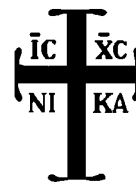


# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter



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TWENTYSEVENTH SUNDAY, TRINITY 18

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 7 October

10.00 Walsingham Cell Mass, Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham

### Sunday 8 October – 27th Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Mark Smith

17.30 Evening Prayer

### Monday 9 October

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 10 October – St Paulinus

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

### Wednesday 11 October

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Thursday 12 October

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 13 October – Edward the Confessor

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 14 October

10.00 Mass at All Saints, WsM

### Sunday 15 October – 28th Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Mark Smith

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 5:1-7 (Reader: Peter)

Psalms 80

**R: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel**

Philippians 4:6-9 (Reader: Kevin)

St Matthew 21:33-43

Intercessor - Martin



"Be ye strong therefore, and let not  
your hands be weak: for your work  
shall be rewarded."

2 Chronicles 15:7 (KJV)

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

As I write this a group of us are preparing to set out for the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, which contains England's Nazareth, the Holy House.

I find two words really helpful when thinking about pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is an 'intentional journey'. Of course, life is an intentional journey because we believe it has meaning and purpose. Christians believe that life is a journey towards the God who created and redeemed us, and the climax of that journey is to reflect back to God that wonder and beauty and love He is in Himself, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for all eternity. Wesley writes that we shall be '*Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee lost in wonder, love and praise*'. That's a fantastic description of our ultimate destiny. And notice how positive it is: we are already wearing the crowns!

Most of our journeys take us to places we need to be for work or relaxation, holiday, family or friends. The joy is in arriving. But our pilgrimage begins the moment we set out - the journeys there and back are as much part of the experience as the arrival. Anyone who has walked the Camino to Santiago de Compostela will tell you of their experiences on the way, of the opportunities for service, of the chance encounter... It is no accident that the first Christians were called the followers of the Way. To emphasise this a pilgrimage might begin in your local church with a Little Office including the Benedictus, the sprinkling with holy water (a reminder of baptism), and a blessing for the journey.

Oftentimes pilgrims will set out on their journey with a specific intention either for themselves or others. That might be asking God for the resolution of a situation or personal difficulty, or for help in making a life changing decision. You might set out asking for God's healing, compassion and hope, for yourself or a loved one. You might set out asking for forgiveness for sins committed.

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There is always the opportunity at the destination to receive the laying on of hands and anointing for yourself or for another, to make your confession, and at Walsingham you may drink water from the Holy Well. And of course, we will be caught up in the worship of Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He will make himself known to us in the Scriptures and in the Breaking of the Bread.

And that's the real point. To set out on the intentional journey which is a pilgrimage is to seek to be drawn deeper into our relationship with the living Christ, Mary's Son, God's Son, and to rejoice with her whom every generation calls blessed, Our Lady of Walsingham. That's the calling of every one of us not just those setting out tomorrow!

So let's have an intentional journey. Let part of our intention be to pray for the work of our Parish, for one another, for the mission of the Church and for everyone in need. And let's have fun and companionship along the Way!

Fr Brendan

## PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Saturday 7 October</b>	Our Lady of Walsingham, St John's Walsingham Cell and Our Lady of the Rosary
<b>Sunday 8 October</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Wordsworth Road, Hansons Way and Wains Close
<b>Monday 9 October</b>	All recently bereaved, that they may receive comfort and solace in their faith
<b>Tuesday 10 October</b>	<b>Paulinus</b> who built the first church in York and later became the Bishop of Rochester. All who celebrate an anniversary today.
<b>Wednesday 11 October</b>	All who are blind or deaf and those who train assistance dogs
<b>Thursday 12 October</b>	<b>Elizabeth Fry</b> – prison reformer. All prisoners and those charged with their care. All who are prisoners because of their religious or political beliefs. <b>Edith Cavell</b> , a nurse during WW1 caring for the wounded on both sides who was shot for smuggling soldiers.
<b>Friday 13 October</b>	<b>Edward the Confessor</b> who taught how to be generous to the poor and hospitable to strangers
<b>Saturday 14 October</b>	<b>Our Lady of Walsingham</b> . All who work at or visit the shrine of Our Lady at England's Nazareth
<b>Sunday 15 October</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Jubilee Place, Blackthorn Square and Closemead



## 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.



## 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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 5 November**

**Celebration Sunday - All Saints**

**Saturday 2 December**

Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall

**Sunday 17 December**

**Celebration Sunday - St John the Evangelist**

**Sunday 7 January**

**Celebration Sunday - Epiphany**

**Sunday 11 February**

**Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent**

**Sunday 10 March**

**Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday**

## 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.

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



**St John the Evangelist Church  
10 Queens Road, Clevedon, BS21 7TH**

Dear Newsletter Reader

I am writing to thank you for your support for St John the Evangelist Church.

The ministry of our church has been, and continues to be, possible through the generosity of our church members and loyal supporters of the church. We believe that St John the Evangelist Church is a vital part of our community and we hope you agree. Week by week we meet to worship and provide many activities for all ages to our community. We are also privileged through our ministry to offer support to those who have lost loved ones, and to welcome families celebrating marriages or bringing their children for baptism.

You may already support our church financially by way of a regular standing order or through gifts offered through our envelope scheme, in our offertory or at other events. Your generosity is vital to enabling St John the Evangelist Church to continue and grow in the way we serve our whole community. We would therefore like to invite you to consider supporting our work by joining the Parish Giving Scheme. It's quick and easy to join online or by telephone and all regular gifts given through the scheme are covered by the direct debit guarantee. You can make a one-off gift or give monthly, quarterly, or annually, whichever is most convenient and if you are a UK taxpayer you can also gift-aid this to enable us to recover a further 25% of the value of your gift from HMRC. The financial details of what is given will be confidential to our Treasurer, but I will be aware of the overall response and will write to thank all those who respond.

To start giving to Clevedon St John by PGS you can sign up online by visiting [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) or by scanning the QR code below. Use the search tool to find our church and then select 'Regular Giving'. Alternatively you can setup your gift by telephoning 0333 002 1271 and quote our unique PGS Parish Code - **010601377** or you can request a paper registration form by emailing [pgsregistrations@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:pgsregistrations@bathwells.anglican.org) or by calling 01749 670777

The easiest way to start supporting St John the Evangelist Church with Parish Giving Scheme is to use our 'Ways to Give' page. Please visit [www.waystogive.org.uk](http://www.waystogive.org.uk) or scan the QR code below and select our church from the list. Select 'Parish Giving Scheme' and then choose to follow the link to sign up online, register by phone or request a paper registration form.

If you need further information or want to talk this through with someone, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With God's blessing,



**Fr. Brendan Clover  
Priest-in-Charge, St John the Evangelist, Clevedon**

## Could you represent St Johns on the council of Churches Together in Clevedon?

There are 12 Clevedon Churches in CtiC, and together we are able to achieve things which would not be possible alone. For instance it was Churches Together which set up the Food Bank, and before that Clevedon Care, although both are now independent charities. Currently the biggest project is the chaplains. You may see them in the town centre or in the Hill Road area, wearing their grey sweatshirts. They are members of local churches who have been trained to offer support to local businesses and market stall holders. We also support Changing Lives and YMCA, and refugees in Clevedon. CtiC organises united events such as the Good Friday service in Queens Square.

The council meets 6 times a year, when representatives from all the member churches get together to share what is happening in the town and discuss the way forward. It is always interesting and sometimes inspirational to meet representatives from the other churches and hear what they are doing. I have been representing St Johns for a number of years, and have loved doing it, but find I can no longer manage the meetings.

If you feel this could be for you, speak to Gary, Nicola or Fr. Brendan or Judith

Sue Rossiter

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(See Genesis 6-8)

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IT WAS ONLY AFTER NOAH FINISHED HIS  
ARK PROTOTYPE THAT HE FINALLY  
ADMITTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT A  
CUBIT WAS

### 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.





## 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.



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.



### 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 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 Answers !!**

1. Thessalonica and Corinth
2. Vesuvius
3. Grampians
4. Napoleon
5. Baptist
6. Russia (Sputnik)
7. Aser
8. Odette
9. Florin
10. Liverpool and Manchester
11. Five
12. Tennis
13. Wenceslaus
14. William Tyndale
15. Islas Malvinus
16. Van der Valk

Gordon's Posers a. Cowhill b. Redhill c. Bourton

## **It's Shoebox Time! Operation Christmas Child .....**

is once again collecting shoeboxes full of small gifts to send to children in need around the world.

Suggestions for gifts include toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hat, gloves, scarf - but no toothpaste or sweets, no liquids or glass. Parcel labels and instructions available in church or from Sue Rossiter (tel. 877710). Please bring your filled boxes to church on or before Sunday 12 November. Alternatively you can pack a shoebox online at [shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk). Last year's boxes went to seven countries - Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, Central Asia, Moldova, Nigeria and Ukraine



