



# St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 2022

ADVENT THREE

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 10 December

10.00 Mass and Holy Hour – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 11 December – Advent 3

10.30 Solemn Mass– Fr Brendan Clover

17.00 Christingle Service

### Monday 12 December

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 13 December – St Lucy

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 14 December

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Thursday 15 December

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 16 December

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 17 December (*O Sapientia*)

10.00 Mass and Holy Hour – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 18 December – Advent 4 (*O Adonai*)

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Service of Lessons and Carols

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 35:1-6 & 10 (*Reader: Alison*)

Psalms 146:6-10

**R: Come Lord and save us, come Lord and save us**

James 5:7-10 (*Reader: Judith*)

St Matthew 11:2-11

*Intercessor – Martin*

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

"Gaudete in Domino semper - Rejoice in the Lord always." (Philippians 4.4) Mass on Sunday opens with these words of St Paul and is therefore called "Gaudete" Sunday. The apostle urges Christians to rejoice because the Lord's coming, his glorious return is certain and will not be delayed.

The Church makes this invitation her own while she prepares to celebrate the great Feast of the Incarnation at Christmas, and as her gaze is focused ever more intently on Bethlehem.

Indeed we wait with hope, certain of Christ's Second Coming into our lives because we have experienced his first. I'm delighted that the Reverend Rosey Lunn is coming to preach for us on Sunday. She is a good friend of St John's, and a personal friend of mine over many years.

And don't forget that on Saturday Clevedon Choral will be singing Handel's Messiah. The performance starts at 7.30pm. That could be for you an Advent devotion.

Sunday sees the second of our Nativity Trails for children between 2 and 4pm, and our Christingle Service at 5pm.

With my very best wishes as Advent continues,  
Fr Brendan



## PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Saturday 10 December</b>	Our Lady of Walsingham, the shrine and all who work there, including Fr Kevin the priest administrator and Fr Harry, priest of St Mary's, and his congregation
<b>Sunday 11 December</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Byways Caravan Park, Cavell Court and Strode Court
<b>Monday 12 December</b>	Jane Frances of Chantal – founder of convents for women who wanted to follow their faith but couldn't tolerate the physical hardships of traditional convents
<b>Tuesday 13 December</b>	Lucy of Syracuse whose name in Latin means 'light' and has so become associated with the One True Light
<b>Wednesday 14 December</b>	John of the Cross – poet and teacher of the faith
<b>Thursday 15 December</b>	Market traders and retail outlets as they compete for trade in the run up to Christmas
<b>Friday 16 December</b>	All nurses, doctors, surgeons and consultants
<b>Saturday 17 December</b>	Our Lady the Blessed Virgin Mary. Eglantine Jebb, founder of the Save the Children Fund
<b>Sunday 18 December</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Catemead, The Hyde, Patchcroft and Freelands



### Free Family Christmas Activities

Children's Christmas trails with dressing up and Christmas crafts

St John's Church, Clevedon

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2.00pm-4.00pm

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00pm-4.00pm

(Designed for pre-school and primary school children)

Pop up café serving homemade cakes, tea and coffee.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

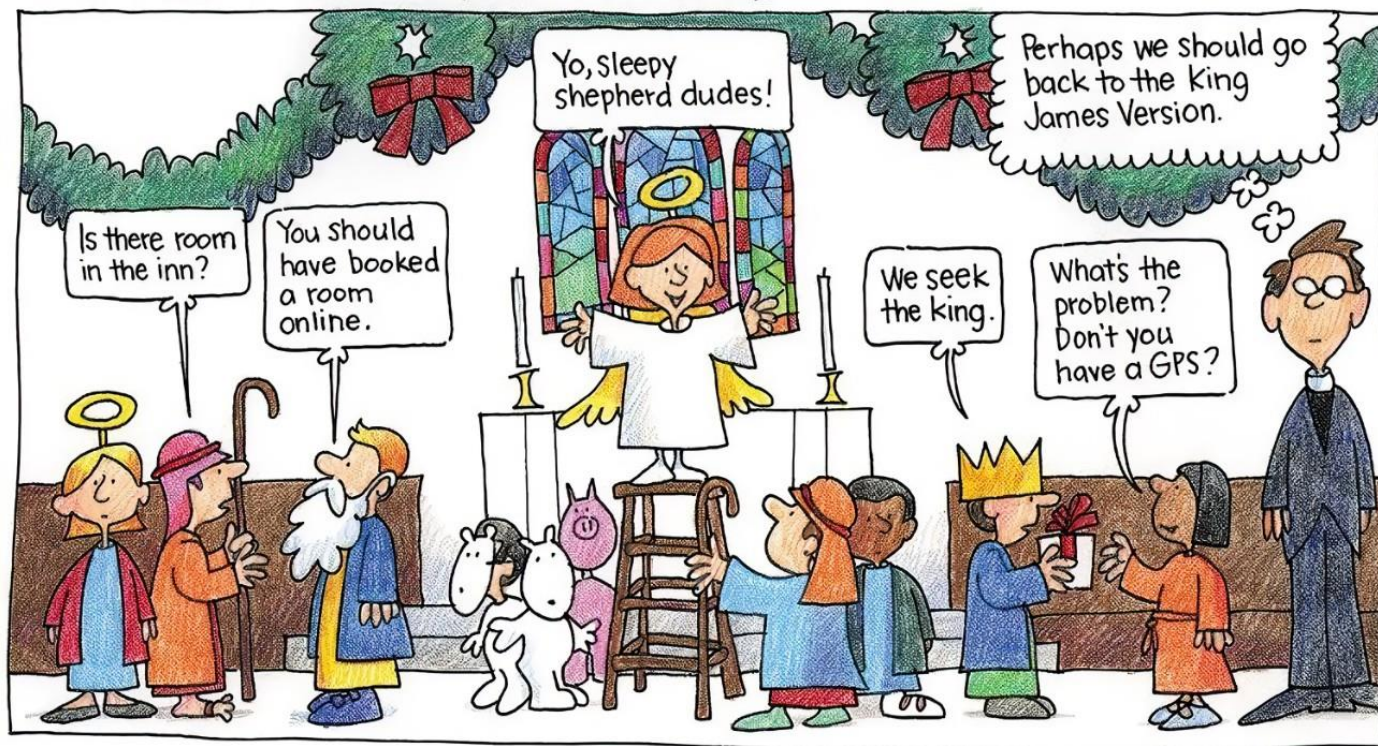
<b>Sunday 11 December</b>	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm.
<b>Friday 6 January</b>	Epiphany Party at the Vicarage after the 19.30 Mass
<b>Sunday 8 January</b>	Baptism of Christ – hot meal in the Church Hall after 10.30 Mass Details to follow
<b>Saturday 18 February</b>	Jumble Sale in the Church Hall – 14.00 to 16.00. Details to follow.

### Winners of the 100 Club for November are:

First: 34 Mike Soars, Second: 23. Martin Ingram, Third: 76. Mike Mason

**Congratulations!**

## THE RECTOR DROPS IN ON THE PAGEANT REHEARSAL



We are Christingle making at 12noon on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, meeting at the church steps. It shouldn't take longer than an hour. All help very gratefully accepted!

## CLEVEDON FOOD BANK NOTICES

### OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS (please note in your diary...)

#### OPEN:

Clevedon

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December (open normal times thereafter)

Yatton Foodbank Open as normal 9.30am - 11.30am

Nailsea Foodbank - open as normal Fridays 12.30-2.30

Portishead Foodbank - open as normal Fridays 12 pm - 2 pm

#### CLOSED:

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day )

For emergencies outside those times, our mobile phone (07722 769529) will be monitored and we will endeavor to get back to you as soon as possible.

Donation/activity	Most helpful if with us by
<b>Advent calendars:</b> these mean so much more if they're in children's hands at the right time!	Last two weeks in November, please!
<b>Donations of vouchers:</b> As a change to previous years we will no longer be accepting Christmas gifts- we have asked for vouchers (£5 & £10) High street, Supermarkets.	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December, please...
For anyone wishing to donate direct - these are our bank details	



Clevedon and District Foodbank CIO Account Number: 41477102 Sort Code: 40-17-50



**Donations of Christmas food:** please check our website and social media for the most-wanted items – this will be regularly updated.

The first week of December, please!  
(Please check the sell-by/use-by dates are long enough...)

## Family Outreach Activities

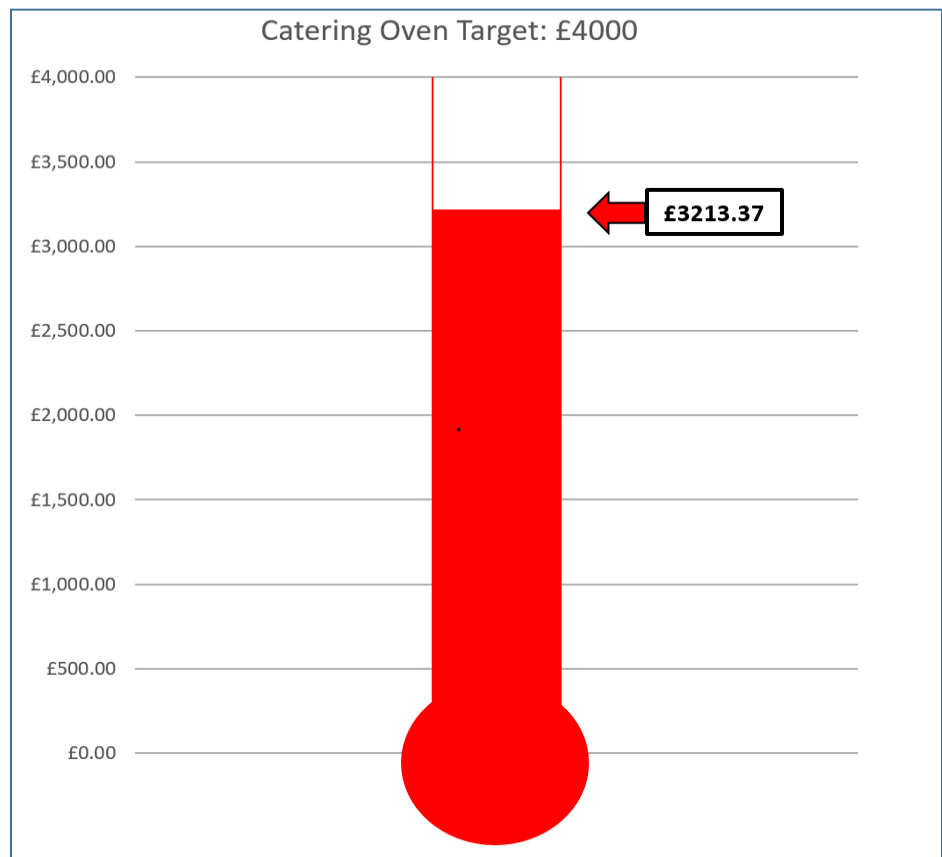


We are running children's Christmas trails and crafts twice in December - **this Sunday, 11 December 2-4pm**. This is aimed at primary and preschool children and their families as an introduction to our church and the Christmas story.  
is event

- Help with setting up church with tables etc (from 1pm)
- Help with serving refreshments
- Manning craft tables (no expertise is needed, all materials, instructions and models will be supplied)
- Welcoming families and helping to 'dress up' children as they come in.
- Help with clearing up.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or speak with Sarah Lewis.

**NEARLY THERE!**



## THE FUTURE

Planet earth is the future given to humanity by God.  
Oh, so very blessed and privileged we are to live on this magnificent planet.  
God has blessed each one of us with all the skills needed to be caretakers of our earthly home.  
With each and every step we walk may we always remember our role given to all of us by God as caretakers of his/her planet.

Jane Carter

## 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 King) 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.

**We have received this letter of thanks from Humanity and Inclusion UK. The money raised from Helen's talk to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict earlier in the year was donated to this charity specifically for aid in the Ukraine.**

*Thank you so much to the congregation of The Parish of Clevedon St John for their kind gift of £125.00 to our Ukraine Emergency Appeal. Your generosity will mean the world to someone who has lost everything this Christmas.*

*Since the start of the conflict our teams have been working tirelessly to respond to the urgent needs of people in Ukraine.*

*Your gift will allow us to send basic needs items, like hygiene supplies and warm bedding, to help people through the winter months ahead. It will also allow us to send medicine, mobility aids and other vital supplies to vulnerable families. Finally, by supporting Humanity & Inclusion you are helping us to train hospital staff and provide emergency rehabilitation and mental health services, which are vital for people who have been seriously injured, so they can start their long road to recovery.*

*Please extend my upmost thanks to your congregation and staff who gave to your collection. Their generosity will be a lifeline to disabled and vulnerable people in Ukraine and we are so grateful to have your kind support.*

*With my heartfelt thanks,*

*Laura*

*Supporter Care Team*

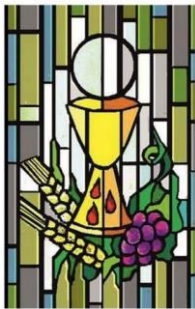
*Humanity and Inclusion UK*

**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.



## 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.

## Plant Sale May/June 2023

Please start thinking about this. If you are taking cuttings or splitting plants this autumn, please do a few extra for the church plant sale.



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](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

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

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.





### 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

### CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ Answers next week – Good Luck!

1. How many Wise Men travelled to see the child Jesus?
2. The Black Prince was the eldest son of which English monarch?
3. Which country includes the Galapagos Islands
4. How many runs were scored by England in the recent first day of the first Test against Pakistan?
5. Old Church Road, Old Street, Strode Road, Kenn Road, Colehouse Lane, Court Lane and Davis Lane were originally what construction dividing large stretches of land in Clevedon?
6. In which decade was Christopher Wren's St. Paul's Cathedral consecrated?
7. Which two fruits come from palm trees?
8. What is the first name of the character Inspector Clausau in the Pink Panther films?
9. What is the name of the tortoise from St. Helena Island recently reported as being 190 years old?

10. In which decade was colour TV developed?
11. Where is the headquarters of The World Health Organisation?
12. Which constituency does I'm A Celebrity participant Matt Hancock represent?
13. A type of monk and a type of monkey are both also known by which name?
14. Who founded the Society Of Friends at the end of the 17th century?
15. In which country is Mount Tremblant?
16. A hautboy is an old English name for which musical instrument?

### **And Gordon's Posers**

- a: Ancient excavation;  
b: Encourage a racing horse;  
c: 'D' knocks 'L' out of capital by the sound of it

### **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](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

Gary's email address is [churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

If you have any safeguarding questions or issues, please email [parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)





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