

St John the Evangelist **Newsletter**



SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

If you wish to contribute to the next edition of the newsletter, please email <u>office@stjohnsclevedon.org.uk</u> marking your email 'Newsletter Article' by 12 noon Thursdays weekly.

Church Services (also on-line)

Saturday 10 September – NO MASS Sunday 11 September – Twenty fourth Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Monday 12 September

18.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 13 September – St John Chrysostum

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 14 September – Holy Cross Day

10.00 Mass - Fr Robert Ward

Thursday 15 September

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 16 September – Ss Cornelius and Cyprian

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 17 September

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 18 September – Twenty fifth Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

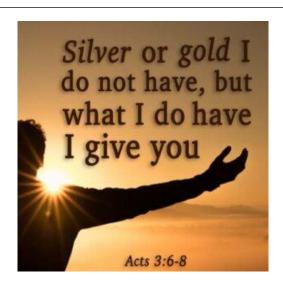
The Mass readings for this Sunday: Exodus 32:7-11 & 13-14 (Reader: Helen)

Psalm 51

R: I will leave this place and go to my Father

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Reader: Cameron)

St Luke 15:1-10 Intercessor – Martin



Words from Church Warden, Gary Lewis

When I joined St John's last year my first impressions were of the atmosphere of 'prayer in worship' in the services. This does not just happen. God's presence is not dependant on what we do, but what we do in worship and before worship certainly makes a difference to our ability to perceive God. Our church tradition places great importance on things being 'done well' and I keep noticing all the dozens of things that need to be done every week to allow us to maintain our tradition of worship - going to church is the tip of the iceberg.

Just over a week ago I met with Jess Crossley from Andrew House and the Changing Lives charity who are interested in using our church hall for some of their activities. Changing Lives work with men who are recovering from addictions. It was great to hear that June Fegredo from our congregation is already doing really positive work with them. Jess attended one of our services back in May and gave a brief introduction to the work of Andrew House. Their real need is for opportunities for Andrew House residents just to spend time with a variety of people as they begin to recover their confidence. I am certain that there are opportunities for others of us to get involved with Andrew House to mentor residents or help the leaders there with the work. On a very practical note Jess shared the amazon wish list of items that they still need to equip their building:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2SEV5Z75VC X2Z/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex. The PCC will be discussing how we can really get behind this work and I know that Father Brendan is very eager for us to be part of their story. I hope that some of us will be able to support them practically or financially.

It is characteristic of St John's that the congregation do not just turn up on a Sunday, vitally important as that is. People work hard for our church delivering service in a myriad of ways. I mentioned in last week's newsletter the very encouraging feedback from the Healthy Churches Survey and my further reflection on that is that our current virtuous cycle is built on people getting stuck in. That might be a simple definition of discipleship. See you on Sunday, if not before.

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PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Sunday 11 September Our Church and parish and the residents of Coleridge Vale Road East

Monday 12 September All farmers preparing for this year's harvest

Tuesday 13 September All who work in the food processing industry

Wednesday 14 September Feast of the Holy Cross

Thursday 15 September The Clevedon market traders; Our Lady of Sorrows

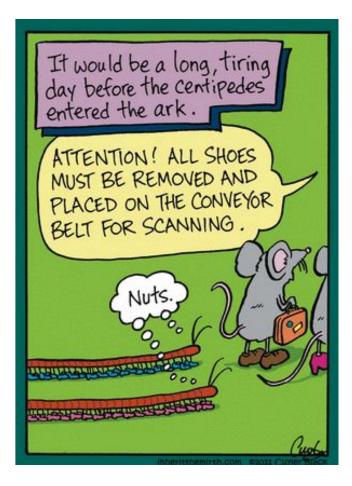
Friday 16 September Edward Pusey, one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement and his contemporaries

who founded Pusey House and library in his name

Saturday 17 September Our Lady of Walsingham, Our Lady of Lourdes and all other shrines dedicated to Our

Lady

Sunday 18 September Our Church and parish and all who live in Oldville Avenue



APPEAL for small (and quiet) children's toys or jigsaws to go into the play sacks we are planning to place at the back of the Church. Please speak to Nicola if you think you may be able to help and/or have something suitable.





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

(All subject to there being no changes in Covid restrictions)

Saturday 17 September Australian Evening – an entertaining talk with cheese, Aussie wine and extras. Tickets available for £7.50 per person **Sunday 2 October** Harvest Lunch – hot food in the Church Hall at 12.30. Tickets are £7.50 per person, children under 16 go free. **Sunday 30 October** Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass Saturday 19 November Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall – 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow. **Sunday 20 November** Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass Saturday 3 December Christmas Wreath Making in the Church Hall – 10.00 to 12.00 am. Details to follow. Saturday 3 December Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow.

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A voyage to Australia in the 1850s: the story of Mrs Margaret Lambton

Alison Soars will provide us with an evening of social history with the fascinating story of Margaret Lambton's voyage to a new life in Australia on the SS Great Britain. Accompanied with a selection of cheese, paté and

Australian wines.

Saturday 17 September 6.45pm for 7pm start.

This is a fundraising event for St.

Please support us.

Saturday 10 December

Tickets (£7.50) available from the back of the Church

Sick List

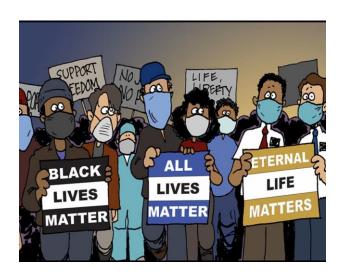
If you need to let the clergy know of anyone who is unwell and/or is needing pastoral care, please email office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk or mention this to David or Betty, our Sickness Points of Contact (SPOC's), after the service outside of the church building. Any requests will be passed on to Fr Brendan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

Offertory Collection

A recent review has resulted in a decision to continue with a retiring collection for all services, the collection plate is located just inside the church entrance, as is our Electronic Payment Card Reader for those of you who prefer not to carry cash (very much like the Queen) and wish to donate to the work of St John's.

Thank you to all the members of our church community near and far, who regularly make generous donations to the work of our church through the Planned Giving Scheme and have consented to gift aiding their donations to increase the amount we can receive into our church funds.

Planned Giving Scheme standing order forms are available inside the south door entrance. If you wish to join this scheme, please ask for more details from Nicola or Gary, Churchwardens or Fiona, PCC Treasurer. Thank you.



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.



Volunteers needed for Church clean

There will be a working party to clean the Church on Saturday 24th September at 10.30am in preparation for Harvest Festival on 2nd October. If you are able to spare some time, please join us. Please bring a cloth or two and tea/coffee and biscuits (perhaps even a doughnut) will be provided! Thank you! Sandra Coaker

Answers to Last Week's Quiz – thank you Celia!

- 1. 1929
- 2.1959
- 3. Toubal
- 4. Champs-Elysees
- 5. Joshua
- 6. 1660-1669
- 7. Hispaniola
- 8. Winston Graham
- 9. Geese
- 10. Bedlam
- 11. Chlorophyl
- 12. Picasso
- 13. Capitoline, Quirinal, Viminal, Esquiline, Caelian, and Aventine.
- 14. Mary Rose
- 15. Teeth
- 16. Benjamin Britten

AND GORDON'S POSERS

- a: Quartet of garden/table implements; Four Forks
- b: Not yet a river; Stream
- c: Disadvantage; **Downside**
- d: Mounted the bicycle/train/bus etc; Gotton

Fr Jeremy Hellier, who has preached at St John's in the past, has recommended the following radio programme to us, as a congregation which has supported Sea Sunday in the past. It is a BBC radio programme made for Sea Sunday on the work of Mission to Seafarers through the Port Chaplains. The primary focus of the programme is with Fr Jeremy's fellow Chaplain in South Wales, but Royal Portbury and Avonmouth gets a mention. In particular, the story of the chaplains' work with the cruise ship Marco Polo during lockdown is retold. The series is called 'All Things Considered' and the episode is called 'Faith on the Ocean Waves'. You can listen to the programme at the link below.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00192p1

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.



BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

On Monday 5th September 2022, in 43 minutes at the church of: CLEVEDON ST. JOHN

1260 CHANGES OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor: 6 cwt

Fiona Dixon Treble Mark Callow 4
Margaret James 2
Nicholas Dixon 3
Mark Callow 4
David James 5
Helen Callow Tenor



Conducted by David James

Clevedon Foodbank is still in need of donations to support people in need in Clevedon and the surrounding area. Rising prices for electricity, gas, petrol and food add to the difficulties of those affected by illness, disability, bereavement, unemployment or low wages.

If you would like to donate any of the items listed below, it would be appreciated.

Cereal Fruit juice
Tinned pasta Rice pudding
Tinned vegetables Custard

Tinned tuna Rice

Pasta sauce Cooking sauce
Biscuits Tinned meat
Soap Shower gel

Washing up liquid

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Donations of food may be brought to church and put into the purple bin in the porch, taken to the Food Bank depot in Knowles Road on Monday or Friday mornings, or put into the collection bin at Tesco's in Clevedon (Sainsbury's in Portishead, Waitrose in Nailsea). Tesco's add 20% to the value of donations.

For more information and how to ask for help if you need it, see their website at clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk, or contact them on info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk or tel. 07722 769529

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.

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

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/

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 contacted on 07940759891 or email her at churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk
Gary's email address is churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk
Thank you.

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.

HARVEST APPEAL

HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOOD BANK

WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.



DONATE MONEY

help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



SHOPPING LIST TOP FIVE ITEMS

Tinned Vegetables

Household cleaning products

and toiletries

Savoury Biscuits

Cereal

Don't forget ...

You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.



CLEVEDON DISTRICT FOODBANK clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk

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