

St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2023

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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 4 November – St Charles Borromeo

10.00 Walsingham Cell Mass at St John's

Sunday 5 November – All Saints

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer with Benediction

Monday 6 November

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 7 November

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 8 November – All Saints of England

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 9 November

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 10 November - St Leo the Great

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 11 November – St Martin of Tours

10.00 Mass at WsM

Sunday 12 November – Remembrance Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Robert Ward

17.30 Evening Prayer

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

As I write this we have enjoyed two low key but lovely Masses of All Saints and All Souls. Thanks to those of you who attended despite the cold church.

My task today is simply to remind you that we keep All Saints Sunday on Sunday at 10.30am and at 5.30pm, and that we will have the unique opportunity to hear the Beatitudes in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke (though possibly not with a West Country accent!!!). It's also Celebration Sunday, which means cake and wine after Mass.

The following Sunday is Remembrance Sunday when we will be in the capable hands of Fr Robert Ward, himself a former Forces Chaplain. May I thank him in anticipation. The current situation would not be possible without the help of retired priests. Thank you Fathers.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Brendan

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Malachi 1:14-2:2 & 8-10 (Reader: Judith)

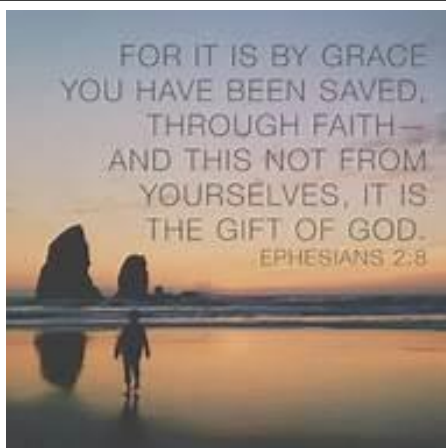
Psalms 131

R: Keep my soul in peace before you, Lord

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9 & 13 (Reader: Peter)

St Matthew 23:1-12

Intercessor - Martin



PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 4 November	St John's Walsingham Cell Mass, Our Lady of Walsingham and all pilgrims to her shrine
Sunday 5 November	Our Church and parish and the residents of Wickfield and Hayward Close
Monday 6 November	All who train dogs to assist those who are blind or deaf
Tuesday 7 November	All who care for the terminally sick
Wednesday 8 November	Men and women who suffer from abusive relationships
Thursday 9 November	The Clevedon market, its traders, artisans, customers and pastors
Friday 10 November	All who need urgent medical care and find it difficult to access
Saturday 11 November	Our Lady of Walsingham, Our Lady of Lourdes, Martin of Tours and all who care for the poor and destitute
Sunday 12 November	Our Church and parish and the residents of Windsor Close, Newport Close and Bradford Close

MASS TIMES



Below are the Mass times for St John's.

Sunday – 10.30 am
Monday – 6.00 pm
Wednesday – 6.00 pm
Thursday – 12.30 pm
Friday – 10.00 (Book of Common Prayer)

On Tuesdays at 10.00 am and Saturdays at 10.00 am
Mass will be said at All Saints, Weston Super Mare, BS23 2NL



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

Sunday 5 November	Celebration Sunday - All Saints
Saturday 2 December	Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall
Saturday 9 December	Christmas Wreath Workshop – 10.00-12.30 and 2.00-4.30
Sunday 17 December	Celebration Sunday - St John the Evangelist
Sunday 7 January	Celebration Sunday - Epiphany
Sunday 11 February	Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent
Sunday 10 March	Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday

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 Betty, our Sickness Point of Contact (SPOC), 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.

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Saturday 9th Dec 2023

10.00am-12.30pm and

2.00pm-4.30pm.

St John's Church Hall, Queen's Road,
Clevedon.

All materials and tuition provided

£25.00

Includes light refreshments.

All proceeds to St John's Church Hall

Restoration Fund.

To book email:

SarahLewis@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk



FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ADVENT READINGS 5.30 ON Sunday 3 December in St John's Church

The programme will contain a selection of sacred music and Advent hymns with Bible readings and poems. The conductor will be Andrew Kirk with members of the Henbury Singers and oboist Jennifer Mears. Further details to follow.

Could you represent St Johns on the council of Churches Together in Clevedon?

There are 12 Clevedon Churches in CtiC, and together we are able to achieve things which would not be possible alone. For instance it was Churches Together which set up the Food Bank, and before that Clevedon Care, although both are now independent charities. Currently the biggest project is the chaplains. You may see them in the town centre or in the Hill Road area, wearing their grey sweatshirts. They are members of local churches who have been trained to offer support to local businesses and market stall holders. We also support Changing Lives and YMCA, and refugees in Clevedon.

CtiC organises united events such as the Good Friday service in Queens Square.

The council meets 6 times a year, when representatives from all the member churches get together to share what is happening in the town and discuss the way forward. It is always interesting and sometimes inspirational to meet representatives from the other churches and hear what they are doing. I have been representing St Johns for a number of years, and have loved doing it, but find I can no longer manage the meetings.

If you feel this could be for you, speak to Gary, Nicola or Fr. Brendan or Judith.

Sue Rossiter

Clevedon Children Sing for Christmas!

is a choral outreach project for children aged 7-11, starting on Thursday 9 November from 4-5pm in St John's Church Hall BS21 7TH and continuing weekly until 14 December when there will be a performance in St John's Church at 4pm, to which all are welcome. Andrew Kirk will be leading this with support from Fr Brendan and other church helpers. Free Entry! For a registration form, please contact andrewkirkmusic@gmail.com or see the church website www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk Please encourage any children of family members, friends or neighbours to come along to sing a wide selection of popular festive songs and carols at this special time of year! See the poster at the end of this newsletter.

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.





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.



Church Flowers

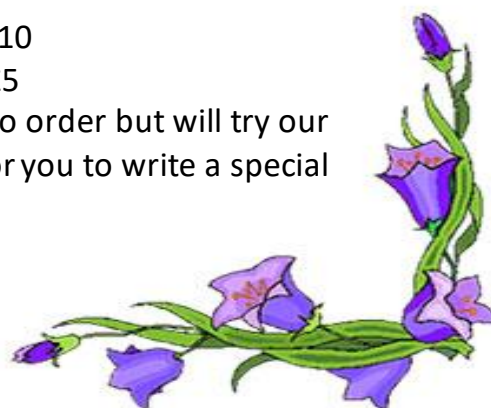
Would you like to sponsor church flowers to celebrate a birthday or commemorate an anniversary?

We would be very happy to dedicate the church flowers to you or a loved one if you let us know in advance. There is a flower rota available at the back of church.

Front pedestal suggested minimum donation £10

Statue of Mary suggested minimum donation £5

We may not be able to provide specific flowers to order but will try our best. There will be a card and holder available for you to write a special message to display with the flowers.



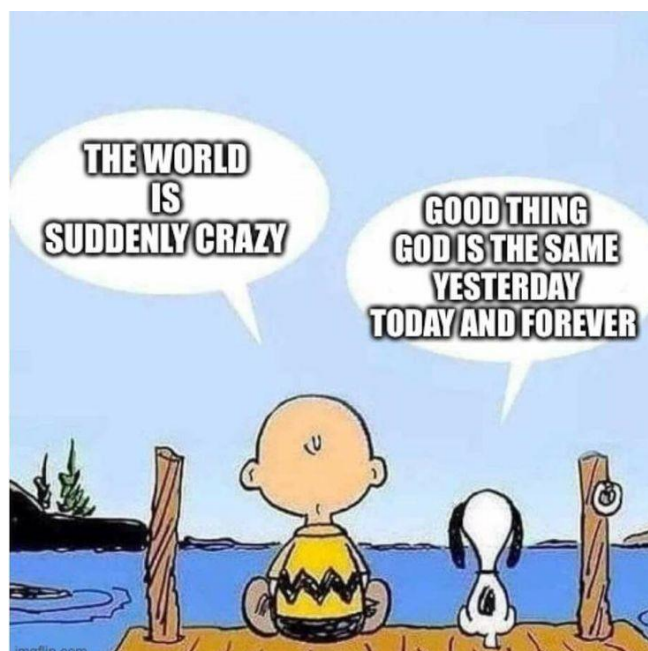


at St John the Evangelist, Clevedon
One-off gift or give monthly, quarterly, or annually

Your generosity is vital to enabling St John's, Clevedon to continue and grow in the way we serve our whole community. We would therefore like to invite you to consider supporting our work by joining the Parish Giving Scheme. It is quick and easy to join online or by telephone and all regular gifts given through the scheme are covered by the direct debit guarantee. You can make a one-off gift or give monthly, quarterly, or annually, whichever is most convenient and if you are a UK taxpayer you can also gift-aid this to enable us to recover a further 25% of the value of your gift from HMRC. The financial details of what is given will be confidential to our Treasurer, but I will be aware of the overall response and will write to thank all those who respond.

To start giving to Clevedon St John by PGS you can sign up online by visiting www.parishgiving.org.uk or by scanning the QR code below. Use the search tool to find our church and then select 'Regular Giving.' Alternatively you can setup your gift by telephoning 0333 002 1271 and quote our unique PGS Parish Code - **010601377** or you can request a paper registration form by emailing pgsregistrations@bathwells.anglican.org or by calling 01749 670777

If you need further information or want to talk this through with someone, please do not hesitate to contact Nicola Coaker, Chair of St John's Finance Committee, Angela Edgar, Treasurer or Fr. Brendan Clover, whose contact details can be found at the top and bottom of this newsletter.





It's Shoebox Time! Operation Christmas Child

is once again collecting shoeboxes full of small gifts to send to children in need around the world. Suggestions for gifts include toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hat, gloves, scarf - but no toothpaste or sweets, no liquids or glass. Parcel labels and instructions available in church or from Sue Rossiter (tel. 877710). Please bring your filled boxes to church on or before **Sunday 12 November - NEXT WEEK!** Alternatively you can pack a shoebox online at shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk. Last year's boxes went to seven countries - Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, Central Asia, Moldova, Nigeria and Ukraine



Celia Quiz answers!

1. Aaron
2. Martin Luther King
3. Whale Shark
4. Men Behaving Badly
5. 1875
6. Late Neolithic
7. Bamboo
8. 96
9. Suit
10. Spain
11. Isle of Wight
12. George I
13. Excalibur
14. 1707
15. Rome
16. Vincent Van Gogh

GORDON'S

a: North Widcombe; b: Iron Acton; c: Cross

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.

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

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 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.

CLEVEDON CHILDREN SING FOR CHRISTMAS!



THURSDAYS
9 NOV TO 14 DEC

ST JOHN'S
CHURCH HALL,
BS21 7TH

4-5PM

FREE ENTRY
FESTIVE SONGS FOR AGES 7-11
WWW.STJOHNS-CLEVEDON.ORG.UK