



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 6 MARCH 2022

LENT 1

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)

Sunday 6 March – Lent 1

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover
17.30 Talk, Devotion and Benediction

Monday 7 March

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 8 March

10.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross
– Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Wednesday 9 March

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Thursday 10 March

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 11 March

10.00 Mass from the BCP – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 12 March

10.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross
– Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 13 March – Lent 2

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover
17.30 Talk, Devotion and Benediction

The Mass readings for this Sunday:
Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (Reader: Alison)
Psalm 91

R: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress

Romans 10:8-13 (Reader: Robert)

Luke 4:1-13

Intercessor – Kevin



Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

We have entered the holy time of Lent and our devotions begin in earnest. My guess is that the invasion of Ukraine will be continuing. Last Sunday I tried to speak about it, and I offer you again the last paragraphs of my sermon to think about:

What of that teaching from the Gospel '*Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you*'? What can loving your enemy mean in this scenario? How can we love those who did this? Even Augustine's dictum '*love the sinner, hate the sin*' seems beyond our grasp.

The teaching of Jesus in this regard is built on a Jewish understanding of what peace might be. Peace is *shalom*. Peace is not the absence of war, but the movement of people towards each other. Peace is, in Jewish teaching, a dynamic, that involves reconciliation, meeting other people where they are, trying to understand them, being prepared to sacrifice vested self-interest. This kind of peace has the ability to create a new world order where difference is delighted in, where material resources are shared, where racial opportunities are equal, and where sectarianism and bigotry become unthinkable.

Jesus teaches us that you cannot combat evil on your own, just as you cannot be good by yourself. We need each other to combat this evil and only when proper attention is paid to the deeper dimensions of religious faith, to the response of man to the love of God, can the sinful greed and pride, which is the product of the human heart, be broken, and only then can the violence which escalates and spirals be stopped. This is the victory of Christ on the Cross. In the light of God's love all the world is

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called to repentance, faith and compassionate concern for people everywhere.
Please pray for all who are caught up in the war in Ukraine. And pray for peace.

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Fr Brendan

RECOMMENDED LENT READING

Entering the Twofold Mystery by Eric Varden

Erik Varden became Bishop of Trondheim in his native Norway on 2019. This, his second book, is a meditation on the religious life, on the life of Christ, and the call to live in community.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book this year is

Embracing Justice by Isabelle Hamley. Isabelle is the Archbishop's former chaplain, now theological adviser to the House of Bishops. Her knowledge as an Old Testament scholar shines forth in the first three chapters on Genesis, Exodus and liberation. The remaining chapters deal with the Incarnation, the Crucifixion and Holy Communion.

in **The Way of the Franciscans - A Prayer Journey through Lent** Daniel Horan offers insights from Franciscans across the ages. There are questions for reflection or discussion.

Richard Harries, former Bishop of Oxford, offers us **Hearing God in poetry - Fifty poems for Lent and Easter**. Each chapter is a poem and a short reflection on the poet, poem and some gentle theology.

Henry Martin is a retired prison chaplain retired to France where he devotes his time to writing, painting, his husband and their dog. **Vincent van Gogh and the Good Samaritan** recalls Henri Nouwen's classic on the prodigal son.

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

Beginning on Sunday 6 March a series entitled 'Talk, Devotion, and Benediction - an opportunity for all to engage with the Festival Icons' at 5.30 pm in Church.

On Palm Sunday there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction

LENT LUNCHES



Please join us for a frugal bread and soup lunch every Thursday during Lent. Lunch will be in the Vicarage immediately after the 12.30 Mass. All donations will be given to the Clevedon Food Bank. Everyone is welcome.

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Sunday 6 March	Our church and parish, and the residents of Yeoward Road
Monday 7 March	Saints Perpetua and Felicity and all who die cruel deaths because of their faith
Tuesday 8 March	All who hold on to their faith through war and conflict
Wednesday 9 March	Fishermen and all sailors
Thursday 10 March	Farmers and gardeners
Friday 11 March	Composers and musicians
Saturday 12 March	Delivery drivers, bus drivers and train drivers
Sunday 13 March	Our Church and Parish and residents of Hazell Close

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

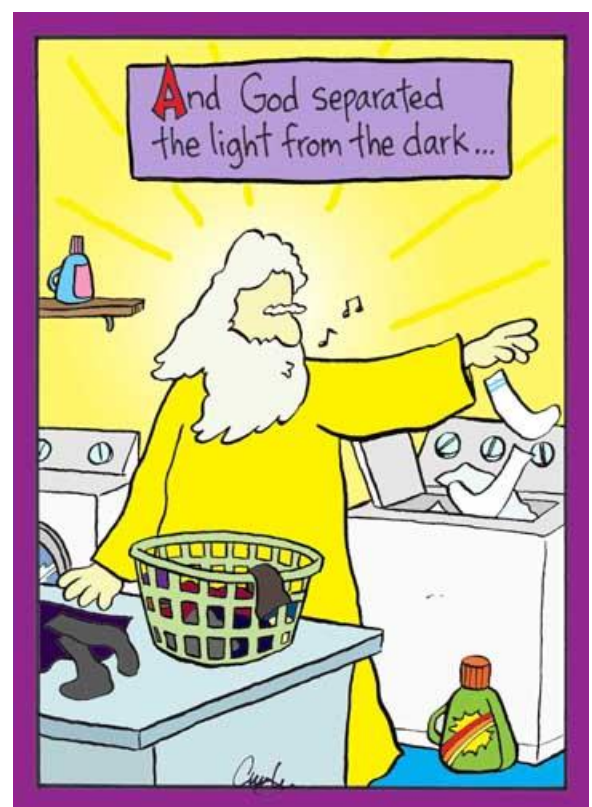
(All subject to there being no changes in Covid restrictions)

Sunday 27 March Mothering Sunday	A Rose Reception in the Church Hall All things pink, plus cream scones with strawberries and cakes Easter Egg Hunt and Pop up Café in the Church (details to follow)
Tuesday 12 April and Wednesday 13 April	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in the Vicarage after Mass
Sunday 17 April Easter Day	Festival Mass at 19.30: Revd. Canon Peter Newby, Canon of Westminster Cathedral will be our preacher
Friday 6 May St John's Patronal Festival	Lunch Time Concert and Parish Dinner
Saturday 7 May	Parish Picnic in the Church grounds
Sunday 5 June HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
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

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.

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 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.

CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ

ALL IN THE MIND

1. Who was chosen by 'vote' to replace Judas as a Disciple?
2. In what year was the Women's Institute founded?
3. What sort of creature is a Muntjac?
4. Who wrote the Tarzan stories?
5. Who was the first Vicar of St. John's?
6. Which of Oliver Cromwell's sons followed him as Lord Protector?
7. Which town is the Administrative Centre of Cornwall?
8. How many Grand Slams has Rafael Nadal won?
9. Which European country's ancient name was Lusitania?
10. In which year did the BBC begin TV broadcasts?
11. Of which Caribbean Island is Willemstad the Capital?
12. Who composed the work Fingal's Cave?
13. Which is the UK's only entire city to be named a UNESCO World Heritage Site?
14. In which decade did elected County Councils replace unelected Justices Of The Peace to administer local government?
15. The herb Allium Sativum is better known by which word in recipes?
16. 'Quite' is the title of an autobiography by which presenter of a popular TV show?

Gordon's Posers

a: Sheeps coat overlaps pigs fat ; b: Porkers crossing; c: This settlement gets a tick from him; d: Reserve timber



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 is available on the Society's website

www.nailseachoral.org.uk and Facebook page: Nailsea Choral Society.

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

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 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
Nick's email address is churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk Thank you.

If you have any safeguarding questions or issues please email parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk



The Vicarage telephone number is 01275 879617

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.

Sunday 6 March 2022 – 1st Sunday of Lent **Giving In**

Bible reading: Luke 4:1 – 13

Questions

How do you feel when you give in to temptation?

Read James 1:2-3. Does God ever test us??

How does Jesus tell his followers to deal with temptation? Read Mathew 26:41?

Prayer suggestion: - Ask God to help you in times of temptation – he will provide a way out.

Lord God,

When we fail to do what you want us to do

Forgive us and help us then to do what is right

Give us strength to do what is good

Amen.

This week's challenge: Next time you feel tempted write a helpful message to yourself

Activity suggestions:

- Activity sheet for 1st Sunday in Lent
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Luke 4: 1-13

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)