

St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

TWENTYTHIRD SUNDAY, TRINITY 14

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 September

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 10 September – 23rd Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 11 September

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 12 September

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 13 September – St John Chrysostom

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 14 September – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 15 September

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 16 September – St Cornelius and St Cyprian

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 17 September – 24th Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass –

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Ezekiel 33:7-9 (Reader: Judith)

Psalm 95

R: O that today you would listen to his voice:

'Harden not your hearts.'

Romans 13:8-10 (Reader: Alison)

St Matthew 18:15-20

Intercessor - Martin

Words from our Ordinand Kevin

Dear friends,

This Sunday is Education Sunday, a time when we are encouraged by the ecumenical group, Churches Together in England, to give thanks for those involved in the education of our young people and, indeed, adults. It is a time to pray for them and for their pupils, remembering especially our Parish School and our own congregation members who teach, support, and learn. It is also a time to remember those places in the world where education is scarce, if provided at all and places where it is denied or dangerous and the young people desperate to learn. We should never take it for granted.

In many ways though we never stop learning. My current lecturers at Ripon College Cuddesdon gleefully remind us that 'every day is a school day' when they see that the penny has dropped and we appear to have grasped what they are teaching (*appear* being the operative word sometimes!). But learning about our faith does not just happen at formal theological colleges. We, as a community of faith, learn together through regular attendance at Mass and by praying and sharing the word. In our own daily prayer and bible reading, we enter into a dialogue with God where we must listen quietly and be alert to his response to us, however it manifests itself.... often in ways we least expect. We should never be afraid to question when scripture confuses us or causes us concern. We should never be afraid to question aspects of the liturgy or devotional practices within our tradition that we don't understand, even if we have done them our whole lives. Tradition, after all, is about fanning the flames, not guarding the embers! Learning about our faith rises from the foundation of that faith. It is not about seeking reason to believe but to grow in our faith and discipleship. St Anselm puts it this way "For I do not seek to understand so that I may believe; but I believe so that I may understand." Faith seeking understanding, a road we all travel in our daily lives and it's a journey we should embrace with joy and thanksgiving. As, after all, it's how we put the Gospel to work!

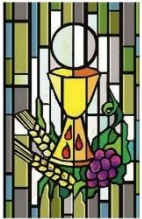
I trust in the Lord with all my heart;
and lean not unto my own understanding.
In all my ways I acknowledge Him, and
He shall direct my paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6



PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 9 September	Our Lady of Walsingham, Fr Kevin – priest administrator – and his team of staff. All pilgrims to the shrine that their prayers may be answered
Sunday 10 September	Our Church and parish and residents of Coleridge Vale North, South and East.
Monday 11 September	All farmers preparing for the harvest, that the weather may be kind to them
Tuesday 12 September	All who work in the food processing industry
Wednesday 13 September	All beginning to be concerned about the coming winter's fuel bills
Thursday 14 September	The Feast of the Holy Cross. The Thursday market traders and all commercial outlets in Clevedon
Friday 15 September	All facing a cancer diagnosis and future gruelling treatment
Saturday 16 September	Edward Pusey, a leader of the Oxford movement and his contemporaries who founded Pusey House and a library in his name
Sunday 17 September	Our Church and parish and the residents of Oldville Avenue



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

Saturday 16 September	Quiz Evening, time to be confirmed, in the Church Hall
Sunday 24 September	NEW DATE!! Harvest Lunch – 12.30 in the Church Hall NEW DATE!!
Saturday 2 December	Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall

GREAT NORTH RUN

June Fegredo is running the Great North Run this Sunday, along with her son Daniel in memory of her Granddaughter, Ava Fegredo. Ava needed a heart transplant but sadly died 4 days short of her first birthday. The hospital staff and charity supported Ava and her parents over this most traumatic time. June and Daniel are raising funds so that the charity can continue their wonderful work. If you would like to donate, please follow the link. Many thanks.

<https://greatnorthrun2023.enthuse.com/pf/daniel-fegredo>

FUN QUIZ EVENING

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER – 7.00 pm in the Church Hall

Solo and team quizzes. Nuts and nibbles. Only £1.00 entry (for Church funds)

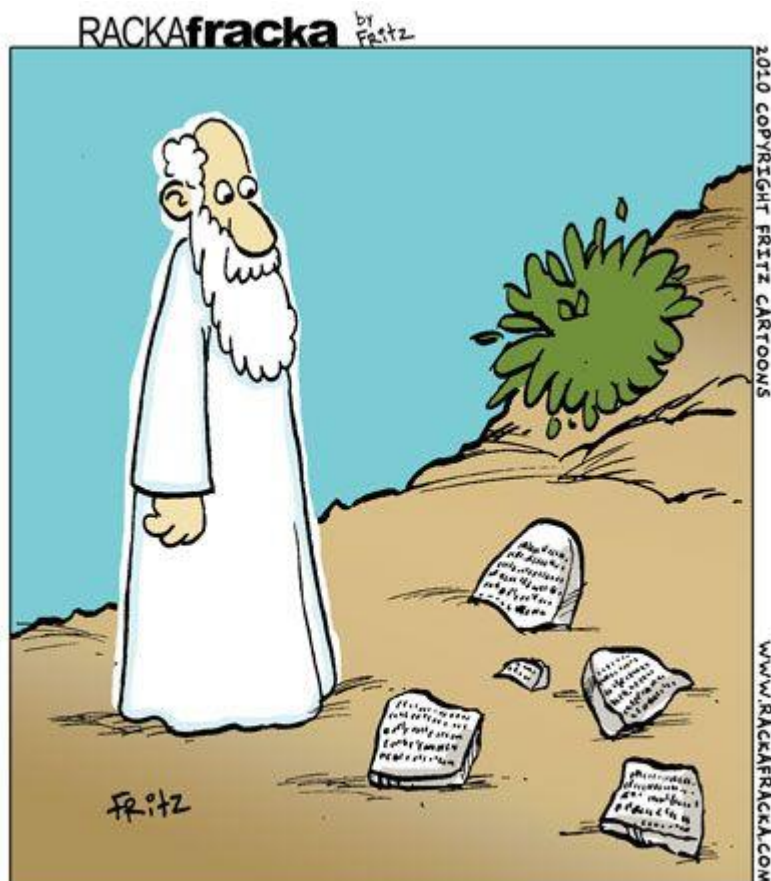
HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 24 September after Mass in the Church Hall



Please see the sign up sheet at the back of Church. Special dietary requirements catered for. The cost is £7.50 per person. Children under 13 free.

More details from Sarah .



**AFTER CALMING DOWN, MOSES
WISHED HE HAD BACKED UP HIS DATA.**

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.



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), 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.

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

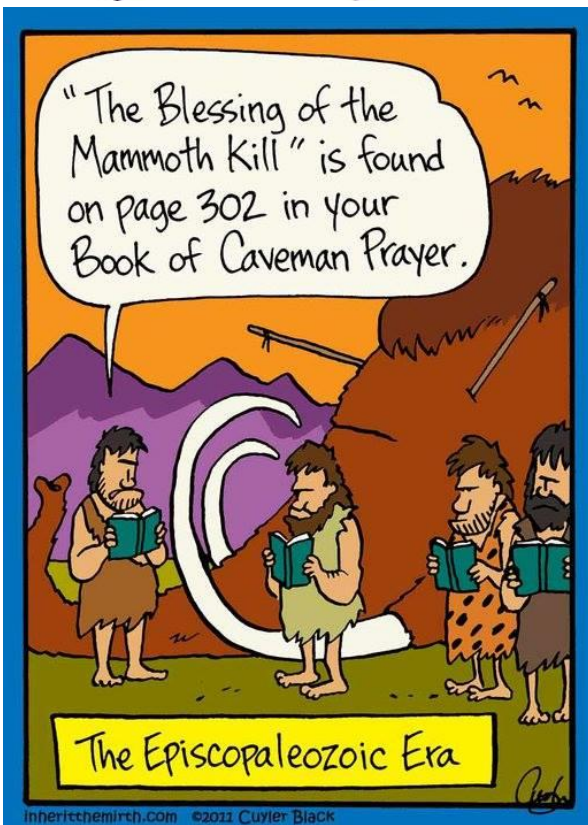
We may not be able to provide specific flowers to order but will try our best. There will be a card and holder available for you to write a special message to display with the flowers.

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



A message from Martin and Heather



Dear friends,

Thank you so much for your support last Saturday at the wedding of our daughter Lucy to our new son in law Dave.

We are thankful to so many in various different ways, to Father Brendan for the professionalism of his ministry in the wedding service itself, to those in our congregation who supported him before, during and after the service, to Eric the organist for the music, to our bell ringers for their ringing after the service marking the celebration, for those who were present outside of the church before, during and after the wedding, for the many who passed on their good wishes and for you all who were with us in spirit.

In addition, we are thankful and were blessed with the sunshine, a prayer answered.

A number of family members of the both bride and groom commented about our church and its beauty.

Your support, help and good wishes are sincerely appreciated, thank you all so much!

Martin & Heather Ingram



Chair of trustees

Do you possess strong leadership skills and a sound knowledge of charity governance (or are willing to learn)? Are you able to be impartial and fair and act with tact and diplomacy? Do you feel a connection to our Christian ministry and want to be part of developing and growing it further?

If you answered yes to these questions, then we would love to hear from you about the possibility of you becoming our next chair of trustees.

If you would like to have an informal conversation about the role before applying, please email richard.fisher@brf.org.uk to arrange a call.

Please note: this is an unpaid voluntary role. However, agreed out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed.

We welcome applicants from all backgrounds and communities, in particular those that are currently under-represented within our trustee board. This includes, but is not limited to, people from Black, Asian and other ethnic groups, and women.

[Download the applicant pack](#)

Celia Quiz Answers !



1: 1921	10. Herculaneum
2. 18th(1771)	11. Isobar
3. Beliz	12. Harry Kane
4. George Stubbs	13. Conkers
5. Tobias	14. Martin Luther
6. 1848	15. Musk Rose
7. Rooster	16. Leonard B.ernstein
8. Heathcliff	GORDON'S
9. Israel	a: Pitcombe; b: Pitney; c: Capton

calling all cleaners



There will be a cleaning working party in Church on **Saturday 16th September** at **10am**. All you need to help is enthusiasm, though a duster or two will also be useful! Refreshments will be provided as well so please come along if you can to help make our beautiful Church even more so!!

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

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

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.

moonlight memory walk



Walk in memory of your loved one
Saturday 7 October 2023

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whilst supporting local families with every step

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