

St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2023

LENT THREE

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 11 March

10.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross
Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 12 March – Lent 3

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover
17.30 Lent Course and Benediction

Monday 13 March

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 14 March

10.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross
Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 15 March

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Thursday 16 March

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 17 March – St Patrick

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 18 March

10.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross
Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 19 March – Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover
17.30 Lent Course and Benediction

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Exodus 17:3-7 (Reader: Kevin)

Psalms 95

**R: O that today you would listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts'.**

Romans 5:1-2 & 5-8 (Reader: Judith)

St Matthew 17:1-9

Intercessor – Martin

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE ARCHDEACON OF BATH

As you are aware, Fr Brendan is currently the Interim Minister at St Johns, Clevedon until April 2024. All Saints Weston Super Mare, also a Society parish, has recently become vacant. Fr Brendan has been asked to also be the Interim Minister of All Saints WSM until April 2024 alongside his role at St Johns. This interim period will allow the current Deanery discussions about clergy deployment and possible pastoral reorganizations to continue, and to conclude, before any permanent decisions are made. Fr Brendan has very graciously agreed to take up this extension to his interim ministry. This has taken place in consultation with the wardens of both parishes. Fr Brendan will work closely with both parishes, their PCCs and officers, and seek to give appropriate and proportionate time to each as we discern the way forward and look for evangelistic and mission opportunities in the two communities. As those of you at St Johns already know, Fr Brendan is an excellent priest. He has done wonderful work at St John's over the last two years, and I trust he will be able to use his gifts to help grow the work at All Saints Weston Super Mare too. It is hoped to have Fr Brendan's licensing at All Saints Weston Super Mare on Wednesday 29th March.

*Ven Dr Adrian Youings
Archdeacon of Bath*

Prayer

is the breath, the watchword,
the comfort, the strength,
the honor of a Christian.

— Spurgeon

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

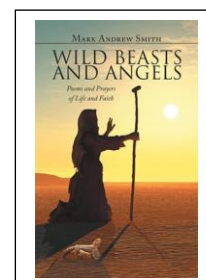
This year, the Third Sunday of Lent, the liturgy again presents one of the most profound passages of the Bible: the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. The Samaritan woman represents the existential dissatisfaction of one who does not find what he seeks. She had 'five husbands' and now she lives with another man; her going to and from the well to draw water expresses a repetitive and resigned life. However, everything changes for her that day thanks to the conversation with the Lord Jesus. Like the Samaritan woman, let us also open our hearts to listen trustingly to God's Word in order to encounter Jesus who reveals his love to us and tells us: 'I who speak to you am he', the Messiah, your Saviour.

We are well into Lent now, but it is never too late to commit to a closer walk with Christ by attending a weekday mass or devotion. See the notice below.

Yours ever,
Fr Brendan

What's Happening During Lent

- * Stations of the Cross after Mass every **Tuesday** and **Saturday**
- * 5.30pm every **Sunday** our Lent Course: The Aisle Windows - Talk, Lectio Divina, and Benediction
- * Every **Thursday**: Lent lunch (soup and a roll) after Market Mass with proceeds to Clevedon Food Bank
- * Our Lent Book is 'Wild Beasts and Angels' by Mark Andrew Smith. It is available from Blackwells (other retailers are available) for a cost of £11.23
- * Please make it part of your Lenten observance to attend at least one extra service each week.



PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 11 March	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham and members of St John's Cell
Sunday 12 March	Our Church and parish and all residents of Yeoward Road
Monday 13 March	The Commonwealth, all member states, its peoples, governors and leaders
Tuesday 14 March	Farmers and all food growers
Wednesday 15 March	Composers and musicians
Thursday 16 March	Our Clevedon market traders and all visitors to this town
Friday 17 March	St Patrick and Irish Christians of all faiths
Saturday 18 March	The Blessed Virgin Mary and all shrines dedicated to her
Sunday 19 March	Mothering Sunday – St Joseph, husband of our Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Church and parish and all residents of Hazell Close

CONGREGATIONAL LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Before Mass, talk to God
During Mass, let God talk to you
After Mass, talk to each other.

The Worship Committee want to suggest that we try to make that our Congregational Lenten Discipline this year to seek to recover the calm before the most important duty we can perform as Christians, our attending the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day.

So, we suggest that you might like to come earlier to church so that you can hear the glorious bellringing and say your hellos. The notices will be given at 10.25am sharp, and then silence descends until the Sacristy bell rings. That way, please God, we may be more prepared for all that is to follow.

LENT LUNCH

Don't forget the Lent lunch in the Vicarage after the Thursday Market Mass.
Soup and a bread roll with donations to Clevedon Food Bank.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 19 March	Rose Reception for Mothering Sunday Cream tea and prosecco in the Church Hall after Mass
Sunday 9 April	Celebration Sunday – Easter Day
Sunday 7 May	St John's Patronal Festival and Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles Bring and Share Picnic Lunch in the Church grounds (if fine) or Church Hall
Sunday 7 May	Organ Recital at 16.00 with a glass of wine afterwards
Thursday 11 May	Organ Recital by Matthew Clark at 19.30 with a glass of wine afterwards
Friday 12 May	Betjeman evening in the Church Hall at 19.30 with light refreshments
Saturday 20 May	Plant Sale – 10.00 – 12 noon in the Church grounds NEW DATE!
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 1 October	Harvest Lunch – 12.30 in the Church Hall
Saturday 2 December	Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall

SEE OF OSWESTRY CHRISM MASS



11.30am Monday 27 March at Worcester Cathedral

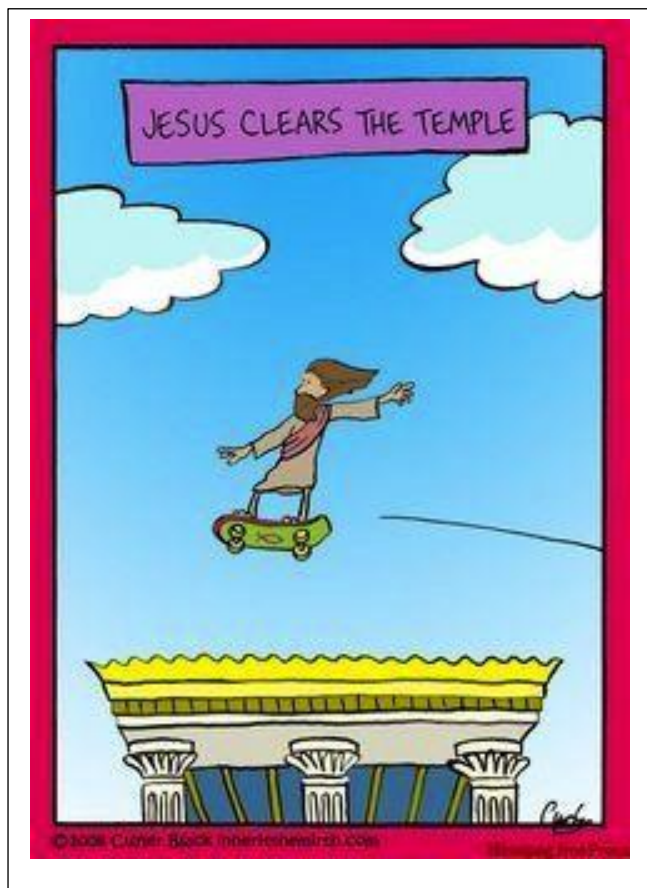
11.30am Thursday 30 March at Bristol Cathedral

11.30am Monday 3 April at Lichfield Cathedral

11 am Tuesday 4 April at Exeter Cathedral

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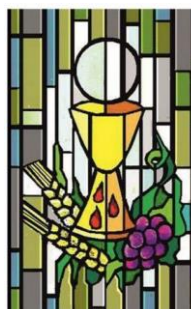
All are welcome at any of the above services. Please speak to Fr Brendan for more details.



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.

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.

Clevedon Choral Society is holding a quiz evening on **Wednesday 29 March** to raise funds for their May concert. The venue is Princes Hall, Clevedon at 6:45pm for a 7:15pm start. The cost is £5 a head (not a lot of money for an evening's entertainment 😊). Make up teams of 4 but if you want to come but can't make up a team then just drop David or Anne a message to reevefamily4@btinternet.com and they will sort it out. It would be good if you could confirm your team and team name here as well. Most importantly the bar will be open!



Plant Sale

Saturday 20 May - 10-12noon NEW DATE!
A date has now been set for our plant sale to be held in the church grounds.

If you are taking cuttings or splitting plants this winter/spring, please do a few extra for the church plant sale.

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/>

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.



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.



Do you have talents and experience to share?

After many years of loyal and dedicated service to this parish and the PCC, with much sadness we are saying farewell to our PCC Secretary, Sue and our Treasurer, Fiona at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in April. Sue and Fiona have done a fabulous job at keeping the PCC on track procedurally and financially. We thank them so much for all they have done for St John's Church.

We are now in search of replacements for Sue and Fiona, who are difficult acts to follow. However, both these roles are supported by the diocese who run an induction programme, regular updates, access to the diocese Finance Department and the Diocesan Secretary's office, plus buddies in similar roles in other parishes, and the support of the Churchwardens, PCC Chair and relevant sub-committees at St John's.

We hope the following provides a brief insight into the roles we are looking to fill:

PCC Secretary

The primary responsibilities of a PCC Secretary are to support the PCC Chair in the preparation and organisation of meetings and to handle all correspondence on behalf of the PCC. The Diocesan Office contacts the parish from time to time to request specific information, every effort is made to keep this to a minimum and all meeting agendas are issued and minutes stored electronically using Microsoft Office.

PCC Treasurer

You do not need to have been a treasurer of an organisation before. In many respects it is not dissimilar from keeping good control of household finances, however, if you have an understanding of some accountancy practice it will be useful but not essential. This role implements decisions made by the PCC. This role is also supported with diocesan induction training for new treasurers, updates and continued support throughout the financial year for all financial procedures and processes.

For further information about both roles please speak with Nicola or Gary, Churchwardens.

Electoral Roll Revision

We are revising the electoral roll, our list of members, in preparation for our Annual meeting, which will be on 23 April. If you are not on the roll please pick up a form in church. ***You need to be on the roll to vote or stand for office. If you are already on the roll you do not need to do anything.***



Celia Quiz answers!

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| 1. Dead Sea | 7. Avocet | 13. Lord Chancellor |
| 2. 19th (1813) | 8. Six | 14. Oxfam |
| 3. Caracus | 9. Alba | 15. Oman |
| 4. Haydn (101st) | 10. 1707 | 16. Nineteen Eighty Four (George Orwell) |
| 5. Dial Hill | 11. Erica | |
| 6. 1970s (1973) | 12. Poplar | GORDON'S
a: Midney ; b: Corny mount;
c: Woodland Street |

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

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
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