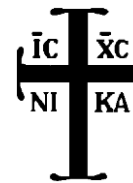




St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER 2022

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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 8 October

10.00 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 9 October – Twenty eighth Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday 10 October

18.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 11 October

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 12 October

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Thursday 13 October

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 14 October

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 15 October – St Teresa of Jesus

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 16 October – Twenty ninth Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

2 Kings 5:14-17 (*Reader: Sandra*)

Psalm 98

R: The Lord has shown his salvation to all the nations

2 Timothy 2:8-13 (*Reader: Kevin*)

St Luke 17:11-19

Intercessor – Diane

“For prayer is nothing else
than being on terms of
friendship with God.”

—Saint Teresa of Ávila

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

First of all it would be remiss of me not to repeat my thanks to the Community and Outreach Committee for a wonderful Harvest Celebration last Sunday, and to Sarah Lewis in particular. One person said to me this week that it was "the best harvest I have ever attended". Praise indeed!

We have been working on plans for Autumn at St John's. So here are some of the highlights:

Sunday 30 October

All Saints Sunday

10.30am Solemn Mass

Preacher - the Archdeacon of Bath

5.30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Sunday 6 November

10.30am Parish Mass

6pm Solemn Requiem Mass

Faure's Requiem sung by Clevedon Choral Society

Sunday 13 November

Remembrance Sunday

10.30am Parish Mass with Act of Remembrance

Preacher - Dr Martin Gliniecki QGM, CEng

Sunday 20 November

Christ the King

10.30am Solemn Mass, Procession of the Sacrament and Benediction

Preacher - Kevin Coaker, ordinand

Sunday 27 November

Advent Sunday

10.30am Parish Mass

5.30pm 'From darkness to light' - An Advent Procession

Christmas Services will follow...

As ever there is much to look forward to.
With the assurance of my prayers for you,
Fr Brendan

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported the harvest lunch on Sunday and made it such a lovely community event. We are now a little bit closer to our £4000 target for the new oven and hob having raised £403.50.



Please support our next event (October 15th, 6.45 for 7.00pm) which is our Social History evening, entitled Mary Lambton: a voyage to Australia in the 1850s. With Alison Soars leading the proceedings we are in for a wonderful evening's entertainment. As an accompaniment we will be providing a wine and cheese supper. We have a couple of great Australian wines and will provide a range of cheeses, paté and crusty bread (soft drinks available).

Tickets are available from Sarah Lewis on Sunday and priced at £7.50 (or book by emailing shlewis271@gmail.com).

Community Committee

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

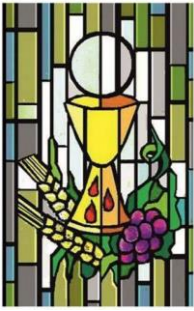
Saturday 8 October	Our Lady of Walsingham and all pilgrims to England's Nazareth
Sunday 9 October	Our Church and parish and all who live in Wordsworth Road, Hanson's Way and Wains Close
Monday 10 October	St Paulinus, who built the first church in York and later became the Bishop of Rochester
Tuesday 11 October	All who are blind or deaf and the trainers of dogs who aid them
Wednesday 12 October	Elizabeth Fry – prison reformer. All prisoners and those charged with their care. All who are prisoners because of their religious or political beliefs. Edith Cavell, a nurse during WW1 caring for the wounded on both sides, but who was shot for smuggling soldiers
Thursday 13 October	Our market traders and retailers. Edward the Confessor, who taught us how to be generous to the poor and hospitable to strangers
Friday 14 October	All who deliver meals and medication to the housebound
Saturday 15 October	Our Lady of Walsingham and St Teresa of Avila who founded many religious houses for men and women across Spain
Sunday 16 October	Our Church and parish and all residents of Jubilee Place, Close Mead and Blackthorn Square

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**"If I refer to God as 'He' I offend women.
If I refer to God as 'She' I offend men.
In my profession, I find it's best
not to talk about God at all."**

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 May/June 2023

Please start thinking about this. If you are taking cuttings or splitting plants this autumn, please do a few extra for the church plant sale.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Saturday 15 October THIS WEEK!	Australian Evening – an entertaining talk with cheese, Aussie wine and extras. Tickets available for £7.50 per person
Sunday 30 October	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Saturday 19 November	Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall – 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow.
Sunday 20 November	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Saturday 3 December	Christmas Wreath Making in the Church Hall – 10.00 to 12.00 am. Details to follow.
Saturday 3 December	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow.
Sunday 11 December	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow

ATHEIST IN THE WOODS

An atheist was walking through the woods. 'What majestic trees!' 'What powerful rivers!' 'What beautiful animals!', he said to himself. As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with its left paw and raising its right paw to strike. At that instant the atheist cried out, 'Oh my God!'

Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent.

As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky. 'You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?' The atheist looked directly into the light. 'It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?'

'Very well,' said the voice. The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And the bear dropped its right paw, brought both paws together, bowed its head and spoke: 'For what I am about to receive, may the Lord make me truly thankful. Amen.'

We are fund raising for a commercial oven and hob for the church hall. We need £4000- please support us!



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 King) and wish to donate to the work of St John's.

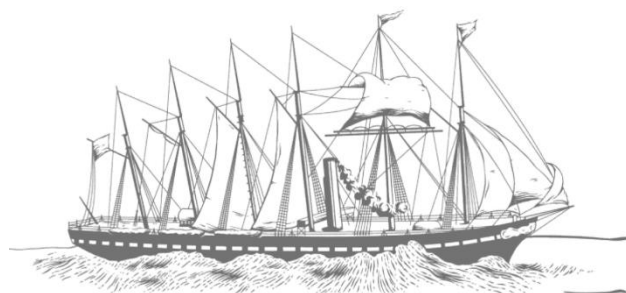
Thank you to all the members of our church community near and far, who regularly make generous donations to the work of our church through the Planned Giving Scheme and have consented to gift aiding their donations to increase the amount we can receive into our church funds.

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.

A voyage to Australia in the 1850s: the story of Mrs Margaret Lambton

Alison Soars will provide us with an evening of social history with the fascinating story of Margaret Lambton's voyage to a new life in Australia on the SS Great Britain. Accompanied with a selection of cheese, paté and Australian wines.

Saturday 15 October
6.45pm for 7pm start.



This is a fundraising event for St. John's Church. Please support us.
Tickets (£7.50) available from the back of the Church

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

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.

Jam jars



We are looking for jam jars (no lids necessary) to make preserves for the Church Christmas Fayre.
Please leave at the back of church.

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.



Rambling Ringers

The ringers from St. Johns went on their annual outing on Saturday 1st October (the first for some years!)

Our first stop was St. Gregorys in Weare. This was to be our 'special' tower.

They are not rung very often as they are very hard work!

Frankie Howard used to practice his lines for 'Up Pompeii' here and is buried in the churchyard.



Our next tower was The Blessed Virgin Mary, East Brent. Slightly heavier bells than the previous tower but so much easier to ring.

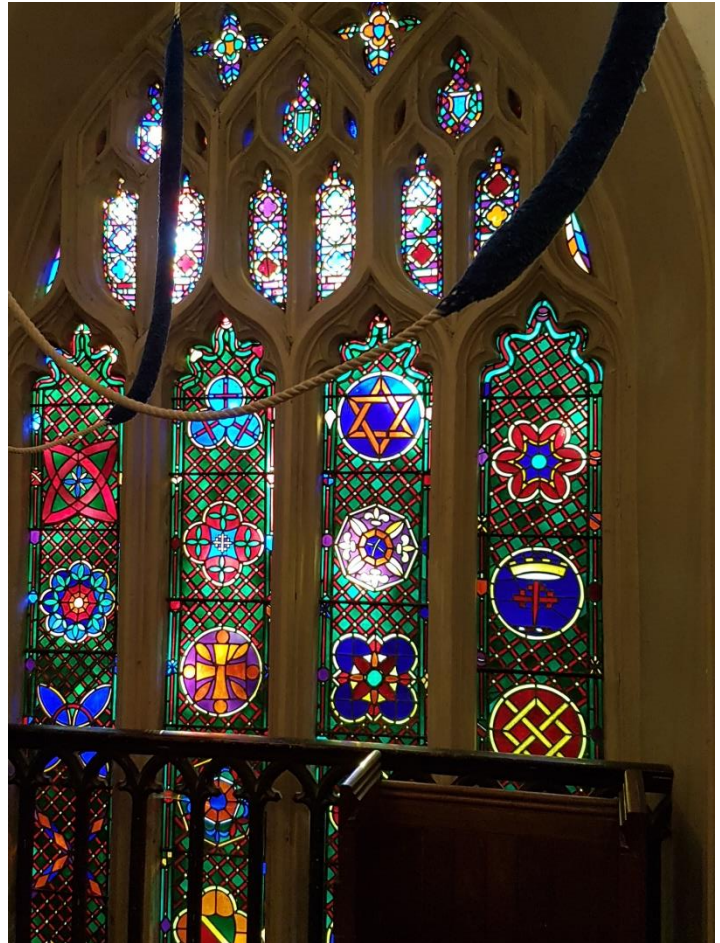
There is a super West Gallery here and a plastered ceiling. The ringing chamber is just off the gallery.



The penultimate tower of the day, St. Michaels at Brent Knoll, contains the heaviest ring of the day with the tenor bell weighing in at a ton. Here we had a 'Ladies Band' to ring some beautifully struck rounds emulating their First World War counterparts in a picture in the tower. Period costume for the next visit? These were lovely bells to ring and sounded superb. The bells at St. Johns, in total, do not weigh the same as the tenor at Brent Knoll!



Our final ringing venue for the day was St. Chritstophers at Lympsam. The lightest ring of the day with the tenor weighing just over half that of the previous tenor, at 11cwt (559kg). We were expecting either VERY long ropes or a VERY long climb up to the ringing chamber as the tower is quite tall. However we were wrong! A very short climb to the ringing chamber and a stunning west window!

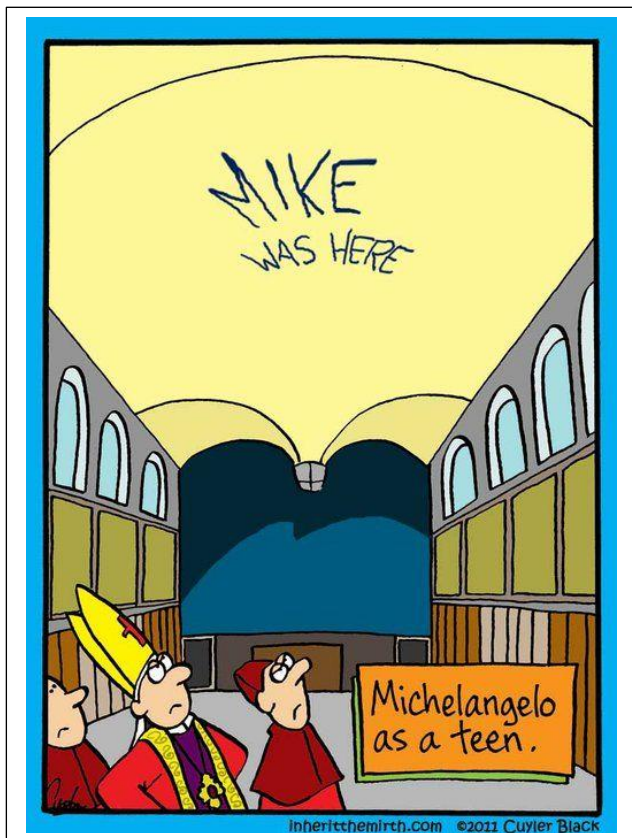


These are not the most musical bells to ring but went well and were rather closer to our home tower in weight.

We had some good ringing through the afternoon, the weather was kind to us and our meal at the Fox and Goose replenished energy reserves quite adequately.

You could join us next year, theres plenty of time to learn to ring between now and then!!





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.



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

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. Further details and parcel labels from Sue Rossiter (tel 01275 877710).

Shoeboxes should be returned to church by Sunday 13 November. Alternatively you can pack a shoebox online at shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk. The intention this year is to send boxes to Ukraine, and to nearby countries such as Moldova and Romania which have taken lots of refugees. Thank you.



ANSWERS TO CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ

1. Middle Lane
2. 1937
3. Coypu
4. The Oval
5. Sukkot
6. Isambard Kingdom Brunel
7. Fiji
8. Alan Bennett
9. Humidity
10. 1611
11. Laos
12. Impressionism
13. Old Kent Road
14. 1901
15. Vanilla
16. Mendelssohn

Gordon's Posers

- a: quintet of clangers; **Five Bells**
b: was on horse or bicycle etc; **Rhode**
c: off - white water; **Greylake**

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 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
The Office Number is 07522 494 504

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United Service

**What kind of a world do
we want to live in?**

**What is the Church's
response to our climate
emergency?**

HOPE

October 23rd

6:00 pm

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Clevedon School



Each year Churches Together in Clevedon holds a united service, a chance for all the Clevedon congregations to meet and worship together. This year it will have a climate theme. We hope you will want to come and explore the Christian response to this emergency. There will be a chance for discussion and refreshments.

Coffee at the Court 2022

Tickenham Road, Clevedon

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Saturday 15th October
10.00 – 12.00

Stalls include

Cakes, Tombola,
Scarves & Bags, Preserves, Wooden Gifts,
Silent Auction,
Bric-a-Brac, Grand Draw etc.

Admission £3.50
(Including refreshments)

An opportunity to enjoy the refreshments in the
Museum and soak up the atmosphere of this
14th century Manor House

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