

St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2023

CORPUS CHRISTI

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 June

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare
12.00 Walsingham Cell Mass St John's

Sunday 11 June – Tenth Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover
17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 12 June – St Barnabas

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 13 June

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 14 June

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 15 June

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 16 June

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 17 June

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Sunday 18 June – Eleventh Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Hosea 6:3-6 (Reader: Kevin)

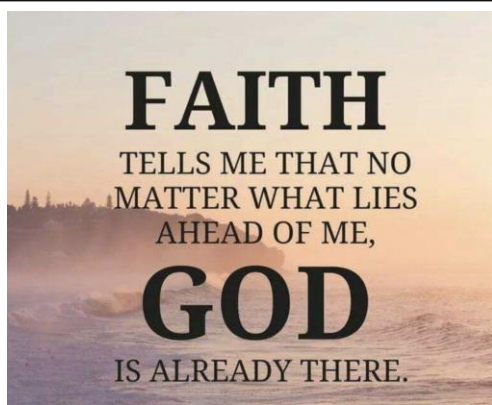
Psalms 50:7-15

R: I will show God's salvation to the upright

Romans 4:18-25 (Reader: Gary)

St Matthew 9:9-13

Intercessor – Martin



Words from Fr Brendan

Dear friends,

On Sunday we keep the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi - with a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at the end of our Solemn Mass. We have chosen beautiful Eucharistic hymns which I know you will enjoy singing. For the first time we shall be using the new Affinity Parishes Mass Booklet, and I would like to explain one change we should pay attention to.

Instead of replying '*Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed*' to the Invitation '*Behold the Lamb of God...*' the new text has '*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*' Those of you who are as old as me may well remember the new text in the old language of the English Missal '*Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.*' Both of these versions are closer translations of their Latin source, but the observant among you will have noticed the reference here to the centurion in Matthew 8 who came forward to ask the Lord to heal his paralyzed servant saying "*Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed*" (RSV).

Given that the new text is already in use at All Saints, and given this scriptural reference, and after consultation, we have decided to go with the new text which you will find printed in the booklets. We'll soon get used to it (it is an improvement), and it will save me the embracement of using the wrong text in the wrong church!

Cont.

Our Bishop has written to the clergy and church officers of the Diocese outlining the perilous financial situation the Diocese is facing and asking for our help. Please read his letter prayerfully and consider if you could raise your financial contribution to our parish, so that we can offer more in the Common Fund. You'll find the full text appended to the Newsletter.

With my love and prayers as always,
Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 10 June	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, all shrines dedicated to her, especially Walsingham, Fr Kevin – priest administrator – and all the staff and pilgrims to the Shrine
Sunday 11 June	Our Church and parish. Residents of Kenn Road and Davis Lane
Monday 12 June	All sculptors of religious artefacts, such as our beautiful Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 13 June	All leaders of retreats and pilgrimages and all who undertake such journeys
Wednesday 14 June	Technicians and doctors who administer chemotherapy
Thursday 15 June	Clevedon market traders, all local business outlets, staff and customers
Friday 16 June	Richard, a past Bishop of Chichester and all, who like him, die in the complete conviction of the resurrection
Saturday 17 June	Our Blessed Virgin Mary and all who belong to St John's Walsingham Cell
Sunday 18 June	FATHERS DAY. Our Church and parish and all residents of Kennaway Road and Bay Tree Road

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Below are the new Mass times for St John's. These will take effect from Monday 10 April.



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



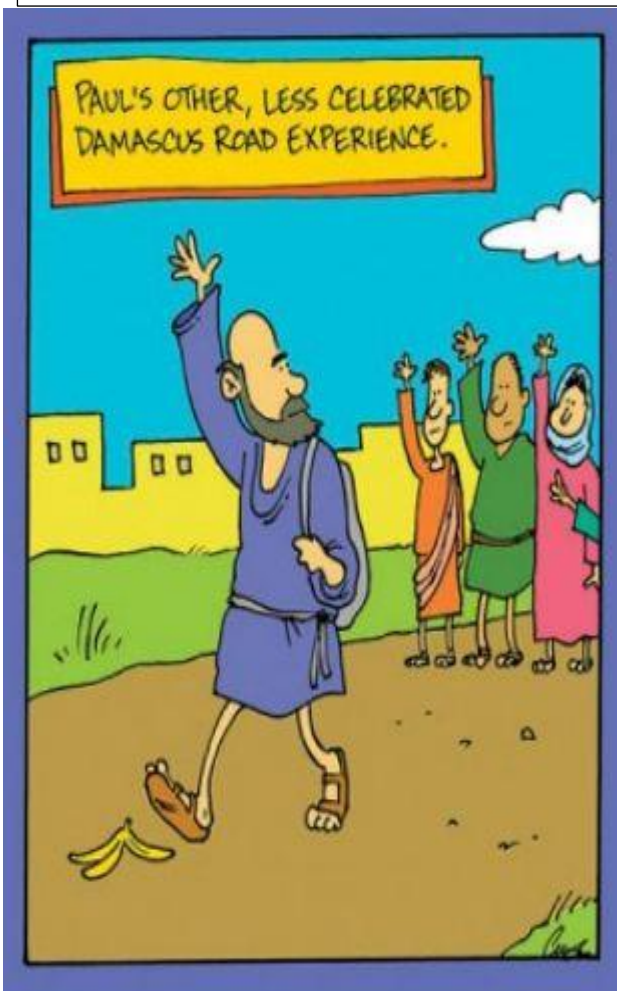
VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

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 25 June	Parish Lunch to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Fr Brendan's ordination
Saturday 15 July	St John's Summer Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church grounds
Sunday 13 August	Parish BBQ, after Mass
Saturday 16 September	Quiz Evening, time to be confirmed, in the Church Hall
Sunday 24th September	Harvest Lunch – 12.30 in the Church Hall
Saturday 2 December	Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall

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



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.



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.



Celebratory Parish Lunch for Father Brendan's 40th Anniversary of Ordination.

Sunday 25th June after Mass.

Everyone is welcome!

You are all invited to lunch to mark this wonderful occasion. There is a list at the back of church, please sign up if you plan to attend so that we know numbers. Offers of puddings would be very welcome, please speak to Sarah if you can provide one.



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/>

Sick List

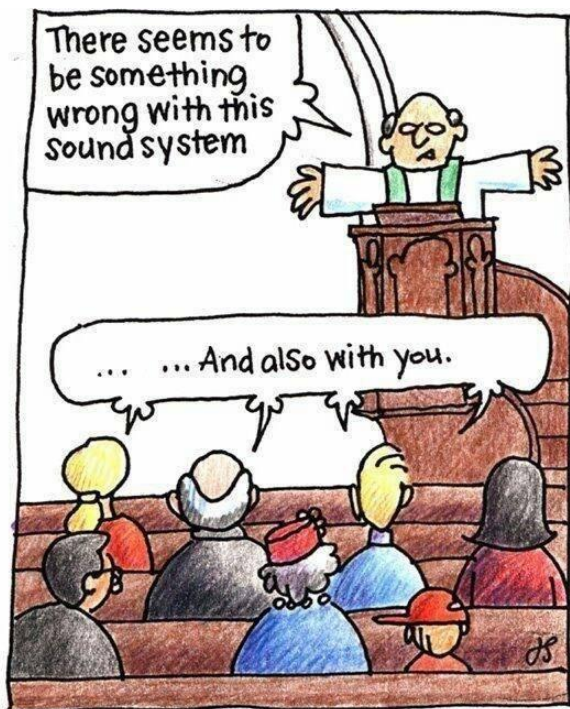
If you need to let the clergy know of anyone who is unwell and/or is needing pastoral care, please email office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk or mention this to Betty, our Sickness Points of Contact (SPOC's), after the service outside of the church building. Any requests will be passed on to Fr Brendan and names will be added to the sick list.

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



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.



Celia Quiz

1. In which Church is the Manorial Chapel Of Lords Of Clevedon?
2. Who founded the Society Of Friends in 1647?
3. What was the name of Ho Chi Minh City until 1976?
4. The Ashes trophy in cricket contains what ashes?
5. Which prophet anointed Solomon as king?
6. During which years did the first English Parliament meet?
7. Which great ape is native to the Congo Basin?
8. Who was the UK's 2023 Eurovision representative?
9. Which British Earl liked his China tea infused with bergamot oil?
10. When did Big Ben first sound across London?
11. Dahlias are native to which country?
12. Which sculptor created the work The Kiss?
13. What is the name of the musical chord where the notes are played in quick succession
14. In which year did King James II give up the throne and make for France?
15. What is Malta's capital?
16. Who appears with Alan Carr as judge of Britain's Got Talent?

GORDON'S POSERS

a: crossing dried up?; b: old native American cemetery; c: over a wide, shallow river

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.

Some words from Jane

Begin each day with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Being grateful for the time we are living.

With a grateful heart we approach each day.

Feeling God's grace guiding us the way.

Jane Carter

A letter from the Bishop of Bath and Wells with an illustration of Diocesan plan for financial recovery.

June 2023

Dear Incumbent, Churchwardens, Treasurer and Secretary,

This letter comes with my greetings to you and everyone in the Parish of Clevedon: St John the Evangelist.

I am writing to thank you for your parish share contributions in 2023 to the Common Fund that supports ministry across the Diocese of Bath and Wells and for keeping these up to date. Your generosity – and that of all our parishes - is essential if we are to pay our stipendiary clergy and fund the services that support parishes, schools and chaplaincies. I'm therefore writing in appreciation of your support. Please do pass my grateful thanks to everyone in your parish who has contributed.

I very much appreciate that keeping your contribution up to date may have been challenging for you and I don't underestimate the scale of the task that you have risen to. The visits I have made to parishes since my arrival have been joyful, but I have also heard how tired people are, how many things are being juggled and the financial challenges everyone is facing. These affect our diocese just as much as they do individual parishes. Please find enclosed an infographic which shows our diocesan financial position overall. I am sharing this with all parishes, encouraging everyone to play their part in responding to the challenges we face.

I fully recognise that the ability of Clevedon: St John the Evangelist to contribute to our Common Fund depends upon your parish's income and I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the support that is available to help you in the future should you need it, specifically our finance team and our Giving and Funding Advisers, whose task it is to help parishes address income issues. We have recently shared details of a range of new tools that can encourage generosity in your context, that not only make it simple and easy for a variety of people to give to your church in a way that suits them but also in a way that is easy for you to manage and administer. Do get in touch with them if you would like help in this area.

With my arrival as bishop, we are renewing and revitalizing our vision for the life and ministry of our parishes, schools and chaplaincies and this autumn Bishop Ruth and I will be visiting deaneries to discuss with members of parishes this longer-term work. Dates for our visits will be coming out soon and I do encourage you to be with us for those discussions.

Please may I finish by thanking you and everyone in the Parish of Clevedon: St John the Evangelist again for your continued support, it is deeply appreciated. If you have questions or comments concerning our financial challenges, then please don't hesitate to let me know. I continue to pray for parishes across the diocese, that we may together share the Gospel afresh in this generation.

Yours in Christ
+Michael

The path to recovery

The path to recovery is a long one. Progress has been made through the steps we have taken to tackle our financial challenges but we are not being complacent and continue to manage costs while ensuring parishes and deaneries receive the support they need.

Thank you

We recognise these are challenging times and continue to be grateful for our parishes who are working hard to meet their parish share commitments.

Despite the challenges we are all facing, I have witnessed some wonderful work being done to grow God's Kingdom in Bath and Wells. As we continue to build that Kingdom, let us not forget to give thanks for all those who have given generously in the past and also take a moment to pray for future generations of the Church, whom we are serving by doing God's work today.

Bishop Michael

Read about some of the wonderful work done in Bath and Wells at bathandwells.org.uk/annual-review



Pastoral reorganisation

- Many parishes are working through the challenging process of reorganisation.
- Stipendiary clergy will be reduced from 178 to 150.



Support Services

- The reshaping of our Support Services saw salary costs fall by 12%.
- The team has an even greater focus on deaneries, parishes, schools and chaplaincies.
- They also ensure we continue to meet our legal and statutory obligations.



Effective property / land management

- We are reducing the number of clergy houses from 252 to 220.
- We continue to ensure our remaining assets are utilised as effectively as possible.

Giving & funding

Ways to Give, a free platform for churches to promote the ways people can give to their church, with supporting promotional materials, is live.



Parish Giving Scheme now available to all churches



Discounted contactless devices available from November 23



Visit the Ways to Give website

Find out more about the giving and funding support available to churches at bathandwells.org.uk/giving-and-funding

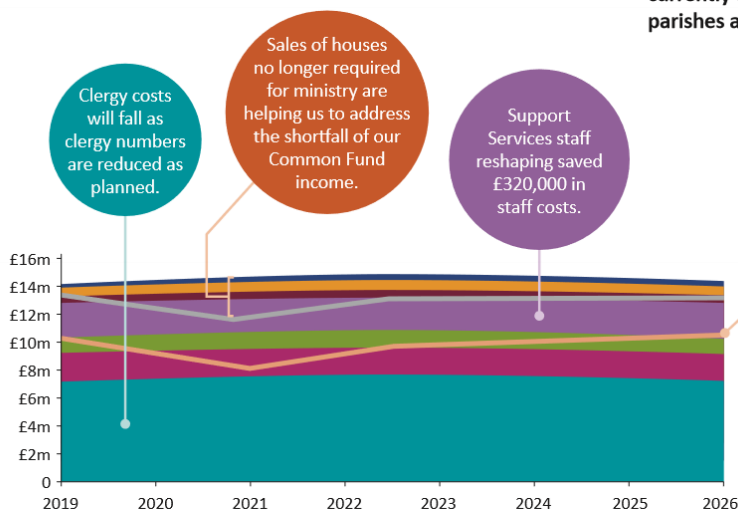
Tackling our financial challenges together

June 2023

Our financial situation is critical. In 2023 we are facing a shortfall of £1.7m, following on from 2022 when we had a deficit of £2.1m. Unless all of us act together this position will significantly increase the negative effects we are currently experiencing – both locally in parishes and across the wider diocese.

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Living the story. Telling the story.

Every parish gives, and every parish receives, which reflects all of us doing this together. It's why it's called the 'Common Fund'.



Expenditure

- Stipendiary related costs
- Housing costs
- Training costs
- Other costs including cost of borrowing

Income

- Support staffing costs
- National church contributions
- Other ministry support costs
- Parish share and parochial fee income
- Common Fund income (before gains and reserves utilisation)



By the end of 2026 there will no longer be a surplus of houses or other assets that can be sold without impacting future Common Fund income.

Currently, 30% of our benefices are asked to pay parish share that covers the cost of the ministry deployed in their benefice. The remaining 70% have the cost of their ministry subsidised from the Common Fund.

In reality, based on parish share actually paid, 80% are supported by the Common Fund, with only 20% covering the cost of ministry in their benefice.



Cost of a stipendiary priest

£55,449

- Stipend, pension & NI £38,809
- Housing related costs £13,254
- Training & support £3,386



Volunteers needed in Clevedon!

Help asylum seekers in temporary
accommodation feel welcome

We're looking for sensitive, friendly, proactive people to
give 2-4 hours a week (times and days flexible to suit)

More information:

rwns.org.uk/volunteer

Email:

volunteer.coordinator@rwns.org.uk



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