

St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2024

NEXT BEFORE LENT, SIXTH SUNDAY

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 10 February – St Scholastica

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 11 February – 6th Sunday, Next before Lent

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 12 February

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 13 February

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 14 February – Ash Wednesday

10.00 Mass with Ashing – Fr Robert Ward

18.00 Mass with Ashing – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 15 February

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 16 February

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 17 February

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 18 February – Lent 1

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Robert Ward

17.30 Evening Prayer

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

What a wonderful Celebration we had to demonstrate our love for Sandra Coaker! The St John's team really pulled together to make an occasion which will not be forgotten. Thank you everyone who played a part in this event, sad though it was.

On Wednesday Lent begins. Across the parishes there are four opportunities to come to mass and receive the imposition of ashes. 10 am at St John's and at St Saviour's Church Hall, 6pm at All Saints and 7.30pm at St John's. Andrew Kirk will play the organ for us at St John's (not to be missed!).

And the Lent course begins next Sunday and Monday. This is the same session delivered first at St John's - 5.30pm on Sunday with Benediction at 6.15pm - and 4pm on Monday at St Saviour's Church Hall - tea at 3.30pm. This means that you can attend either and not miss out if you have other commitments. On 11 March there will not be a session in Weston-super-Mare, so you may want to come to St John's the evening before.

And why not consider attending a weekday Mass as part of your Lenten discipline? The readings are carefully chosen for each day and they speak to us about the deepening of discipleship.

A new commissioned art piece will soon arrive in St Johns, the creation of an artist who wishes to remain anonymous. They write: 'Already it is beginning to form. Upon the metal curtain in front of the high altar hang two heavy black chains. Below them, sits a tiny little altar covered with a simple cotton cloth stitched with Jute. What does this mean? The chains look as if they will hold something heavy, but what? The altar is bare. Will something be placed upon it?

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The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Leviticus 13:1-2 & 44-46 (Reader: Jane)

Ps 31

R: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 (Reader: Mike)

St Mark 1:40-45

Intercessor – Martin



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What is the connection between what is above you and what is below you? Is there any? Each week during lent a story will unfold. It is a familiar story. It has been told many times. But this year, in St John's church Clevedon, it will be told in a way that has never been told before.'

Have a happy and holy Lent!

Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 10 February	Our Lady of Walsingham, Scholastica, twin sister of St Benedict and founder of the Benedictine nuns
Sunday 11 February	Our Church and parish and residents of Conway
Monday 12 February	Those living on the streets without shelter
Tuesday 13 February	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 14 February	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 15 February	Our Thursday market, its traders and customers. We pray for the market chaplains
Friday 16 February	SPCK, the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge
Saturday 17 February	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, her shrine in Walsingham, Fr Kevin, priest administrator, and all staff and pilgrims
Sunday 18 February	Our Church and parish and residents of The Chaffins, The Perrins and Plumer's Close

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



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 11 February	Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent
Sunday 10 March	Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday Rose Reception
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

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.



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.



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

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

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**“Yes, the disciples followed Jesus...
but not on Twitter.”**

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.



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who invite people to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. The theme for the 2024 World Day of Prayer is *"I beg you, bear with one another in love."*

We have been invited to attend a service for Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 1 March at 10.00 at Kenn Road Methodist Church. This year's focus is especially important and timely as the service has been prepared by the women of Palestine.



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.

Thank You

We, as a family, would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to Sandra's funeral, memorial service, and the wonderful reception afterwards. We know that not everyone could attend but we also know that even if you couldn't, you have held Sandra and us all in prayer which has been felt and helped more than you will ever know. Thank you. We would like to say a particular thank you to Fr Brendan, Fr Jeff Williams and Andrew Kirk who helped make Sandra's funeral and memorial service so memorable and especially to all in the Social and Outreach committee who helped prepare and serve at the reception afterwards. Your hard work before, during and after the reception allowed us to talk and reminisce with family and friends who had travelled some distance to be with us, all of whom have since commented on the quality of the fayre and the warm welcome they experienced. Thank you all once again, we are truly grateful.

Derek, Kevin, Darren, Heather, Nicola, Rob, Hannah, Alix and Poppy



Celia Quiz Answers!!

1. 6000
2. Romanov
3. Albatros
4. Men Behaving Badly.
5. Pearly Gates
6. Coeur de Lion
7. Limpopo
8. Ollie Pope
9. Three (Two canons of St. Paul's Cathedral, one a parish Rector)
10. 2000
11. Jasmine
12. 10,000
13. Canary
14. 1521
15. Troop
16. The Mikado

Gordons Posers

a: Hungerford; b: Washford; c: Blue Anchor