

St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 May

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Sunday 14 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 15 May – St Matthias

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 16 May

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 17 May

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 18 May – Ascension of the Lord

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

19.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 19 May – St Dunstan

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 20 May

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Sunday 21 May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8 & 14-17 (*Reader: Gary*)

Psalm 66

R: Cry out with joy to God all the earth

1 Peter 3:15-18 (*Reader: Celia*)

St John 14:15-21

Intercessor – Martin

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

I am writing this having attended a superb tribute to John Betjeman, our evening Patronal Festival event today.

It was a wonderful occasion. Julia Elton recounted her experiences with him and her father, we listened to his poems, and watched his voice over to scenes from Clevedon.

Thank you so much, Rosey Lunn, for having the inspiration for this event. Thank you to those who came to read. And thanks, as ever, to our superb in-house catering team. You were all fabulous and I am so proud of you.

Tomorrow our friends from Clevedon Choral perform Haydn's Nelson Mass with a small orchestra of strings, trumpets and timpani. It should be wonderful.

And on Sunday we welcome the Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Michael, who had a lead role at the Coronation, as our preacher. Please do all that you can to be in church on Sunday morning so that the Bishop can see what God is doing in this place.

At the end of Mass on Sunday please follow the servers, choir and clergy, out of church as far as the new kitchen and lower hall. The Bishop will dedicate the new rooms before we enjoy coffee, and each other's company. In recognition of their immense contribution to the life of the Elton hall over the years the newly refurbished suite of rooms is to be called 'The James Room'. A plaque has been made and affixed. May David rest in peace. We miss him!

The readings at Mass on Sunday are full of optimism and hope. It is possible they say! It is possible for humanity to know true joy, because wherever the Gospel comes, life flourishes, just as arid ground, irrigated by rain turns green again.

May God bless you.

Be there on Sunday!

Fr Brendan



PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 13 May	Mary, the mother of Jesus and all churches and parishes dedicated to her
Sunday 14 May	Our Church and parish and the residents of Somerton Road, Ilminster Close and Porlock Close
Monday 15 May	All who suffer modern day slavery and those dedicated to freeing them
Tuesday 16 May	Our Cottage Hospital, its patients and staff
Wednesday 17 May	The nursing homes in our parish, Elm View and Poets Mews, together with all residents and staff
Thursday 18 May	St Dunstan – the author of the Coronation Oath and all who helped to spread the Christian faith in our land
Friday 19 May	All nations of the world presently intent on war and destruction that the hearts of their leaders may be turned to peace
Saturday 20 May	The Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes and all who visit praying for a cure. Our Lady of Walsingham
Sunday 21 May	Our Church and parish and the residents of Chard Road, Wells Road, Tiverton Road and Honiton Road

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who have in any way supported our Patronal Festival Week by attending one or more of the events. Make sure you don't miss the few remaining events which come highly recommended! See below.



PATRONAL FESTIVAL WEEK 2023

Saturday 13 May 19.30 Festival Concert by Clevedon Choral Society centred around the music of Franz Joseph Haydn and his *Nelson Mass*. Tickets from Clevedon Choral website.

Sunday 14 May 10.30 Solemn Mass, preacher Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells followed by the dedication of the refurbished lower hall and kitchen.

PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY 7 MAY

THANK YOU to all who attended the Parish Picnic last Sunday (bringing delicious food) and for those involved in the planning and operation. Another resounding success for St John's!

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Below are the new Mass times for St John's. These will take effect from Monday 10 April.



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY JOINT SERVICE

The good folk at All Saints, Weston-super-Mare have invited us to join them for
SOLEMN EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION
on the Feast of Pentecost, 28 May at 4.00 pm.
WINE RECEPTION AFTERWARDS!

LENT COLLECTION BOXES

Please ensure any outstanding Lent collection boxes for the Additional Curates Society are returned to **Church by Sunday 13 May.**



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.



Plant Sale
Saturday 20 May - 10-12noon
in the Church grounds. Cakes and refreshments available
NEXT WEEK!

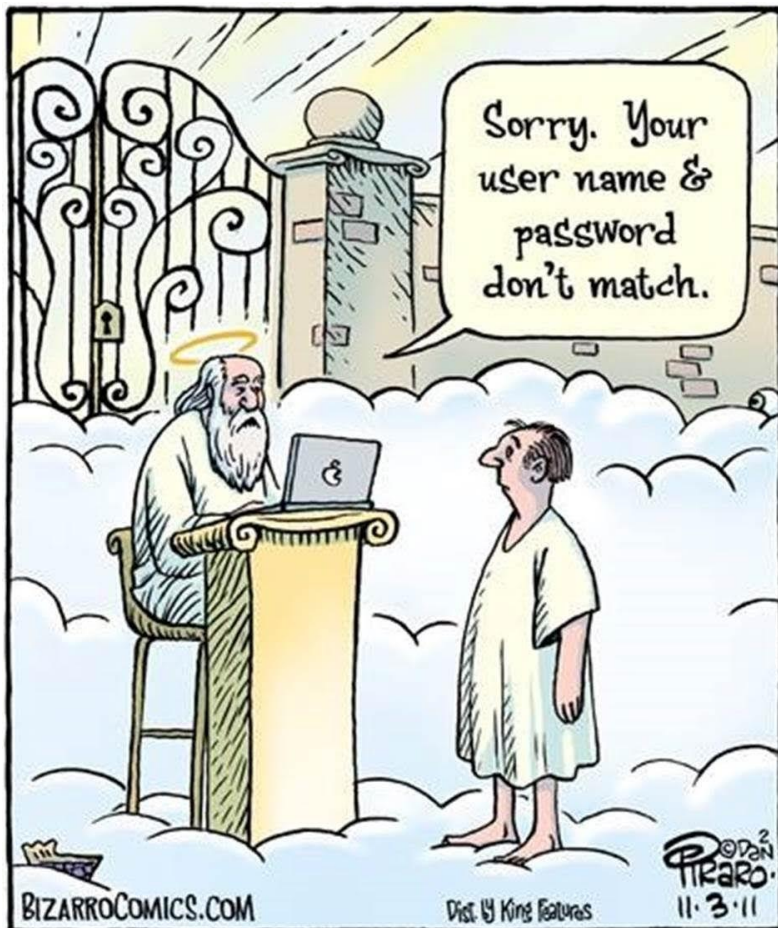
Please bring your cuttings and plants for sale to the Church at 9.00 am
on Saturday

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/>



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 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.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 12 May	An Evening with John Betjeman hosted by Rev Rosey Lunn in the Church Hall at 19.30 with light refreshments. Tickets £10 to include madeira and cake
Saturday 13 May	19.30 Festival Concert by Clevedon Choral Society Tickets from Clevedon Choral Society website
Sunday 14 May	Solemn Mass followed by the dedication of the refurbished Lower Hall and Kitchen
Saturday 20 May	Plant Sale – 10.00 – 12 noon in the Church grounds
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

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.



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



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.



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

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.



Volunteers needed in Clevedon!

Help asylum seekers in temporary
accommodation feel welcome

We're looking for sensitive, friendly, proactive people to
give 2-4 hours a week (times and days flexible to suit)

More information:

rwns.org.uk/volunteer

Email:

volunteer.coordinator@rwns.org.uk



Refugees Welcome North Somerset

www.rwns.org.uk
Charity no: 1198327

Celia Quiz !!

1. In which village did the Ascension take place?
2. Which royal house ruled in England from 1154 to 1485?
3. What animal of the weasel family is black and white striped?
4. Which TV chef specialises in fish dishes?
5. Of which area of Clevedon did the poet Coleridge write: "Dim coasts and cloud like hills" ?
6. In which decade was the Halfpenny Black, the first official postage stamp, issued in the UK?
7. What is the capital of Ethiopia?
8. In which sport is the maximum score 300?
9. How many galaxies are visible to the naked eye?
10. When was the Habeas Corpus Act - requiring accused to appear in court - introduced into England?
11. The nuthatch belongs to which songbird family?
12. Which Monty Python member wrote the song Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life?
13. What follows the words "March winds and April showers" in the proverb about the weather?
14. When did the first scheduled flights from New York to London take place?
15. Approximately how many species of rhododendrons are there?
16. In which Thackeray novel does Becky Sharp appear?

GORDON'S POSERS

a: sing for someone's soul here; b: cross with small opener; c: recent internment