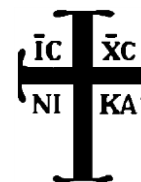




# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter



SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY, EPIPHANY 5

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)

### Sunday 6 February – Fifth Sunday, Epiphany 5

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening prayer from the BCP

### Monday 7 February

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 8 February

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 9 February

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Thursday 10 February – St Scholastica

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 11 February

10.00 Mass from the BCP – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 12 February

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 13 February – Sixth Sunday, Third before Lent

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 6:1-8 (*Reader: Peter*)

Psalms 138

**R: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (*Reader: Celia*)

St Luke 5:1-11

Intercessor – Debra

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

I feel overwhelmed by the fact that all of the Stations of the Cross are now subscribed. Thank you to everyone who is taking part.

As I said last Sunday at our beautiful celebration of the Presentation of the Lord, the plan is to offer a Requiem for those commemorated by the Stations at 6pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February, to place the Stations on Shrove Tuesday, the next day, and to walk the Stations of the Cross every Tuesday and Saturday in Lent after the 10am Mass. This means that the first time we do this will be Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March, the monthly meeting of the parish Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham. There will be drinks at the Vicarage after the 6pm Mass on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to demonstrate my thanks to you all.

The electricians were in the Upper Hall on Tuesday of this week, and we have new LED lighting, some rewiring, and new security lighting. They are due to finish the work on Tuesday next. This includes new LED lighting in the stairwells. Huge thanks to the anonymous donor who has given £5k towards this work which unlocks the lower hall/kitchen project. More news about that later on. Progress is being made.

Thanks too to Diane Woolf who is crafting the 'daily prayer intention' for us. It is said that 'a community that prays together stays together' and this is a chance for us all to be, as it were, on the same hymn sheet! It is also a means by which we can look outwards from our own parochial concerns at the needs of the wider Church and our broken world. cont.



*In the  
morning  
I will sing  
of your love.*

*Psalms 59:16, NIV*

.../cont.

Every Sunday Mass is offered for the Parish and People and we have resurrected the custom of praying for particular streets in the parish. Do any of you have thoughts about how we can reach out to the people we shall be praying for? If you do, please share them with me.

Every blessing as ever,  
Fr Brendan



**The Vicarage Telephone Number is 01275 879617.**

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

The PCC strategy day some time ago identified the need for a Parish Administrator to help us as a growing parish.

This is initially offered as a voluntary post with flexible, agreed, hours responding to need.

The post holder will need to be computer literate and personable.

We hope to create an office in the vestry of the church, but it may be necessary initially to work from home or in the Vicarage. Is this you?

Please have a word with Fr Brendan if you are interested and he will share the job description.

Just a note of apology – I got very confused last week with the prayer diary. I'll try harder from now on! *Editor.*

### **PRAYER DIARY**

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

**Saturday 5 February**

**Sunday 6 February**

**Monday 7 February**

**Tuesday 8 February**

**Wednesday 9 February**

**Thursday 10 February**

**Friday 11 February**

**Saturday 12 February**

**Sunday 13 February**

The St John's Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham

Our Church and Parish, and this week we pray for the residents of Hurn Road, Wrangle Farm Green and Gulliford's Bank

All suffering from Covid, and those who care for and treat them

All affected by Avian Flu and our local vets

All seafarers working on the five oceans around our world

The market traders and all retailers who serve our community

Sister Scholastica, nuns and monks throughout the world

Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day for the Sick

Our Church and Parish, and this week we pray for the residents of Coxway



### **WORKING PARTY - Saturday 12 February (after 10.00 am Mass)**

This involves clearing and bagging rubble, removing old floor tiles and dismantling kitchen units.  
Bacon butties provided. Sign up list at the back of the church.

#### **Website**

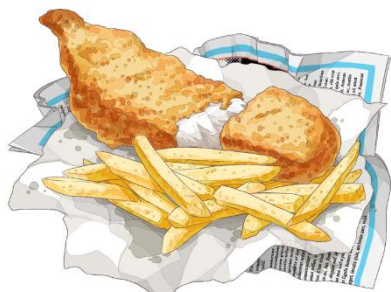
Please log into our website with as much frequency as you are able in order to bring it up the Google ratings...

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.



## FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

(with a quiz or two and a raffle)

**Saturday 26 February at 6.30 pm**

in the Church Hall.

Tickets for sale at the back of Church - £8.00 per person/£4.00 for under 12's

Numbers limited

Raffle prizes gratefully accepted

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**Saturday 26 February**

Fish and Chip Supper in the Church Hall  
(see details above)

**Sunday 27 February**

**Last before Lent**

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

**Sunday 27 March**

A Rose Reception in the Church Hall

**Mothering Sunday**

All things pink, plus cream scones and cakes

**Sunday 17 April**

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in the Vicarage after Mass

**Easter Day**

**Friday 6 May**

Festival Mass at 19.30: Revd. Canon Peter Newby, Canon of Westminster Cathedral will be our preacher

**St John's Patronal Festival**

**Saturday 7 May**

Lunch Time Concert  
and Parish Dinner

**Sunday 5 June**

Parish Picnic in the Church grounds

**HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

**Sunday 26 June**

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

**Sunday 24 July**

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

**Sunday 21 August**

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

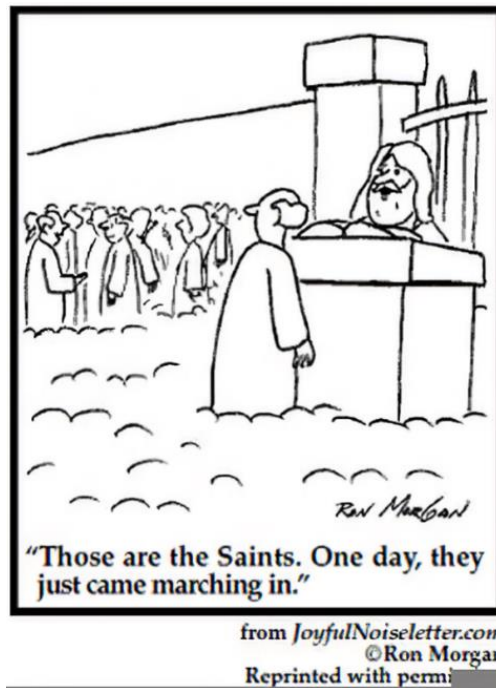
## From Advent to Lent

Our parish fund raising during Advent proved to be successful. Lunches during Advent raised £240 for Clevedon Foodbank and our Christingle raised £128 for the Children's society (a £111 of which was given with Gift Aid). Thank you to all who participated, gave and prepared.

Christmas has been and gone, the end of Epiphany nears and Lent is now on the horizon.

If anyone has palm crosses from past years and would like them burnt for ash to be used on Ash Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> March), please bring them to St. John's leaving them on the west end altar as soon as possible by Thursday 25th February latest.

Thank you, Martin.



### ADVANCE NOTICE

Betty will be taking orders for her famed Easter biscuits soon.  
More details, including the price, will follow.



**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. Normally we have the kettle on, but while the electrics in the church hall are being worked on please bring your own drink. I will bring biscuits.  
For more information talk to Sue at church or ring on 01275 877710.

### 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/>

### SAVE THE DATE!

Nailsea Choral Society's next concert will be a performance of **Stainer's Crucifixion**, to be held on **Saturday 26 March at 7.30 pm** in Nailsea Methodist Church. This wonderful piece will be performed by the choir, organ and professional soloists.  
Tickets cost £6.00/£12.00.



Further information will be available on the Society's website soon  
[www.nailseachoral.org.uk](http://www.nailseachoral.org.uk) and Facebook page: Nailsea Choral Society.



## Archdeaconry Days 6 to 12 February 2022

Sometimes, even in church, it can feel as if God only calls 'special people'. But God calls us all, because God created us, knows us, and loves us. We are all called daily to live lives that are true to our Christian faith. God also calls us at times in our life to particular roles - which sounds tidy but is often pretty messy! Often those calls are something we take up for a season only. Sometimes they are for the rest of our lives.

The 2022 Archdeaconry Days are running from Sunday 6 to Saturday 12 February. We are going to hear from a range of people from across Bath and Wells about their experience of God's call:

- What has helped people hear their call?
- Have any Bible stories inspired them?
- What about when the call has been far from straightforward?
- Who am I called to be?

### January 2022 – The Calling Podcast

- Devised and hosted by young people in the diocese. [Access the podcasts here](#)

### Sunday 6 February 3pm – Launch Service at Taunton Academy

- We will gather with Bishop Ruth to begin the week in a collective act of worship on the theme of calling

### Monday 7 to Friday 11 February

- On demand content available, exploring calling and including daily videos

### Saturday 12 February –Archdeaconry gatherings

- Coming together online to reflect and celebrate
- 10am – hosted by Archdeacon of Bath This is us!!
- 11.30am – hosted by Archdeacon of Wells
- 2pm – hosted by Archdeacon of Taunton

**[Sign up here to attend the service, receive daily content and to attend one of the Archdeaconry gatherings](#)**

**Who to contact Email:** Cheryl Govier Go Team Adviser – Wells Archdeaconry Email: Julia Hill Deanery & Parish Support





## **CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ - HAVE A BRAIN WAVE**

**Good luck! Answers next week.**

1. Which railway branch line began passing through Clevedon in the mid-19th century?
2. When did the use of seatbelts in cars become compulsory in GB?
3. On which of Denmark's islands is Copenhagen situated?
4. Which 1949 novel begins with 'Mr. Jones'?
5. Which NT village was the home of Lazarus?
6. When did the first English Parliament meet?
7. What is the largest flying parrot?
8. Who presents The Great Cookbook Challenge on TV?
9. What had hats, windows, perfume and gloves in common in 18th century Britain?
10. Who was the USA's 2nd President?
11. In which country is the city of Pizen?
12. In which sport is 300 the perfect score?
13. What meat is used in Mock Turtle Soup?
14. For how long was Edward VIII on the throne?
15. What material comes from the Suber tree?
16. Who wrote the opera Bluebeard's Castle?

### **AND GORDON'S POSERS**

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d: Sitwell meadow

#### **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.

Please follow us on our 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.



## **St John's Children's Club**

**Sunday 6 February 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**  
**Send Me**

**Bible reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 (Luke 5: 1-11)**

### **Questions**

What is the strangest message you have been asked to deliver?

Why was the hot coal important in Isaiah's vision?

What message might God be asking you to deliver?

### **Prayer suggestion**

Pray the prayer: 'Here I am Lord. Send me.'

*Lord Jesus, as you called the fishermen to be your disciples,  
Help us to work for you  
Amen.*

### **This week's challenge**

Be a messenger of God's good news this week

### **Activity suggestions:**

- Activity sheet for Proper 1
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Luke 5: 1-11
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**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)**