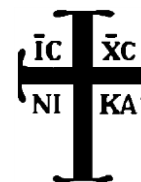




St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY, THIRD BEFORE LENT

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)

Sunday 13 February – Sixth Sunday, Third before Lent

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening prayer from the BCP

Monday 14 February – Ss Cyril and Methodius

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 15 February

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 16 February

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Thursday 17 February

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 18 February

10.00 Mass from the BCP – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 19 February

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 20 February – 7th Sunday, Second before Lent

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Jeremiah 17:5-8 (*Reader: Cameron*)

Psalms 1

**R: Happy are those who have placed
their trust in the Lord**

1 Corinthians 15:12 & 16-20 (*Reader: Helen*)

St Luke 6:17 & 20-26

Intercessor – *Martin*

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Have you ever wondered about Septuagesima Sunday, Sexagesima Sunday, and Quinquagesima Sunday? What are these Sundays, and what's so special about them?

Septuagesima Sunday is the third Sunday before the start of Lent, which makes it the ninth Sunday before Easter. Traditionally, Septuagesima Sunday marked the beginning of preparations for Lent.

No one is quite sure why Septuagesima Sunday bears that name. Literally, *Septuagesima* means "seventieth" in Latin, but contrary to a common error, it is not 70 days before Easter, but only 63. The most likely explanation is that Septuagesima Sunday and Sexagesima Sunday derived their names from Quinquagesima Sunday, which is 49 days before Easter, or 50 if you include Easter. *Quinquagesima* means "fiftieth."

In any case, it was common for early Christians to begin the Lenten fast immediately after Septuagesima Sunday. Just as Lent today begins 46 days before Easter, since Sundays are never a day of fasting, so, in the early Church, Saturdays and Thursdays were considered fast-free days. In order to fit in 40 days of fasting before Easter, therefore, the fast had to start two weeks earlier than it does today.

Sexagesima Sunday is the second Sunday before the start of Lent, which makes it the eighth Sunday before Easter. *Sexagesima* literally means "sixtieth," though it falls only 56 days before Easter. It most likely takes its name from Quinquagesima Sunday, which is 49 days before Easter, or 50 if you count Easter itself. Quinquagesima Sunday is the final Sunday before the start of Lent, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, which makes it the seventh Sunday before Easter. *Quinquagesima* literally means "fiftieth." It is 49 days before Easter, or 50 if you count Easter itself. Similarly, Pentecost Sunday is

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A MERRY HEART
DOETH GOOD
LIKE A MEDICINE.
PROVERBS 17:22

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said to be 50 days after Easter, but the number is calculated by including Easter in the count.

When the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar was revised in 1969, the three pre-Lenten Sundays were removed; they are now denominated simply as Sundays in Ordinary Time. Septuagesima Sunday, Sexagesima Sunday, and Quinquagesima Sunday are all still observed in the celebration of the traditional Latin Mass and in the Book of Common Prayer and in Common Worship.

So, there you have it! Let there be no misunderstanding!

And some good news before I go... all electrical works in the Upper Hall and Staircases are now complete.

Fr Brendan



The Vicarage Telephone Number is 01275 879617.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The PCC strategy day some time ago identified the need for a Parish Administrator to help us as a growing parish.

This is now offered as a voluntary position that attracts an annual Honorarium payment, with flexible, agreed, hours responding to current needs.

The post holder will need to be computer literate and personable.

We hope to create an office in the vestry of the church, but it may be necessary initially to work from home or in the Vicarage. Is this you?

Please have a word with Fr Brendan if you are interested and he will share the job description.

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Sunday 13 February

Our Church and Parish, and this week we pray for the residents of Coxway

Monday 14 February

St Valentine and all who have no-one to love and care for them

Tuesday 15 February

Sports men and women who give time to train and encourage young people

Wednesday 16 February

St Sigfrid and all Christians who live in Sweden

Thursday 17 February

SPCK, the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge

Friday 18 February

The Ugandan martyrs and all Christians who suffered at the hands of Idi Amin

Saturday 19 February

All doctors and nurses who specialise in cancer care

Sunday 20 February

Our Church and parish and this week we pray for the residents of The Chaffins,
The Penns and Plumer's Close

Dear friends,

This week we have been asked to join with Churches together in Clevedon in prayer for the following topics:

- For God's Kingdom to come and His will to be done in Clevedon, as it is in heaven
- For diplomacy to bring about a peaceful resolution to the tensions in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia
- For the church Globally, Nationally and Locally to act wisely in respect of our stewardship of planet earth
- For wisdom in the government's decision making re Covid restrictions
- For Clevedon Quakers.

So let us join with our fellow believers in our town in praying for these situations. 'A community that prays together stays together'.

Fr Brendan

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

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.

A message from Richard

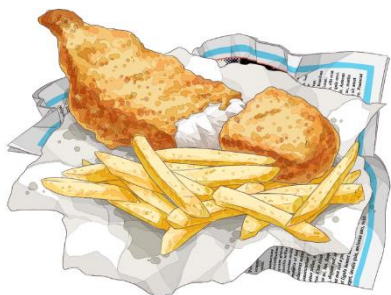
I have nearly completed my four week placement with St John the Evangelist and am writing to say goodbye, at least for the moment. The joint benefice of Christ Church, Nailsea with St Quiricus and St Julietta in Tickenham released me from my duties as a licensed reader there so that I could complete my reader training, which was much delayed due to the pandemic.

I would like to give a big thank you to Father Brendan and everyone who has made me feel so welcome during my time with you. I have found the love and friendship shown to me by you all to be quite overwhelming and this has made my time with you pass so quickly. Working within a different churchmanship than I am used to has been so much easier than it might otherwise have been. I am aware that some have willingly given up their duties on the rota so that I can experience lesson reading, intercession leading and finally preaching a sermon during Solemn Mass on my final Sunday.

Both my wife, Angela, and I would love to visit you again in the future when time allows so it is not really goodbye but au revoir.

Every blessing

Richard Wheller



FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

(With THREE quizzes and a raffle)

Saturday 26 February at 6.30 pm

in the Church Hall.

Tickets for sale at the back of church on Sunday

- £8.00 per person/£4.00 for under 12's

Numbers limited

Raffle prizes gratefully accepted

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Saturday 26 February

Fish and Chip Supper in the Church Hall (see details above)

Sunday 27 February

Last before Lent

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

Sunday 27 March

Mothering Sunday

A Rose Reception in the Church Hall

All things pink, plus cream scones and cakes

Monday 11 April and Tuesday 12 April

Easter Egg Hunt and Pop up Café in the Church
(details to follow)

Sunday 17 April

Easter Day

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in the Vicarage after Mass

Friday 6 May

St John's Patronal Festival

Festival Mass at 19.30: Revd. Canon Peter Newby, Canon of
Westminster Cathedral will be our preacher

Saturday 7 May

Lunch Time Concert
and Parish Dinner

Sunday 5 June

HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Parish Picnic in the Church grounds

Sunday 26 June

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

Sunday 24 July

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

Sunday 21 August

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass



From Advent to Lent

Our parish fund raising during Advent proved to be successful. Lunches during Advent raised £240 for Clevedon Foodbank and our Christingle raised £128 for the Children's society (a £111 of which was given with Gift Aid). Thank you to all who participated, gave and prepared.

Christmas has been and gone, the end of Epiphany nears and Lent is now on the horizon.

If anyone has palm crosses from past years and would like them burnt for ash to be used on Ash Wednesday (2nd March), please bring them to St. John's leaving them on the west end altar as soon as possible by Thursday 25th February latest.

Thank you, **Martin**.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Betty will be taking orders for her famed Easter biscuits soon.
More details, including the price, will follow.



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. 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.

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/>

SAVE THE DATE!

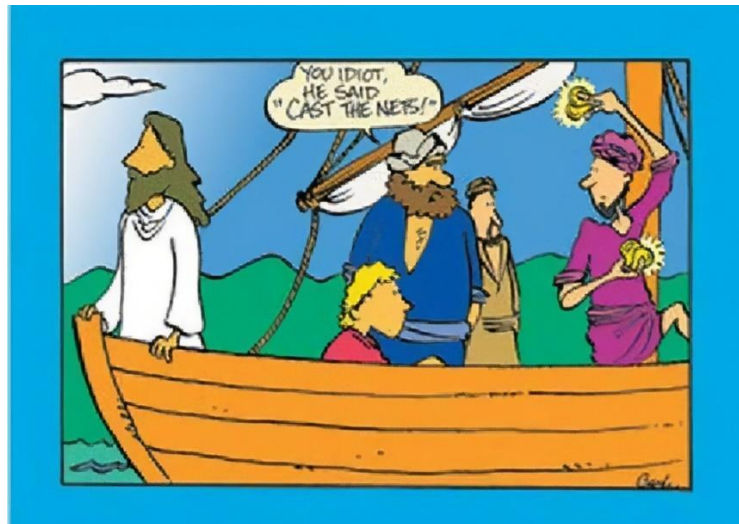


Nailsea Choral Society's next concert will be a performance of **Stainer's Crucifixion**, to be held on **Saturday 26 March at 7.30 pm** in Nailsea Methodist Church. This wonderful piece will be performed by the choir, organ and professional soloists.

Tickets cost £6.00/£12.00.

Further information will be available on the Society's website soon

www.nailseachoral.org.uk and Facebook page: Nailsea Choral Society.



ANSWERS TO CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ

HAVE A BRAIN WAVE

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| 1. Bristol & Exeter Railway | 2. 1983 |
| 3. Zealand | 4. Animal Farm |
| 5. Bethany | 6. 1265 |
| 7. Hyacinth Macaw | 8. Jamie Oliver |
| 9. Taxed | 10. John Adams |
| 11. Czech Republic | 12. Tenpin Bowling |
| 13. Veal | 14. 325 days |
| 15. Cork | 16. Bela Bartok |

AND GORDON'S POSERS

- a: A small settlement above the floods; **High Littleton** b: Blossoming trees here or remains of a fire; **Ashwick**
c: Military encounter location; **Battle Borough** d: Sitwell meadow; **Edith Mead**

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 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.

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.



St John's Children's Club

Sunday 13 February 2022 – 3rd Sunday before Lent

Curse or Blessing

Bible reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-10 (Luke 5: 1-11)

Questions

What is the difference between a blessing and a curse?
What does the reading say about how you can receive God's blessing?
Do blessings only come from God?

Prayer suggestion

Thank God for the blessings in your life

Lord God,
You have made our hearts big enough to hold you.
We welcome you into our hearts,
our lives,
Our homes.
Amen.

This week's challenge

Ask God to bless someone who really needs a blessing

Activity suggestions

- Activity sheet for Proper 2
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Luke 5: 1-11

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)