



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 8 MAY 2022

EASTER 4

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 7 May

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 8 May – Easter 4

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evensong

Monday 9 May

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 10 May

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Wednesday 11 May

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 12 May

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 13 May

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 14 May

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 15 May – Easter 5

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

As we celebrate our 'new' Patronal Festival I thought it might be worth thinking about our parish and what it is we are seeking to achieve.

A parish community is first and foremost a group of people who have a strong sense of being called together by Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The most important things about us provide some answers to a simple question: **Why do we bother?**

First, because we believe in God. This compels us to speak about the nature of creation, the purpose of life, our values, being human with dignity and justice, and our utter conviction in the reality of life beyond death.

Second, because we take spiritual things seriously. That prompts us to worship and to pray. Beauty, love, goodness and all things that enrich life: these form the atmosphere of our worship, weekly and daily. Our worship is, or should be transformational, lifting us beyond the cares and concerns of everyday life into the beauty of holiness.

Finally, because we are pledged to be a presence in this community, and to promote the common good here.

We are the 'Town Church', and this church was founded and provided to serve the town of Clevedon. This isn't an option or a 'nice to do' - this is our mission, to reach out to those around us and to incarnate and to share the love of God. People might not respond... but we have an obligation, because of our baptism, to share the faith we have received. This is the theme of so many of the Easter readings. *'Go out... proclaim the Good News!'*

Our church building in all its beauty tells the story of our predecessors and of their courage and confidence in the future of the Church. Our school has been providing children with free, high quality Christian education for over 100 years. Priests and others who assist them baptize children, care for the sick, minister to the dying, celebrate the last rites, and preside at funerals; they will celebrate your marriages, bless your homes and simply be available in times of distress or festivity.

We are the Parish of St John the Evangelist, and our prayer must be that God will show us the path to life in its perfection and glory.

Ever,

Fr Brendan

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 13:14 & 43-52 (Reader: Helen)

Psalms 100

R: We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Revelation 7:9 & 14-17 (Reader: Cameron)

St John 10:27-30

Intercessor – Debra

I trust in the Lord with all my heart:
and lean not unto my own understanding.

In all my ways I acknowledge Him, and
He shall direct my paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6



PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Sunday 8 May	Our Church and parish, residents of Moor Park, Yeo Moor and Moor Lane, St Julian of Norwich and all spiritual writers
Monday 9 May	Those who design and craft beautiful stained glass windows
Tuesday 10 May	All candle makers
Wednesday 11 May	All monks and nuns, especially Sister Angela and Sister Carol at the priory of Our Lady of Walsingham
Thursday 12 May	All who work and trade in Clevedon
Friday 13 May	Our Lady of Fatima and all shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 14 May	Mary, the mother of Jesus and all churches and parishes dedicated to her
Sunday 15 May	Our Church and parish, and the residents of Somerton Road, Ilminster Close and Porlock Close

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.



EASTER BISCUITS



£70 was made from the sale of my Easter Biscuits towards Church Funds. A big thank you to all buyers.
Betty

Celli Amici

Music for cello ensemble

Saturday 7th May 2022 at 1.00 pm

The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist,
Queen's Road, Clevedon, North Somerset, BS21 7TH



**Jonathan Palmer, David Ellery, Helen Lunt (cellos)
with guest player Matthew Redman (organ)**

Come and enjoy the glorious sound of three cellos:
good friends playing rich, sonorous music,
both unaccompanied and with organ.
Bach, Kreisler, Popper, Schubert and more!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Saturday 7 May
Sunday 5 June
HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Sunday 26 June
Saturday 16 July
Sunday 24 July
Sunday 21 August

Lunch Time Concert at 1.00 pm
Parish Picnic in the Church grounds
Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Summer Fête in the Church grounds
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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.

Clevedon Foodbank is still in of donations to support people in need in Clevedon and the surrounding area. Rising prices for electricity, gas, petrol and food add to the difficulties of those affected by illness, disability, bereavement, unemployment or low wages.

The foodbank would appreciate donations of the following:

- Tinned fruit**
- Instant Coffee**
- Instant Mash Potato**
- Toilet Rolls**
- Microwavable Rice**
- Jam**
- Long Life Milk**
- Cat food**
- Tinned pasta**
- Toiletries**
- Laundry Powder/ Liquid**

Donations of food may be brought to church and put into the purple bin in the porch, taken to the Food Bank depot in Knowles Road on Monday or Friday mornings, or put into the collection bin at Tesco's in Clevedon (Sainsbury's in Portishead, Waitrose in Nailsea). Tesco's add 20% to the value of donations.

For more information and how to ask for help if you need it, see their website at clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk, or contact them on info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk or tel. 07722 769529

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

80th Bishop of Bath and Wells announced



Downing Street has announced today (10am, 28 April 2022) that the Rt Revd Michael Beasley will be the next Bishop of Bath and Wells. He is currently the Bishop of Hertford, a role which he has held since 2015.

Prior to taking a fulltime role with the church, Bishop Michael was an epidemiologist, a background he was called on to use during the pandemic as a member of the Church of England's Covid task force.

Bishop Michael is already familiar with Somerset. His wife Lizzie is from a farming family from Somerset and prior to Bishop Michael being interviewed for the role of Bishop of Bath and Wells, they both undertook a 60 mile walk around the county.

Speaking in advance of today's announcement, Bishop Michael shared his joy in becoming the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells and said he was looking forward to getting to know the people of Somerset.

Parish Administrator & PA to the Parish Priest

Fr. Brendan and the Churchwardens are pleased to announce that we have successfully recruited June Fegredo to the new role of Parish Administrator. We warmly welcome June at a time when we are already at the beginning of our second year of interim ministry, our congregation is growing, as is our outreach work to the local community. This role is essential to support the work of Fr. Brendan and the PCC now and in the future. June commenced her role this week; which includes monitoring and managing the 'parish' office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk email account, social media, and our page of the Church of England website a 'Church Near You', distribute the weekly newsletter, manage baptism and marriage enquiries, the parish diary and provide administrative assistance to Fr. Brendan. June is already a member of our worshipping community and brings a wealth of experience to this role following her recent retirement, her previous employer's loss is our parish's gain. Welcome June.

Offertory Collection

A recent review has resulted in a decision to continue with a retiring collection for all services, the collection plate is located just inside the church entrance, as is our Electronic Payment Card Reader for those of you who prefer not to carry cash (very much like the Queen) and wish to donate to the work of St John's.

Thank you to all the members of our church community near and far, who regularly make generous donations to the work of our church through the Planned Giving Scheme and have consented to gift aiding their donations to increase the amount we can receive into our church funds.

Planned Giving Scheme standing order forms are available inside the south door entrance. If you wish to join this scheme, please ask for more details from Nicola or Gary, Churchwardens or Fiona, PCC Treasurer. Thank you.

Exploring Calling Event

at Christ Church Clevedon (BS21 7LL), Sunday 15th May (Vocation Sunday) from 2 to 4pm

This event is a great chance for people to find out more about the different ways and roles that God calls us to. It's a follow up to the Archdeaconry Days and there will be people present with information about roles ranging from street pastors via school governors to Readers, Lay Worship Assistants, Children and Youth workers and ordained ministry.

As we explore as a diocese what wonderful range of ministries God might be calling us to get involved with, this is a great opportunity to find out more, including about the Enabling Ministries work.

CELIA'S QUIZ

ANSWERS PLEASE

1. Son of Encouragement was the name given to which Levite member of the early Church on him selling his land to give to the poor.
2. In which century were bananas first to be bought in English shops?
3. Which country's flag includes a cedar tree?
4. Who is Somerset's wicket keeper?
5. Which three towns are twinned with Clevedon?
6. The Festival Of Britain was held in London in which year?
7. Which is the second largest of the Isles of Scilly?
8. Who was the first member of Take That to leave the group?
9. What is France's highest order of merit?
10. When was the first Highway Code introduced by the Ministry Of Transport?
11. What are Vesta and Pallas in the solar system?
12. Who wrote Catch-22?
13. When this year was International Dawn Chorus Day celebrated?
14. In which year was George Washington inaugurated as 1st President of the USA?
15. What weather phenomenon is Sirocco?
16. Host of BBC's Dragon's Den since it opened.

AND GORDON'S POSERS

- a: Crossing for boat's steerer;
- b: Cat, dog, cow etc but not of a human;
- c: Valley of winged mice;
- d: Light your lamp at this point.

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 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 contacted on 07940759891 or email her at churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk
Gary'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 8 May 2022 – 4th Sunday of Easter
Get Up!

Bible reading: Acts 9 : 36-43

Questions

Have you heard of someone being involved in a miracle?

How do you think Peter was feeling as he entered the room with Tabitha's body?

Do you believe that you have the power to heal?

Prayer suggestion: - Thank God that you can receive his amazing power!

*Jesus, you look after us
As a shepherd would look after his sheep
We thank you for your love and care
And ask you to protect us in all dangers
Amen.*

This week's challenge: Read Matthew 10:1

Activity suggestions:

- Activity sheet for 4th Sunday of Easter
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on John 10: 22-30

Good Luck from St. John's Sunday Club Team (Sue & Fiona)