

St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2024

SECOND SUNDAY, EPIPHANY 2

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 13 January

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 14 January – Epiphany 2

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 15 January

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 16 January

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 17 January – St Antony

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 18 January

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 19 January

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 20 January

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 21 January – Third Sunday, Epiphany 3

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Mark Smith

17.30 Evening Prayer

Words from Church Warden, Gary Lewis

This has been a profoundly sad week for us as a church family. We have lost someone we loved and cared for and our thoughts and prayers are with Derek, Kevin, Nicola, Hannah, Poppy and the whole Coaker family circle. We pray too for Sandra who is now in God's nearer presence.

I was deeply moved to hear Father Robert talk in his sermon last Sunday of the way that Sandra had witnessed to her Christian faith to staff and patients at Weston Hospital. To receive a diagnosis of terminal illness and have only love and gratitude to express is a quite incredible thing and tells us so much of the depth and beauty of Sandra's faith. We have seen that same faith and absolute confidence in God's goodness in Sandra's family. Our conversations in church and on WhatsApp have also been full of love, concern and Christian hope. God's grace has been working among us lifting us up, even in our sadness.

You may know the beautiful passage towards the end of the Pilgrim's Progress where Mr Valiant-for-Truth reaches the river that separates life from eternity. He lays down his weapons before he crosses but takes his scars with him into heaven as a reminder that he had fought God's battles. The passage ends with this sentence: "So he passed over and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side." Those words have been in my mind this week. The trumpets are sounding for Sandra. Praise God!

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

1 Samuel 3:3-10 & 19 (Reader: Judith)

Ps 39

R: Here I am Lord; I come to do your will

1 Corinthians 6:13-15 & 17-20 (Reader: Peter)

St John 1:35-42

Intercessor – Martin

As for Me
AND MY HOUSE
WE WILL serve
the LORD
JOSHUA 24:15

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 13 January	George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends – Quakers. Our Blessed Virgin Mary and all who visit her shrine in Walsingham
Sunday 14 January	Our Church and parish. All residents of Cobley Croft and Bryant Gardens
Monday 15 January	All transport workers and those who maintain our roads
Tuesday 16 January	The congregation of our affiliated church, All Saints, Weston super Mare
Wednesday 17 January	Charles Gore, Bishop and founder of the Community of the Resurrection
Thursday 18 January	The Thursday market and its traders and customers
Friday 19 January	Wulfstan, Bishop and monk who set a fine example of how to be a Christian and carefully and gently nurtured the church and state through the transition from Saxon to Norman rule. We pray that today's politicians and negotiators may have such wisdom
Saturday 20 January	Our Blessed Virgin Mary and all shrines dedicated to her worldwide
Sunday 21 January	Our Church and parish and the residents of Cannons Gate

MASS TIMES

Below are the Mass times for St John's.



Sunday – 10.30 am
Monday – 6.00 pm
Wednesday – 6.00 pm
Thursday – 12.30 pm
Friday – 10.00 (Book of Common Prayer)

On Tuesdays at 10.00 am and Saturdays at 10.00 am
Mass will be said at All Saints, Weston Super Mare, BS23 2NL



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.

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 Betty, our Sickness Point of Contact (SPOC), 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7 January

Friday 2 February

Sunday 11 February

Sunday 10 March

Celebration Sunday - Epiphany

Fr Brendan's Induction as Vicar of St John's

Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent

Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday



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

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.

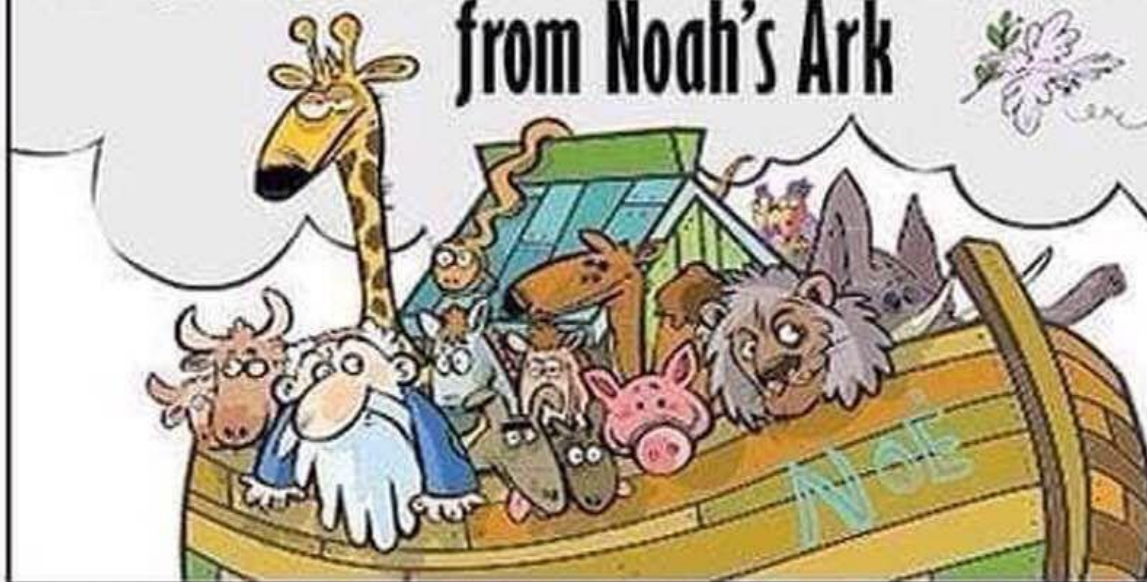


Calling all bakers! If you would like to provide a cake(s) for one of our regular Celebration Sundays, please add your name to the list at the back of Church. Alternatively, if you would like to celebrate a special occasion (perhaps an anniversary, birthday or exam success) please put your name against 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.



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

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark



- 1 Don't miss the boat.
- 2 Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3 Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 4 Stay fit. When you're really old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- 5 Don't listen to the critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6 Build your future on high ground.
- 7 For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- 8 Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- 9 When you're stressed, float a while.
- 10 Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11 No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

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.

*I lift up my eyes to the hills- from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121)*

Dear friends,

We, as a family, would like to say a profound thank you for all your kind thoughts and prayers at this time. The last couple of weeks have been a struggle many of you have been through and will understand when I say that your prayers have carried both Mum and us throughout. Knowing of your prayers and support has helped to lighten the heaviness that we all as a family felt descending on us. Without them, it may have become too heavy a burden to bear. Mum knew of your love throughout and was told of it right into her final minutes. Even at the end, Mum was smiling.

Her steadfast assurance of new life to come never wavered and her witness to her faith was both extraordinary and inspiring to everyone with her in her last days.

Thank you.

Derek, Kevin, Nicola and Poppy



Church Flowers

Would you like to sponsor church flowers to celebrate a birthday or commemorate an anniversary?

We would be very happy to dedicate the church flowers to you or a loved one if you let us know in advance. There is a flower rota available at the back of church.

Front pedestal suggested minimum donation £10

Statue of Mary suggested minimum donation £5

We may not be able to provide specific flowers to order but will try our best. There will be a card and holder available for you to write a special message to display with the flowers.



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/stjohntheevangelistclevelandon/>



Celia Quiz !!

GORDON'S POSERS

Answers to follow !!

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
The Office Number is 07522 494 504

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