



# St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 11 December

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 12 December – Advent 3

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover  
Preacher – Revd. Antony Wareham

17.30 Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

### Monday 13 December – St Lucy

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 14 December – St John of the Cross

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 15 December

10.00 Mass – Rev. Preb. John Andrews

### Thursday 16 December

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 17 December

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 18 December

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 19 December – Advent 4

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover  
Preacher – Rt. Revd. Mike Hill

17.30 Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

### Monday 20 December

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 21 December

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 22 December

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Thursday 23 December

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 24 December – Christmas Eve

17.00 Family Crib/Christingle Service

18.00 Vigil Mass – Fr Robert Ward

23.30 Midnight Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 25 December – Nativity of the Lord

10.30 Mass of Christmas Day – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 26 December – Feast of the Holy Family

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Monday 27 December – St John the Evangelist

18.00 Mass with Carols – Fr. Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 28 December – Holy Innocents

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 29 December – St Stephen

10.00 Mass – Fr. Brendan Clover

### Thursday 30 December

12.30 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Friday 31 December

10.00 BCP Mass – Rev. Preb. John Andrews

### Saturday 1 January – Mary, Mother of God

12.30 Mass with Carols with Parish Cell OLW – Fr. Brendan Clover

### Sunday 2 January - Christmas 2

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening Prayer and Benediction

### Monday 3 January

18.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 4 January

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 5 January

10.00 Mass – Rev. Preb. John Andrews

### Thursday 6 January – The Epiphany of the Lord

19.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Friday 7 January

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 8 January

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 9 January – Baptism of the Lord

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening prayer from the BCP

The Mass readings for this Sunday:  
Zephaniah 3:14-18a (*Reader: Derek*)  
Psalm – Isaiah 12:2-6

***R: Sing and shout for joy, for great in  
your midst is the Holy One of Israel***

Philippians 4:4-7 (*Reader: Diane*)  
St Luke 3:10-18  
Intercessor – Peter

### **Daily Prayer (The Office)**

Evening Prayer is said publicly in church every day (except Wednesday) at 5.30pm.  
Morning Prayer is said at 9.30am when there is a 10.00am Mass.

### **Words from Fr Brendan Clover**

Dear Friends,

Fr Mark's sermon last Sunday was truly enlightening. I learned a lot from it, and I've been preaching on that text for nearly forty years, which proves we need to be life-long learners...

This Sunday we welcome Revd. Antony Wareham, the Minister at Clevedon Baptist Church in our parish. How good to welcome a Baptist minister on the Sunday, 'Gaudete' Sunday, when we focus on John the Baptist once again.

Sadly because of the pandemic the School's Christingle Service has been cancelled and will now take place at St John's School on Friday afternoon.

Similarly the Key Stage 2 Carol Service planned for Monday 13th December will take place at the school outside on the playing fields!

The soup at Advent Lunch on Thursday 16th December will be French Onion...

Once again I hope that you are having a holy Advent as well as a happy one. Not long to go now!

With the assurance of my prayers at this difficult time,

Fr Brendan

**The last edition of the Newsletter for 2021 will be for Sunday 19 December. Publication will resume for Sunday 9 January 2021.**



**The Vicarage Telephone Number is 01275 879617.**

### **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 at [parishpriest@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:parishpriest@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.

## The Clergy's Recommendations for Advent Reading

### Fr Brendan

My recommended Advent reading is John by Niall Williams.

*'What invisible drama plays, what passes to and fro in the columns of air above them, none knows, but the disciples think: perhaps the time is arrived at last.'*

Aged, blind and perilously frail, John the Apostle has walked ten thousand miles to tell of love. In a hundred years he has lived to witness sights and scenes that now cloud his mind. Of his followers, there are few remaining, banished with him to an island where they wait as storm clouds whip the island with rain. They wait for the world to free them from exile. They wait for signs that seem like they will never come.

But eventually a sign does come and together the disciples leave the island. They embark on a journey that will change their lives forever: a journey filled with purpose and fear which will test their belief - in love and in each other - to breaking point, and John must face his biggest battle yet.

### Prebendary John

I would recommend To Be a Pilgrim by Basil Hume. It is an old book (1984 though it has been reissued since then) but still very relevant to anyone who seeks to follow Christ. Hume explores spirituality in a series of short thoughts, the sort of work you can dip in to and it is a great encouragement answering many of the questions any of us might face. It is an easy read.

It is published by St Paul Publications. ISBN 085439 231 9. It is available on Amazon price £9.99.

If anyone thinks they might like to read it but cannot get hold of it they would be welcome to borrow my copy.

### Fr Robert

I'd suggest something like Tom Wright's 'Luke (or Matthew) For Everyone'. It is not academic, is easy to read and be bought for about £10 from Amazon.

## Advent Saturday Church Opening

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December -10.30 am and 1.00 pm**

The Church will be opened on the remaining two Saturdays in Advent, to show off our beautiful church to our local community. Light refreshments will be available. We plan to sell our draw tickets and the remains of the items from our church shop. It's an opportunity to raise some much needed funds as well.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help. Nicola & Kevin.

## BREAD AND SOUP CHARITY ADVENT LUNCHES



Advent Charity Soup Lunches continue this Thursday, 16 December, in the Vicarage at 1.00 pm (after the Market Mass, which begins at 12.30). Donations please, all proceeds will be sent to Clevedon Food Bank.

There is no need to book a place, though it would be useful for catering purposes to know how many people to expect! Please let Fr Brendan know of any special dietary requirements.



**Chat and Craft Group** is meeting every Thursday afternoon drop-in between 2 and 4pm. Bring your own project along to work on, and chat to fellow crafters. Normally we have the kettle on, but while the electrics in the church hall are being worked on please bring your own drink. I will bring biscuits.

For more information talk to Sue at church or ring on 01275 877710.



## CHRISTMAS MUSICAL EVENING

David Green is going to sing some Christmas songs and carols in the Church Hall at **7.00 pm this Friday 10 December**. This event will be free, but ticketed. Mince pies and mulled wine (or tea/coffee) will be available in the interval. Donations can be made to the Trussell Trust. Please let David know as soon as possible if you would like tickets – 07798 522918 or [dmewin44@gmail.com](mailto:dmewin44@gmail.com)

## 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/>

## CHRISTMAS FUND RAISING AND RAFFLE



It's not too late to buy raffle tickets for our major Christmas fund raiser. They are available at the back of the Church.

Please return any unused tickets, ticket stubs and money to Judith by **FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER AT THE VERY LATEST.**

If you have kindly donated raffle prizes, please bring them to Church this **SUNDAY, 12 DECEMBER** and give them to Debra or Judith.

If you would like to give a raffle prize, but haven't put your name down, please just bring your gift along and give it to Debra as above.

## Barrels and Carols Sat 18th Dec 6pm-8pm

This is an event where we get together, sing some carols, and enjoy a glass (or two) of wine with pizza and have some fun. The idea was introduced to us by Fr Trevor and has now become a tradition in our Parish and was greatly missed last year. It is an opportunity for a little R&R during our Christmas preparations and this year will include the drawing of the winning tickets in our Grand Draw! Please see Nicola for a ticket as numbers will have to be limited with Covid in mind.

## Christmas Greetings

As we did last year, there will be an opportunity to send Christmas Greetings to our readership in the last Newsletter before Christmas. This will be the Newsletter for Sunday 19th December so please could your messages be sent to **office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk** or written messages handed to Nicola or Kevin Coaker and they will ensure that they are included. Please could this be done by **Thursday 16th December** to guarantee inclusion.

## Decorating the Church Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am-1pm

We are decorating the church for Christmas, thank you to those who have volunteered to decorate windows.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

<b>Saturday 18 December 18.00 – 20.00</b>	Barrels and Carols at the Vicarage. £4.00 per ticket, £3.00 for 10-18 year olds, free for under 10s. Tickets limited to 40 – first come, first served!
<b>Monday 27 December St John the Evangelist 18.30</b>	Mass with carols, followed by cheese and wine at the Vicarage
<b>Thursday 6 January The Epiphany</b>	Mass at 19.30, followed by cheese and wine at the Vicarage
<b>Sunday 30 January Candlemas</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 27 February Last before Lent</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 27 March Mothering Sunday</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 17 April Easter Day</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 29 May Ascension Day Festivities</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 26 June</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 24 July</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 21 August</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

## CELIA'S QUIZ

ANSWER ME THIS- - -

1. Where in Clevedon is there a blue plaque to the nurse Edith Cavell?
- 2: Where was the first pillar box in Britain situated?
3. What is the chief seaport in Israel?
4. In which year was the first episode of Dr. Who screened?
- 5: In the New Testament who is given as the father of Joseph?
6. Which museum ship is anchored at Greenwich?
7. Which gemstone is an impure form of quartz?
8. Which Shakespeare play refers to “an owl’s wing and a newt's eye”?
9. Who is the main character of the comic Dandy?
10. Which important man sold Hyde Park for £17,000 in 1652?
11. What type of animal are mountain goats?
12. Which player won six Wimbledon Women’s Singles Titles in succession?
13. What cargo did the Chinese spacecraft bring back in the 2020s?
14. Which 18th century King of England spoke no English?
15. In which English county is the Isle of Sheppey?
16. Which popular carol was written by Nahum Tate in 1698?

## GORDON'S POSERS

- a: Crossing for an old sailor?: b: Booming bird? almost:  
c: Teeming with pigs?: d: No upland for ewes

## Important Public Notice

### **Statutory School Admissions Arrangement Consultation**

#### **Proposals to Alter The Admission Arrangements Applying For St John the Evangelist Church School**

##### **The Consultation:**

In accordance with the requirements of the 2021 School Admissions Code, the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust is proposing to remove the designated catchment area for St John the Evangelist Church School which is currently used to prioritise admission applications in the event of oversubscription (Criterion 3).

This proposal is subject to public school admission arrangements consultation according to the timeframe and arrangements set out below. It is proposed that the catchment area will be officially removed on 1 September 2023.

The reason for removing the catchment area is to generally improve the level of fairness for all children. It will no longer be the case that admission applications for children living within a defined catchment line on a map will be prioritised over those applications for children who live more locally when measured by straight line distance. Proximity of the home address to school will determine the application priority whereby those living closest to the school by straight line measurement will be given the higher priority. This also helps to support the principle of a wider school choice for parents and children.

You may view the proposed School Admission Arrangements and changes here:

**[North Somerset Admissions – BWMAT](#)**

The consultation will open on **3rd December 2021** and will close on **21st January 2022**.

During this period, you are invited to submit any comments concerning the proposals by letter or email:

**Please e-mail:** [AdmissionsNSom@bwmat.org](mailto:AdmissionsNSom@bwmat.org)

**Please write to:** Admission Arrangement Consultation (North Somerset)  
Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust  
Flourish House  
Cathedral Park  
Wells  
BA5 1FD

##### **What happens next?**

Following closure of the consultation, the Admission Authority will meet to consider any comments returned during the consultation period. Within eight calendar weeks of the consultation ending, a response will be published on the school website and consultees will be informed of this.

Once agreed in final form the Admission Authority will publish the 2023/24 Admission Arrangements on the school website by 15th March **2022**.

## **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.

Please follow us on our new website at: <https://www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/> or 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.

**For those a bit more 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.**





## Sunday 12 December 2021 – Advent 3

### **Don't Worry, Pray**

Bible readings Philippians 4: 4-7 (Luke 3: 7 - 18 )

#### Questions

- What do you worry about most?
- How might praying instead of worrying help?
- Can you think of a time when you experienced the peace of God?

#### Prayer suggestion

Pray that God's peace would guard the hearts and minds of those who are anxious

***We walk in the light of God.***

***We live in the light of God.***

***We are always in the peace of God.***

***We are protected by the power of God***

***God, we give you THANKS***

***Amen***

#### This week's challenge

Start each day by bringing your worries to God in prayer

#### Activity suggestions:

1. Activity sheet for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent
2. Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Luke 3: 7 - 18

**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)**

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

HELPED BY THE TRUSSELL TRUST

**HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS CHRISTMAS**

In the week leading up to Christmas Clevedon, Nailsea, Portishead and Yatton foodbanks will be giving out Christmas hampers, and parcels to local individuals and families in crisis. Please support us by purchasing an item from the shopping list

**DONATE FOOD**  
Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.

**DONATE MONEY**  
Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

**SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS**

- Christmas Cake
- Savoury Biscuits
- Hot Chocolate
- Chocolate/ Sweets
- Toiletries
- Long Life Squirty Cream
- Long Life Juice
- Pringles
- Soft Drinks
- Tinned Salmon

Don't forget...  
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

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thank you

www.clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk  
info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk

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## *ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES*

### **Sunday 19th December**

5.30pm LESSONS AND CAROLS

### **24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE**

5pm FAMILY CRIB/CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

6pm Vigil Mass

11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS

### **25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY**

10.30am MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY

### **26th December - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

10.30am SOLEMN MASS

### **27th December - FEAST OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

6pm MASS WITH CAROLS

### **28th - 31st December**

Mass at the usual times

### **1st January 2022 – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

12.30pm MASS WITH CAROLS

### **2nd January – SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

10.30am SOLEMN MASS

5.30pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

### **6th January – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

19.30pm SOLEMN MASS and Vicarage Party