

St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 6 May – St John the Apostle

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Sunday 7 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30 Solemn Mass of St John at the Latin Gate
– Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday 8 May

12.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Choral Evensong with Clevedon Choral Society

Tuesday 9 May

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 10 May

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 11 May

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 12 May

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 13 May

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Sunday 14 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Wisdom 5:1-5 (Reader: Kevin)

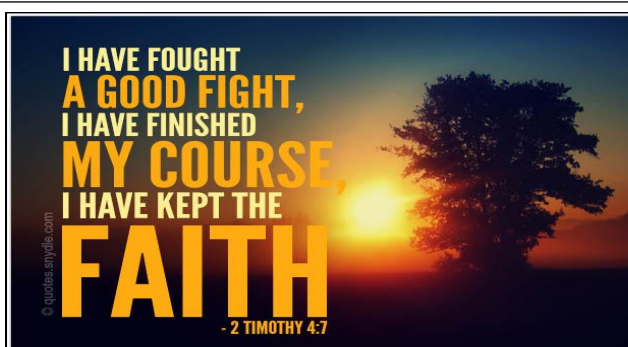
Psalm 97 (part)

R: Rejoice, you just, in the Lord.

1 John 1: 1-10 2:4-9 (Reader: Sandra)

Matthew 20: 20-23

Intercessor – Judith



Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

We should feel very proud of the way in which we bade farewell to our dear David James. There was a real sense of faith and solidarity at the Requiem and the Funeral Service which was a great witness to what we believe about the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. David is one with us in the mystical body of Christ, which includes the living and the departed. He prays for us as we pray for him. Death is not the end, but for God's faithful people, life is changed not taken away. Now our communal life turns to the celebration of our Patron, St John the Evangelist, and to the Coronation of our King.

On Sunday we have the Patronal Festival Eucharist, St John at the Latin Gate. This feast found its way into the 1928 Prayer Book, and it is a celebration of John's escape from martyrdom in a vat of burning oil, which tradition tells us took place in Rome at a place where a church stands as a memorial. I'm sure Fr Robert will enlighten us. Mass is followed by a Parish Picnic if dry. This is an excellent service to invite your friends to attend. So why not do so? Then follows a week of celebrations in partnership with our friends at Clevedon Choral Society.

On Saturday the King is anointed with the oil of Chrism and at that moment he becomes King. There is an amazing connection with our parish. The screen which will be put around the King for the anointing has been designed by Aidan Hart, the writer of the icons in our church. You can find out more about this here:

<https://www.royal.uk/news-and-activity/2023-04-29/the-anointing-screen>

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Aidan is coming to St John's on 12th August to talk to us about the icons and there will be a chance to talk about this amazing commission. He knows King Charles well and has written several icons for him. What a great link!

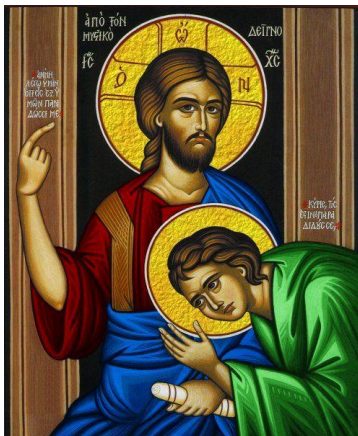
So, whatever you are doing over the next few days, may God bless our celebrations and confirm us as a dynamic and living *witness* (that's what the word *martyr* means) to his saving purposes in Jesus Christ.

With my love and prayers,
Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

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| Saturday 6 May | Our Lady of Walsingham and all the members of St John's Cell |
| Sunday 7 May | Our Church and parish, residents of Moor Park, Yeo Moor and Moor Lane. Julian of Norwich and all spiritual writers |
| Monday 8 May | Those who design and craft beautiful stained glass windows |
| Tuesday 9 May | All candle makers |
| Wednesday 10 May | All monks and nuns, especially Sister Angela and Sister Carol at the priory of Our Lady of Walsingham |
| Thursday 11 May | All who work and trade in Clevedon |
| Friday 12 May | Our Lady of Fatima and all shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Saturday 13 May | Mary, the mother of Jesus and all churches and parishes dedicated to her |
| Sunday 14 May | Our Church and parish and the residents of Somerton Road, Ilminster Close and Porlock Close |



PATRONAL FESTIVAL WEEK 2023

Sunday 7 May

10.30 Solemn Mass of St John at the Latin Gate

Monday 8 May

12 noon Mass in Church and fizz at the Vicarage

17.30 Solemn Evensong for the Coronation sung by Clevedon Choral

Thursday 11 May

19.30 Before and After Summer – Baritone Matthew Clark and pianist Richard Lennox perform Gerald Finzi's song cycle *Before and After Summer*, alongside songs by Schumann and Brahms. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine.

Friday 12 May

19.30 An evening with John Betjeman, hosted by Revd Rosey Lunn with guest Julia Elton, DL, in the Elton Hall. Tickets £10.00 to include madeira and cake.

Saturday 13 May

19.30 Festival Concert by Clevedon Choral Society centred around the music of Franz Joseph Haydn and his *Nelson Mass*. Tickets from Clevedon Choral website.

Sunday 14 May

10.30 Solemn Mass, preacher Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells followed by the dedication of the refurbished lower hall and kitchen.

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Below are the new Mass times for St John's. These will take effect from Monday 10 April.



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY JOINT SERVICE

The good folk at All Saints, Weston-super-Mare have invited us to join them for
SOLEMN EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION
on the Feast of Pentecost, 28 May at 4.00 pm.
WINE RECEPTION AFTERWARDS!

PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY 7 MAY – 12.30 - THIS SUNDAY!

Following the great success of the last parish picnic held for the platinum jubilee, we are holding a similar event to mark the coronation of King Charles III. We would love as many people to come as possible to make this a really special church community event. We are asking people to sign up for food items to bring along and then we will have a shared picnic together in the church grounds or church hall if the weather is inclement. The sign up list is at the back of church. Please come along and join in!

Please consider wearing red, white and blue and perhaps a hat!

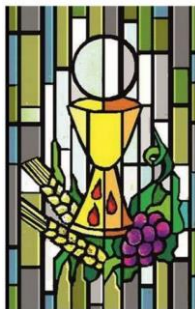
A VERY BIG THANK YOU ...

to Betty for making and selling her delicious Easter biscuits,
which raised £112 for church funds.



LENT COLLECTION BOXES

Please ensure any outstanding Lent collection boxes for the Additional Curates Society are returned to **Church by Sunday 13 May.**



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.



Plant Sale **Saturday 20 May - 10-12noon** **NEW DATE!** **in the Church grounds.**

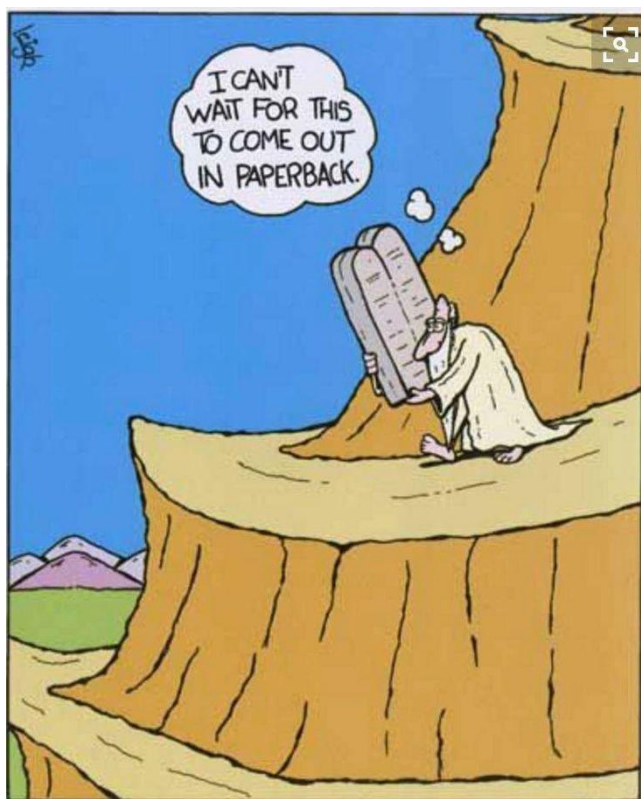
If you are still taking cuttings or splitting plants, please do a few extra for the church plant sale.

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/>



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 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.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Sunday 7 May THIS WEEK! | St John's Patronal Festival and Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles |
| Monday 8 May | Bring and Share Picnic Lunch in the Church grounds (if fine) or Church Hall |
| Monday 8 May | Mass at 12.00 noon followed by fizz at the Vicarage |
| Monday 8 May | 17.30 Solemn Evensong for the Coronation sung by Clevedon Choral |
| Thursday 11 May | Recital by Matthew Clark at 19.30 with a glass of wine afterwards Tickets £10.00 to include a glass of wine |
| Friday 12 May | An Evening with John Betjeman hosted by Rev Rosey Lunn in the Church Hall at 19.30 with light refreshments. Tickets £10 to include madeira and cake |
| Saturday 13 May | 19.30 Festival Concert by Clevedon Choral Society Tickets from Clevedon Choral Society website |
| Sunday 14 May | Solemn Mass followed by the dedication of the refurbished Lower Hall and Kitchen |
| Saturday 20 May | Plant Sale – 10.00 – 12 noon in the Church grounds |
| Sunday 25 June | Parish Lunch to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Fr Brendan's ordination |
| Saturday 15 July | St John's Summer Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church grounds |
| Sunday 13 August | Parish BBQ, after Mass |
| Saturday 16 September | Quiz Evening, time to be confirmed, in the Church Hall |
| Sunday 1 October | Harvest Lunch – 12.30 in the Church Hall |
| Saturday 2 December | Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall |

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.



On-line Giving

Here is the link to our on line facility:

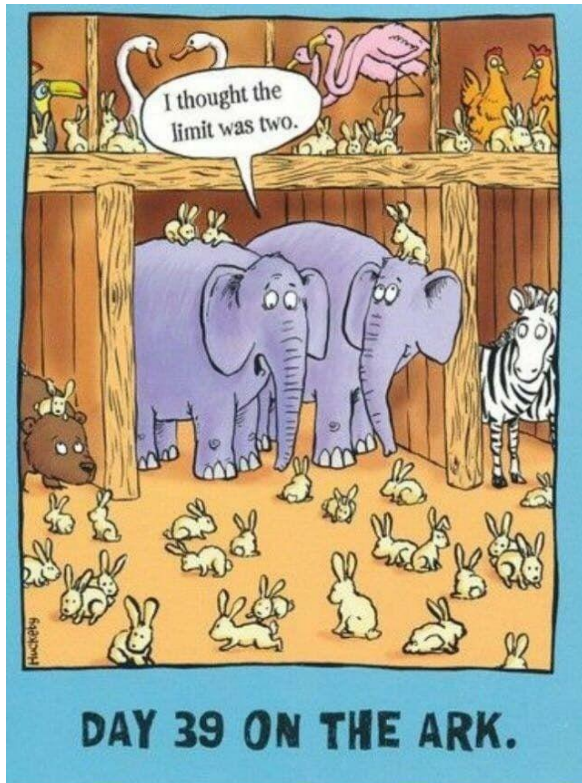
<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/b8e3af98-2c05-4dfb-bd27-570f15c91a21> this link has been added to our Website, our Church Near You page and all our YouTube and other online offerings including social media. Please feel free to share it with all your friends to help with the ongoing good work of our 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.

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



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.



Words from Jane

God is love, God is light.

God is all we need in life.

In our joys and our sorrows.

God walks beside us holding our hands.

God our everything is our hope for the future.

Never need to worry God always has a plan.

Jane

PCC Meeting Dates

Thursday 18th May '23 (After Ascension Day Mass)

Thursday 27th July '23 19:30hrs

Thursday 28th Sept '23 19:30hrs

Thursday 7th Dec '23 19:30hrs

Thursday 2nd March '24 19:30hrs

(Agendas etc will be notified via PCC member's St John's email addresses)

Celia Quiz Answers !!

1. Royal Hotel
2. George III
3. China
4. George Gershwin
5. Cousin
6. 1909
7. Cheshire
8. Sue Townsend
9. The Prince of Wales (King Charles)
10. 1880s (1885)
11. Alderney
12. 22 yards
13. Five
14. AD 79
15. Lands End
16. Malpractice

GORDON'S

a: Lydford E or W; b: Southwood;
c: Stileway



Volunteers needed in Clevedon!

Help asylum seekers in temporary accommodation feel welcome

We're looking for sensitive, friendly, proactive people to give 2-4 hours a week (times and days flexible to suit)

More information:
rwns.org.uk/volunteer

Email:
volunteer.coordinator@rwns.org.uk



Refugees Welcome North Somerset

www.rwns.org.uk
Charity no: 1198327

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

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