



# St John the Evangelist Newsletter



**SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2021**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

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## Church and On-line Services

### Saturday 10 April

**10.00** Mass in St John's Church – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 11 April – Divine Mercy Sunday – Easter 2

**10.30** Mass in St John's Church – Fr Brendan Clover

### Monday 12 April

**17.30** Evening Prayer in Church

**18.00** Mass in St John's Church - Fr Brendan Clover

**19.00** Licencing of Fr Brendan-via Zoom

### Tuesday 13 April

**09.30** Morning Prayer in Church

**10.00** Mass in St John's Church – Fr Brendan Clover

**17.30** Evening Prayer in Church

### Wednesday 14 April

**10.00** Mass in St John's Church-Fr Robert Ward

### Thursday 15 April

**12.30** Mass in St John's Church – Fr Brendan Clover

**17.30** Evening Prayer in Church

### Friday 16 April

**09.30** Morning Prayer in Church

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### Sunday 18 April – Third Sunday of Easter

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## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

As I write this greeting I am preparing to become your Parish Priest on Monday next, by virtue of a License from the Diocese, which allows me to perform the legal duties of an Anglican priest (we are also Registrars in respect of weddings etc.) and the Blessing and Commission of Bishop Jonathan. I want you to know that I believe God has called me to take up these responsibilities and to serve him in this place. I will pray for you each and every day, and I ask that you pray for me. The Newsletter tells you about the regular times for daily Mass and the Office (morning and evening prayer) each week. Please support these occasions of prayer and eucharist.

It is a strange time to change role. The good people of Woodard Schools have not been able to say a proper 'goodbye' to me in person, and St John's cannot really offer a proper 'hello'. My licensing will be via Zoom, and no doubt it will feel a little strange! Thankfully Bishop Jonathan will be with us on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May, and it will be great to mark my full-time arrival then. Indeed I am hoping that every member of our community will be present at Mass that day at 10.30am.

I also cannot wait for you all to see the Vicarage. Every surface has been renewed, cleaned or painted, and it is as if every piece of furniture I have ever owned, or has been given to me, has been in preparation for being there! Hopefully by the end of May things will ease, and I can welcome you into my home. There is a beautiful tradition which I want to commend to you. On Sunday we encounter the apostle Thomas, who was not there on the Day of Resurrection, who, one week later, in the Upper Room is given the gift of faith to proclaim: 'My Lord and my God'. Some Catholic Christians, including me, say those words to themselves at the moment the host is lifted up by the priest after it has been consecrated. .../cont

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35 (Reader: Peter)

1 John 1:1-2:2 (Reader: Diane)

St John 20:19-31

Psalm 133

**R: How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.**

(Intercessor: Celia)

HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*



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I believe it is true: that Jesus is my Lord and my God, and that he is truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Try it for yourself... it makes a difference and is a poignant reminder of what it is all about. This is the faith our church was built upon. Finally I pray for grace to be worthy of the traditions we have inherited, so that St John's may become a beacon of Catholic life in the Church of England for all around to see, and to be among you as one who serves.

Ever,

Fr Brendan

### **Important message from Fr Brendan**

As of Monday 12 April, I shall say Evening Prayer publicly in church every day (except Wednesday, my day off) at 5.30pm. On Sundays, Evening Prayer will be before the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

On the first Sunday of the month there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Evening Prayer.

I shall say Morning Prayer publicly at 9.30am when there is a 10.00am Mass. On other days I will say this office privately ... this is so that I can be at the school on Mondays and have Thursday morning for other things.

It will be good to get the bell back so that I can advertise the fact that these Offices are being celebrated!!!

The first Monday Mass of each month will be a Requiem Mass, with a chance to invite families of those bereaved.

Anyone is welcome to join me as we put back the praying heart of the parish.

### **Votive Candles**



Following a successful pilot, we will continue to ask for a show of hands at the beginning of the service. This is to indicate how many votives our members and visitors would like lit by a Server and extinguished at the end of the service. This will continue until Covid-19 restrictions change. Thank you. for your co-operation.

### **Donation**

A donation of £210 has been sent to Christian Aid to help fund vaccinations against Covid-19 in many of the poorer countries of the world.

The money was raised by donations from generous parishioners in both Clevedon and Kenn who gave the money in lieu of cash which would normally have been raised by the annual Lent Lunches in Celia and John's home in Kenn which did not go ahead this year because of the pandemic.

Some of the money was gift aided so the total value of the donation was £237.50.

Many thanks to all those people who contributed.

Celia and John Andrews.



## Covid-19 Restrictions

**Please be reminded the following applies to our worship in church so we can remain open.**

- If you have symptoms please stay at home and worship with us on-line (all our services are Livestreamed).
- Masks must be worn (if you cannot wear a mask please consider a visor)
- Please use the hand sanitizer provided on entering the church and when reading at the lectern
- Please provide your contact details for Track and Trace or use the QR code
- Please follow the one-way system using the direction arrows on the aisles
- The government and Church of England Guidelines prevent any socialising in church apart from within your own households or bubbles.
- Please refrain from speaking to anyone before the service.
- Once seated please remain in your seat.
- At the end of the service please leave via the North Door.
- Please refrain from entering the Vestry, this is for Clergy and Servers only.
- Keep the North doorway clear for others to exit and do not re-enter the church once left.
- Please be reminded the rule of 2 applies outside the church.

## 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 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 John Andrews and Fr Brendan and names will be added to the sick list.



**A VERY BIG THANK YOU** to all those who in any way helped to prepare and beautify the Church in preparation for Easter. Everyone will agree how wonderful St John's looks – a very fitting display for this most important Festival.

## Electoral Roll

As a consequence of the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in at present, we will soon be having our second APCM within six months. As such, the Electoral Roll needs to be updated. The good news is that if you are currently on the Electoral Roll and wish to remain so then you need do nothing at all except ignore these ramblings. If, however, you are not on the Electoral Roll and wish to be so, then the application forms will be available. All you need to do is complete one and then either hand it to me or place in the red post box. Now, there is something to look forward to!! Applications close at the end of the day Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Kevin (Electoral Roll Officer, amongst other things).



## Pilgrimage

One of the victims of the pandemic was our planned Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, England's Nazareth. The shrine opens up again - alleluia - in July and we have tentatively looked at the weekends of 9/10 and 23/24 October this year. We would be very grateful to hear of your preferences if you would like to come with Fr Brendan on pilgrimage. Please let him or Peter Woolf know the dates you prefer ASAP. The costs are modest. Budget for around £150 all in.



## Upcoming Social Events

Please note, this is a provisional list and all are Covid restriction dependant.

### **Sunday 2nd May - After Church Zoom Coffee Morning**

### **Wednesday 12th May - St John's Social Committee Zoom Meeting**

We welcome new members. if you are interested in joining contact Fiona, email:

PCCTreasurer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk



### **Sunday 23rd May - Celebration Sunday Coffee, Sherry, Wine and Cake in the Church Grounds**

We start our monthly event to mark celebrations of the month with a celebration of missed events of the last year.

e.g. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Fr Brendan's Licencing.

### **Sunday 27th June - Parish Picnic in the Church Grounds after 10.30am Mass.**

Bring your own picnic, drink and garden, picnic, or deck chair.

### **Saturday 17th July - Parish BBQ and Musical Entertainment-4pm**

In the parish grounds, details to follow.

### **Saturday 11th September - Murder Mystery in St John's Hall**

Details to be confirmed - Who murdered the Verger, it in the Hall, with a Church Candle Stick!!

## Sidesperson Rota

Remember those days when a Sidesperson would hand you a Hymn book to sing from? No, neither can I but we are looking to resurrect a Sidesperson rota to help with, amongst other things, Track and Trace and welcoming worshippers to Mass. If you think this something you would like to help with or indeed used to be on the rota, again please speak with Nicola or Nick who will be more than happy to take your particulars.



Donations to Clevedon Food Bank can be put in the Food bank bin at Tesco, taken to the Food Bank in Knowles Road on Mondays or Fridays between 9.30 and 11.30 am, or added to your local street collection.

**There is also a basket in the porch at Church for your goods please deposit them when entering the building. Thank you.**

## Recent 100 Club Winners

The **Christmas** Draw winner was Taylor.

**January:** 76. Michael, 82. Kathleen, 90. Richard

**February:** 36. Hazel, 48. Mark, 74. Fiona

**March:** 92. Peter, 58. Liz, 68. Sarah

This year we have only 96 members and would welcome new members to join at any time during the year. Just £1 for each month up to December. Please contact Arlene 01275 842659 or Fiona 01275 874167 if you would like to help raise money for our church. The profit from 2020, £700 + Gift Aid, has recently been paid into the church account. Our thanks to all who continue to support us.



## **A Quiz From Celia**

1. Which two disciples did Jesus send to prepare for the Last Supper?
2. Who was appointed first official Poet Laureate?
3. Which livestock animal has the most varieties of breeds?
4. How many frames in a game of Ten Pin Bowling?
5. In Greek myth which item was left in Pandora's box after she opened it?
6. In which decade did the Act of Union become law which made England and Scotland one country?
7. In which county are Larne and Ballymena situated?
8. Who wrote the novel Black Beauty?
9. By which company was St. John's organ manufactured?
10. Leader of the Argonauts in Greek mythology.
11. What is the currency unit of Peru?
12. Emily Maitlis and Emma Barnett are two of the hosts of the BBC2 Current Affairs programme - who is the third?
13. What is the name of the cat in Macbeth?
14. 12 countries, including Britain, signed to join which organisation in March 1949?
15. Attar, an essential oil used in perfumes, comes from which plant?
16. Loretta Swift was a star in which American series?

### **Gordon's-Local Places within 20 miles of Clevedon**

1. Crossing for blackbirds?
2. Giddy folk here?
3. Wading place for Rooks?

**Answers to follow next week. Good luck!**

### **Wellspring Counselling Service continues to offer vital support**

Wellspring Counselling has been caring for people across North Somerset since 1994. The service provides affordable, professional counselling for adults as well as donation-based counselling for young people aged 11 to 18. Wellspring has counsellors available to help adults with a wide range of concerns, including anxiety, depression, relationship issues, abuse and bereavement. All counsellors are professionally trained, have regular clinical supervision and engage in Continued Professional Development.

Since the pandemic hit and the country first went into lockdown in March, Wellspring has adapted its services and is currently working with clients remotely, offering the option of video calls or telephone sessions during the day or evening. The continuation of this much-needed service has been a lifeline for many who have been struggling with their mental health in these difficult and unprecedented times.

If you think counselling could benefit you please call the reception team on 01275 810879 or email

[reception@wellspringcounselling.org.uk](mailto:reception@wellspringcounselling.org.uk) For more information visit [www.wellspringcounselling.org.uk](http://www.wellspringcounselling.org.uk)



If you need to contact a Churchwarden please contact Nicola Coaker or Nick Dixon. Nicola can be contacted on 07940759891 or email her at [churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk) Nick's email address is [churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk) Thank you.

If you have any safeguarding questions or issues please email [parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)  
For the technically minded, please follow us at: [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/111185/](http://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.

**St John's Sunday Club**  
**Sunday 11 April 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**In The Light**

Bible readings – 1 John 1: 5 – 2: 2 (and John 20 : 19 – 31)

**Questions:**

Would you rather a walk on a summer's day or on a dark night?  
What advantages does the writer say there are to living in 'the light'?  
How can the light of Jesus change the whole world?

**Prayer suggestion**

Use verse 5 as you pray 'God is light, there is no darkness in him at all'

**This week's challenge**

Ask God to shine his light on each area of your life and receive his forgiveness.

**Activity suggestions:**

- Activity sheet for Second Sunday of Easter
- Make a "Hang your Hope on Him" door hanger
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on John 20 : 19 - 31

**If you do not have access to a printer and would like the activity sheets printed out and delivered to you, please contact me (Fiona) and I'll arrange for you to receive copies.**

**Good Luck from St. John's Sunday Club Team (Sue & Fiona)**