



St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2024

MOTHERING SUNDAY, LENT FOUR

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 9 March

10.00 Mass, All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 10 March – Mothering Sunday, Lent 4

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Lent Course and Benediction

Monday 11 March

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 12 March

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

18.00 Lent Group – The Suffering Servant

Wednesday 13 March

18.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 14 March

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 15 March

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 16 March

10.00 Mass, All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 17 March – Lent 5

10.30 Solemn Mass –

17.30 Lent Course and Benediction

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16 & 19-23 (Reader: Judith)

Ps 136

R: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth, if I remember you not!

Ephesians 2:4-10 (Reader: Alison)

St John 3:14-21

Intercessor – Diane



Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

As I write this we are preparing to welcome two year groups from the parish school into church for an afternoon of activities to celebrate Mothering Sunday. We should thank the members of our Community and Outreach Committee for making this possible. The activities end with a short act of worship to which we have invited parents and carers, and this is followed by the children serving their loved ones tea and cake. During my talk I shall explain that we have three mothers to celebrate on Mothering Sunday: the mother who gave birth to us; mother Church; and Our Lady, the Mother of Jesus. All three are of equal importance on Mothering Sunday and we neglect them at our peril. We have our Rose Reception on Sunday after Mass, so thanks once again and in advance to the Community and Outreach Committee for all their efforts.

I am also delighted to be able to announce today that Fr Julian Browning will be joining us as our preacher for the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil), as well as on Easter Day. Fr Julian has served the parish of All Saints Margaret Street (in central London, near Oxford Circus), which arguably is William Butterfield's most famous church, as Honorary Assistant Priest for the last sixteen years. Before that he served in other London parishes, including St Cyprian, Clarence gate, and the Churches of Little Venice. Julian and I were at Cuddesdon together many, many years ago! And finally just to note that we had a full church last Saturday for the 'West of England Music and Arts' concert. You missed a treat!

With my love and prayers,

Fr Brendan

Art Installation

Our mystery artist writes:

The cloth is now fully open. There is nothing inside it. Perhaps it is a canvas for a fresco of Calvary to be painted on it? Could it be a screen for a projected image? Hhhmmmm. What do you think ?

The cloth is still a mystery but the item on the table is not. A small piece of bread partly broken now sits on the altar cloth. This is the bread that was broken and shared with the disciples at the last supper. "Do this in remembrance of me".

There still appears to be no connection between the cloth and the altar but in the weeks leading up to Easter, a connection will be made. It is a powerful one. All will eventually be revealed on Easter Sunday.

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 9 March	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, her shrine in Walsingham, Fr Kevin, priest administrator, and all who work and visit there
Sunday 10 March	Mothering Sunday. Our Church and parish and residents of Hazell Close
Monday 11 March	All who work in agriculture – farmers and producers of food
Tuesday 12 March	Musicians and composers of beautiful music
Wednesday 13 March	The Commonwealth, all member states, its peoples, governors and leaders
Thursday 14 March	The Thursday market and traders and artisans who use the market to showcase their art and crafts
Friday 15 March	Train drivers, bus drivers and all transport drivers
Saturday 16 March	Our Blessed Virgin Mary and all shrines dedicated to her throughout our world
Sunday 17 March	St Patrick's Day. Our Church and parish and residents of Kenn Moor Drive

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

SCHOOL VISITS TO CHURCH – HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

Our second school visit will take place on **Friday 22 March** for 7 to 9 year olds. Fr Brendan will explain Palm Sunday and children will then make a donkey mask and a palm leaf containing a personal prayer. Tea and coffee will be served at the back of the Church to parents/carers after a short service. We would be grateful for offers of help setting up (11.30), welcoming pupils (13.15) assisting with crafts (14.00), welcoming parents (14.30), serving refreshments (14.45) and clearing up (15.00). Please speak to Sarah if you are able to help in any way. Thank you.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards our Easter flowers, please see Sarah or place your money in the basket at the back of the Church
Thank you!



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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 10 March	Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday Rose Reception
Friday 22 March	School Visit for Palm Sunday activities – 13.15 – 15.00
Good Friday 29 March	Hot Cross Buns in the Church Hall at 15.00
Easter Sunday 31 March	Easter Celebration – Prosecco and Cake
Sunday 7 April	Celebration Sunday – Octave of Easter
28 April to 5 May	St John's Festival Week
Sunday 5 May	Bring and Share Lunch
Wednesday 8 May	19.00 - Talk by Aidan Hart, iconographer
Sunday 19 May	Celebration Sunday – Pentecost
Saturday 25 May	Plant Sale – TBC
Sunday 23 June	Celebration Sunday
Saturday 6 July	14.00 – 16.00 – Summer Fayre
Saturday 13 July	Glastonbury Pilgrimage
Sunday 28 July	Celebration Sunday
Sunday 1 September	Parish BBQ
Sunday 8 September	Celebration Sunday – Education Day/King's Accession
Sunday 13 October	Harvest Festival
Saturday 16 November	Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper
Sunday 24 November	Celebration Sunday – Christ the King

LENT



LENT IS A TIME FOR QUIET
REFLECTION AND CONTEMPLATION



IT IS A SEASON OF ABSTINENCE
AND FASTING



SOME CHRISTIANS GIVE
SOMETHING UP DURING LENT



OTHERS CHOOSE TO CARRY
OUT ACTS OF PENANCE

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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.



Wells Cathedral Parish Pass

You may have seen in the news last week, that Wells Cathedral has announced changes to its admission guidelines with free passes for parishioners in the Diocese of Bath and Wells and local people, and a new entry charge for tourists.

Entry remains free to enter for worship, prayer, and to light a candle and free passes are available for parishioners in the diocese. Information about the Parish Pass and how to apply for it is available from the Wells passes section of the Wells Cathedral website. You will note that the application form for a Parish Pass does require a signature from a churchwarden or incumbent.

St John's 100 Club

The 100 club is an easy way you can help raise money for St. Johns. It only costs £12 per year (equivalent to £1 / month) and you will be entered into a drawer every month with a chance to win a prize. Over the last 15 years the 100 club, has raised over £12,000 for the church and has paid out almost £8,000 in prizes. Providing we have more than 80* people join we will pay out £40 in prizes each month and any profit over £510 will be paid to the Church but there is no upper limit, the more the merrier and the more money that will be raised for the church.

The three prizes are:

- 1 st Prize - £25
- 2 nd Prize - £10
- 3 rd Prize - £5

*If there are less than 80 members, there will be no 3rd prize.

If you join the Club ,please contact any of the organisers to enquire about joining, application forms can be located at the back of the church on the leaflet table. Talk to any of us in church or by emailing using one of the email addresses below.



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.



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 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

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.



On-line Giving

Here is the link to our on line facility:

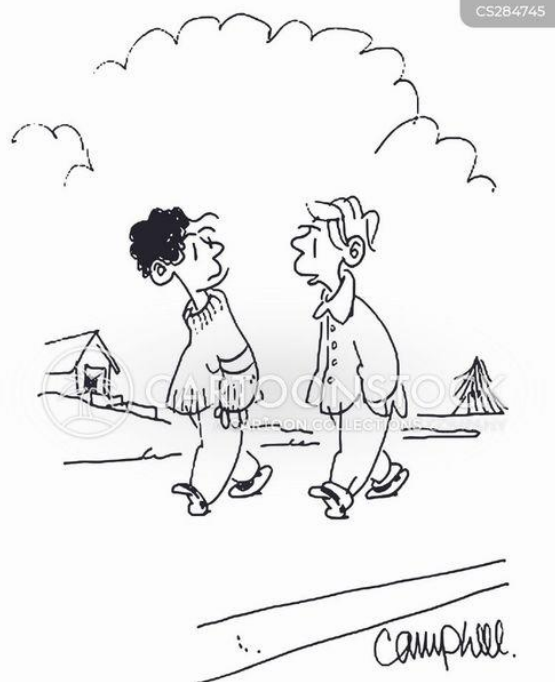
<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/b8e3af98-2c05-4dfb-bd27-570f15c91a21> this link has been added to our Website, our Church Near You page and all our YouTube and other online offerings including social media. Please feel free to share it with all your friends to help with the ongoing good work of our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



"My parents are giving up desserts for Lent. So I'm balancing the family diet by giving up vegetables."



Celia Quiz !!

- 1, Zebedee
2. Quakers
3. Nile
4. Alma Cogan
5. 1940
6. Orange
7. Australia
8. Call The Midwife
9. Pluto
10. 1900
11. Cumbria
12. Five
13. Three
14. Thomas Jefferson
15. Rock Breaker
16. Larkin

GORDON'S

a:Ansford; b: Oakhill; c: Ashwick

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

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.

***Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish
Clevedon & Yatton***

PASSOVER MEAL

TUESDAY 26th March 2024

7pm

**GREYFRIARS HALL,
Marine Hill, Clevedon**

Tickets: Adults £10 Child/Student £5

**Available from Basia McLaughlin
Via the Catholic Parish Office:
clevedon.immaculateconception@cliftondiocese.com**

CHRISTIAN
PASSOVER

SEDER MEAL

JOIN US & SEE HOW IT POINTS TO CHRIST

