needed!**

Can you help serve coffee/tea once a month after the Sunday Mass? It's not a difficult task – no training is required – even Kevin can do it! If you think you can help, please speak to Fiona or Nicola.



### **Are you a chatty, sociable soul?**

If so, you could be just the person the Church is looking for to 'Meet and Greet' on a Sunday morning. This is an important role within our Church family, a visible sign of our warm welcome. For an explanation of what is involved, please chat to Nick or Nicola.

**SUNDAY CLUB STARTS THIS SUNDAY – 5 SEPTEMBER!**

## Committees at St John's

As the National Lottery tells us, you 'have to be in it to win it!' Similarly, if you want to influence the future of our lovely Church, you need to join one of our committees. There's no training involved, you don't need to be on the PCC or have experience of sitting on other committees. The commitment is unlikely to be more than 3 or 4 meetings a year and you will have a year's notice of the dates. We have vacancies on our Worship Committee, Fabric Committee and Social Committee. (Please see the separate appeal for Social Committee members below). For further information, please talk to Fr Brendan, Nicola or Nick.

## Social Committee Appeal

The Social Committee is a small group of individuals who organise the major fund raising and social activities in the Parish. We are always looking for more volunteers to spread the load. You do not need to be a member of the PCC or even commit to attend meetings. If you are able to just help with one or two events, that would also be very welcome and if you have a food handing certificate or are prepared to do an online course that would be fantastic. Please speak to Fiona, Betty or Nicola for further information.

### ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

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

- Saturday 5 September – Return of after service coffee to be served at the back of church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (not December) – Celebration Sunday – join us for a glass of wine / sherry and cake to celebrate any birthdays or anniversaries during the month
- Saturday 2 October – HARVEST SUPPER starting at 5:30pm – Tickets to go on sale Sunday 12 September (Adults £6; Children >11 = £3, under 11 free) Maximum number 60 places, first come first served - (tickets must be purchased in advance)
- Saturday 13 November – MURDER MYSTERY Evening with Ploughman's supper starting at 7pm. Further details to follow and if you are interested in reading a part, please let Fiona know.



Donations to Clevedon Food Bank can be put in the Food bank bin at Tesco, taken to the Food Bank in Knowles Road on Mondays or Fridays between 9.30 and 11.30 am, or added to your local street collection.

**There is also a basket in the porch at Church for your goods. Please deposit them when entering the building. Thank you. Sue**

## On-line Giving

Here is the link for 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.

Please follow us on our new website at: <https://www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/> or at [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/111185/](http://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.

For those a bit more 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 Nick Dixon. Nicola can be contacted on 07940759891 or email her at [churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)  
Nick'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)

## **St John's Sunday Club – Trinity 14**

**Sunday 5 September 2021 – 23rd Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)**

### **The Deep Sigh**

Bible readings – Mark 7: 31 - 37

#### Questions

A sigh expresses sorrow, relief or exhaustion. Is sighing a bad thing?

Read verse 34. Why do you think Jesus gave out a deep sigh?

Do you think God ever gets weary of loving you?

Prayer suggestion: - Thank God that he loves you unconditionally

*God, we thank you for our ears  
And the sounds we hear.  
We thank you for our voices  
and the power of speech.  
Teach us to listen carefully to each other and to you.  
May we tell others of your love and healing power.  
Amen*

This week's challenge: - Look up Lamentations 3:22 – God's love never ends! His mercies never cease.

#### Activity suggestions:

- Activity sheet for Proper 18
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Mark 7: 24 - 37

If you do not have access to a printer and would like the activity sheets printed out and delivered to you, please contact me (Fiona) and I'll arrange for you to receive copies.

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