



# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter



SUNDAY 7 JANUARY 2024

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 6 January

10.00 Walsingham Cell Mass at St John's

### Sunday 7 January – Epiphany of the Lord

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Robert Ward

17.30 Evening Prayer with Benediction

### Monday 8 January – Baptism of the Lord

NO MASS

### Tuesday 9 January

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

### Wednesday 10 January

NO MASS

### Thursday 11 January

12.30 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

### Friday 12 January

10.00 BCP Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

### Saturday 13 January

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

### Sunday 14 January – Second Sunday, Epiphany 2

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Firstly thank you to all for your Christmas kindnesses, good wishes and gifts. We have had a super time in the parish with good support for all the services. But I am glad exceedingly that with this year a leap year, Christmas Day is a Wednesday! Today the Christmas period comes to an end with the celebration of the Epiphany.

I found these helpful words from Pope Benedict which, as we are under pressure at the moment, I will share with you:

Men and women of every generation need on their pilgrim journey to be directed: what star can we therefore follow? After coming to rest "over the place where the child was", the purpose of the star that guided the Magi ended, but its spiritual light is always present in the Word of the Gospel, which is still able today to guide every person to Jesus.

This same word, which is none other than the reflection of Christ, true man and true God, is authentically echoed by the Church for every well-disposed heart.

The Church too, therefore, carries out the mission of the star for humanity. But something of the sort could be said about each Christian, called to illuminate the path of the brethren by word and example of life." This Feast then reminds us of our primary calling which is to bring others to encounter the Lord. May we find new and creative ways of doing so in 2024, as well as committing ourselves to the daily round of prayer and Sacrament afresh.

With my love, prayers and renewed thanks,  
Fr Brendan

PS Please note that I am on post-Christmas holiday 8-12 January inclusive.

## The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 60:1-6 (*Reader: Peter*)

Ps 71

**R: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord**

Ephesians 3:2-3 & 5-6 (*Reader: Celia*)

St Matthew 2:1-12

Intercessor – *Judith*



## PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Saturday 6 January</b>	The Epiphany and the arrival of the Magi. Our Blessed Virgin Mary. The St John's Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham
<b>Sunday 7 January</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Little Ham and Parson's Green
<b>Monday 8 January</b>	All in hospital awaiting surgery and those who will care for them
<b>Tuesday 9 January</b>	The emergency services – fire, ambulance and police
<b>Wednesday 10 January</b>	William Laud, beheaded for his faith in 1645
<b>Thursday 11 January</b>	Mary Slessor and all who foster or adopt unwanted children, especially twins. The Thursday market and its traders
<b>Friday 12 January</b>	All who are cold, hungry and lonely
<b>Saturday 13 January</b>	George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends – Quakers. Our Blessed Virgin Mary and all who visit her shrine in Walsingham
<b>Sunday 14 January</b>	Our Church and parish. All residents of Cobley Croft and Bryant Gardens

## 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.

## 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 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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7 January

Friday 2 February

Sunday 11 February

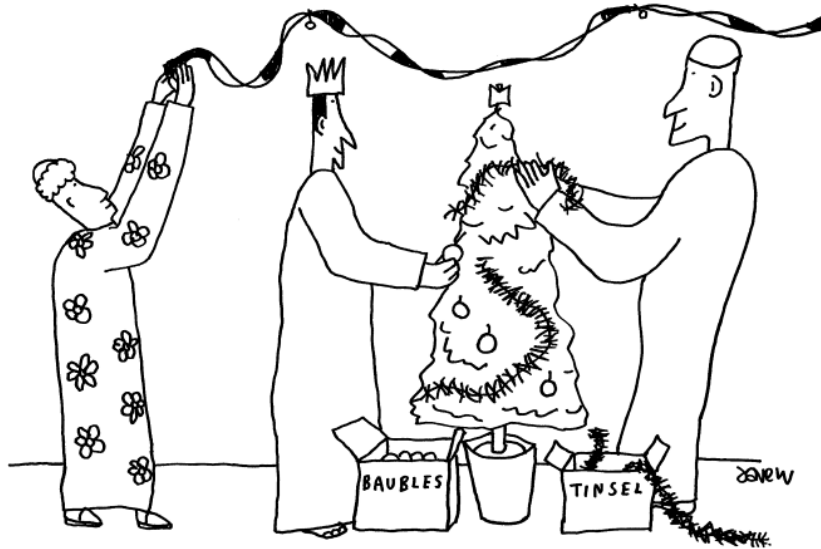
Sunday 10 March

Celebration Sunday - Epiphany

Fr Brendan's Induction as Vicar of St John's

Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent

Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday



EPIPHANY: THE WISE MEN /  
TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

### 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.



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](mailto: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



### 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.



## 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.

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

Gary's email address is [churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

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**

**The Office Number is 07522 494 504**

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## ***Celia Quiz !!***

1. What does, MARLENS, title of the carers of Clevedon's lake, stand for?
2. Which British monarch was known as The Sailor King?
3. What is the capital of Malta?
4. French painter Claude Monet founded which school of art in the 19th century?
5. Which prophetess greeted the Baby Jesus, together with Simeon, in the Temple?
6. When was the Treaty Of Versailles signed to end the American War Of Independence?
7. Which mammal has no vocal chords?
8. Which country hosted the 2022 World Cup?
9. Doctors, pharmacists, MPs and over 65s are exempt from, what?
10. In which decade did radio's Home Service become Radio 4?
11. Saffron is a spice from which flower?
12. Sgts. Scott, Winter, Jones and Troy have been sidekicks in which TV detective series?
13. Which Somerset town has the same name as a vegetable?
14. In which century was the King of England declared to be Supreme Head of the English Church?
15. Which is the largest island of Japan?
16. Which musical features the songs of ABBA?

## **GORDON'S POSERS**

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