



# St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 13 JUNE 2021

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 12 June

**10.00** Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 13 June – Eleventh Sunday

**10.30** Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

**17.30** Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

### Monday 14 June

**18.00** Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 15 June

**10.00** Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 16 June

**10.00** Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Thursday 17 June -

**12.30** Market Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Friday 18 June

**10.00** BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 19 June

**10.00** Mass in – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 20 June – Twelfth Sunday

**10.30** Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

**17.30** Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

As I write this, I am taking a small part in a National Conference for people involved in chaplaincy in schools and colleges, hosted on the internet. I am to lead Compline from the centre stage to end the day.

We have just had a keynote address from Timothy Radcliffe, the Dominican theologian. He was addressing the theme of 'hope', part of the Conference theme. He said something truly memorable... that the Eucharist is the great sacrament of hope. And he then placed the Last Supper in the context of the betrayal by Judas, the denials of Peter, the exit strategies being worked on by all the disciples, the forthcoming passion and death of Jesus. Everything looks bleak. It feels like failure. But into that bleakness the Lord takes bread 'this is my body', and wine 'this in my blood'. He presents those around him with himself, his lifeblood as a gift.

During the pandemic it seems to me that we have tried to do that. Faced with uncertainty, with the possibility of catching COVID even from those we love, in amongst all the restrictions on our daily lives, we have held onto our Lord as he gives himself to us in the Mass, and we have been given hope as his gift.

The Eucharistic life of our Church and our parish are offered to you day by day as a gift. It is a gift that challenges the way the world thinks and acts because it is the gift of life, not the possession of things. The One who was sold for thirty pieces of silver, gives us his flesh and blood. Gifts can be, and are, offered, but they must also be received. There is a chance everyday of each week for you to receive this gift. At the heart of the sacramental imagination is this notion of gift. We receive the gift of the Lord's body and blood so that we ourselves might become gifts to others.

Ever,  
Fr Brendan

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (*Reader: Celia*)

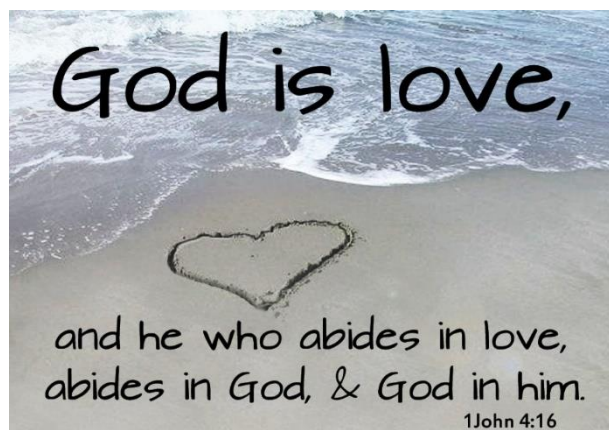
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (*Reader: Nicola*)

St Mark 4:26-34

Psalm 92

**R: It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.**

(*Intercessor: Judith*)



Our Church is offering a **Friday After School Club** (as a pilot project) after half term, from 11th June. All pupils at St John the Evangelist School are welcome, but if in reception through to year 2 they need to be with a sibling or a parent helper. Pupils will be collected from St John the Evangelist School at the end of the school day each Friday and will be walked to St John's Church Halls for refreshments and activities in the Church Hall and the beautiful Church Grounds. Parents are invited to collect their children from the Church Hall between 5.30pm and 6pm. As this is a pilot project, in order for us to cover our costs, the charge will be £3 per pupil per session, £2 for siblings. Payment can be made via a QR code, or a link which will be supplied. Please let the school know if you would like your child to attend, before half term, and if anyone would like to volunteer to be part of this new enterprise, please let the school know or Fr. Brendan.



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

### **WEBSITE**

We now have a new website. Please log into it 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)

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

Evening Prayer is said publicly in church every day (except Wednesday) at 5.30pm.

From September on the first Sunday of the month there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Evening Prayer.

Morning Prayer is said at 9.30am when there is a 10.00am Mass.

### **Diocesan Week of Prayer for Young People**

During the week of 13–19 June 2021, the Go Team are planning a focused week of prayer for young people. The Go Team will be praying together (online) for an hour each day between 12.00 and 13.00 and we would love churches across the diocese to join us. This could be at the same time as us or at a time that best works for you and your church. We would love churches across the region to join us in prayer from wherever you are. Prayers can be online or in person (safely), silent or spoken; it is up to you and your church. The only thing we ask is you pray specifically for young people aged 11+.

### **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.



## Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady Walsingham

The arrangements for our pilgrimage are in hand and the dates are confirmed, 21 to 24 October 2021. The cost per person is £192 Half Board (bed, breakfast and evening meal) or £222 Full Board (bed, breakfast, lunch and evening meal).

A £10 deposit is needed payable as soon as possible. Please send a bank transfer to the PCC account  
Sort code: 52-21-39

Account number: 92696767

Account name: PAROCHIAL CNCL JOHNS CLEVEDON

Use your Surname & the reference Walsingham to identify the payment for Fiona, the Treasurer please.

Travel remains to be arranged. Accommodation will be in either twin or single bedrooms within the environs of the Shrine. Please contact Peter Woolf at 38 Somerton Road, Clevedon, telephone 07976209344 or email [pedmw@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pedmw@blueyonder.co.uk) to both confirm your attendance on the pilgrimage and that the deposit has been paid.

There are several ways you can prepare for the pilgrimage. If you are not already a member of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham, please consider joining. You will receive regular newsletters giving the Shrine's up to date information. The cost of becoming a member of the Society is £20 single or £35 for a couple per annum. If St John's has 7 members (not including Father Brendan) we can form a Walsingham Cell, a way of strengthening the ties with the Shrine within the worshipping community of St Johns.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter – details as above.

### UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Please note, this is a provisional list and all are Covid restriction dependant.

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Celebration Sunday**

Bring your own hot drinks - wine, sherry and cakes will be served

#### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Parish Picnic in the Church Grounds after 10.30am Mass.**

Bring your own picnic, drink, picnic, or deck chair.

#### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Parish BBQ -4.00 pm**

In the parish grounds, details to follow.



### Votive Candles



We will continue to ask for a show of hands at the beginning of the service. This is to indicate how many votives our members and visitors would like lit by a Server and extinguished at the end of the service. This will continue until Covid-19 restrictions change. Thank you. for your co-operation.

## ON LINE GIVING

Here is the link for our new 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. Thank you to Fiona for implementing this.

## **Wellspring Counselling Service continues to offer vital support**

Wellspring Counselling has been caring for people across North Somerset since 1994. The service provides affordable, professional counselling for adults as well as donation-based counselling for young people aged 11 to 18.

Wellspring has counsellors available to help adults with a wide range of concerns, including anxiety, depression, relationship issues, abuse and bereavement. All counsellors are professionally trained, have regular clinical supervision and engage in Continued Professional Development.

If you think counselling could benefit you please call the reception team on 01275 810879 or email [reception@wellspringcounselling.org.uk](mailto:reception@wellspringcounselling.org.uk) For more information visit [www.wellspringcounselling.org.uk](http://www.wellspringcounselling.org.uk)

## **Covid-19 Restrictions**

**(Updated 17<sup>th</sup> May)**

**Please be reminded the following applies to our worship in church so we can remain open.**

- If you have symptoms please stay at home and worship with us on-line (all our services are Livestreamed).
- Masks must be worn (if you cannot wear a mask please consider a visor)
- Please use the hand sanitizer provided on entering the church and when reading at the lectern
- Please provide your contact details for Track and Trace or use the QR code
- Please follow the one-way system using the direction arrows on the aisles
- The government and Church of England Guidelines prevent any socialising in church apart from within your own households or bubbles, otherwise the two-metre 'rule' applies for communal worship.
- Please refrain from speaking to anyone before the service.
- Once seated please remain in your seat.
- At the end of the service please leave via the South Door.
- Please refrain from entering the Vestry, this is for Clergy and Servers only.
- Keep the South doorway clear for others to exit and do not re-enter the church once left.
- Please be reminded the rule of 30 applies outside the church.



Donations to Clevedon Food Bank can be put in the Food bank bin at Tesco, taken to the Food Bank in Knowles Road on Mondays or Fridays between 9.30 and 11.30 am, or added to your local street collection.

**There is also a basket in the porch at Church for your goods. Please deposit them when entering the building. Thank you.**

### **TICKING ALL THE BOXES?**

1. Where in Clevedon is the newly introduced Clevedon Cobra?
2. When were driving Tests introduced into England?
3. What is the capital of Jordan?
4. Which composer wrote Flight Of The Bumblebee?
5. From which island was the Book Of Revelation written?
6. What feat of endurance was achieved by two people on 29 May 1953?
7. Queen Alexandra is the name of which creature?
8. How many players are there in an ice hockey team?
9. What English county has in it the town of Snodland?
10. Who launched the Girl Guides in 1910?
11. What colour is Uranus?
12. What fictional land did C. S. Lewis create?
13. What was Queen Victoria's actual first name?
14. Which revolutionary planted a bomb to "send the Scots back to Scotland"?
15. Which hybrid fruit is produced from a plum and apricot?
16. What board game is a new version of Scrabble?

### **GORDON'S**

a: Badgers' Shade; b:Scratching a Living Here: c: Where Bristol's River opens wide:  
d: Cemetery for chickens.

If you need to contact a Churchwarden please contact Nicola Coaker or Nick Dixon. Nicola can be contacted on 07940759891 or email her at [churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)  
Nick's email address is churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk Thank you.

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

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.**



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**St John's, Sunday Club**

**Sunday 13 June 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Hidden Potential**

Bible readings – Mark 4: 30-34

Questions

What are the smallest and largest things you own?

Who has helped you understand what it means to be a Christian?

What can you tell a friend that will help them understand more about God?

Prayer suggestion

Pray that God uses the small things in your life to affect others

*God, you have given us certain powers:*

*We can make the world around us a good place*

*or a bad place*

*We can live at war*

*Or seek peace.*

*Help us sow the seeds of love and peace –*

*The seeds of your kingdom –*

*In our hearts, in our homes*

*And in the world around us.*

*Amen*

This week's challenge

Plant some mustard seeds and watch them grow

Activity suggestions:

- Sheet for Proper 6
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Mark 4: 26-34

**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)**