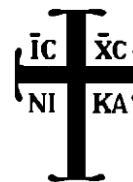




# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter



SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2023

EPIPHANY 2, SECOND SUNDAY

If you wish to contribute to the next edition of the newsletter, please email [office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk) marking your email 'Newsletter Article' by **12 noon Thursdays weekly**.

## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 14 January

NO MASS

### Sunday 15 January – Epiphany 2, Second Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass– Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

### Monday 16 January

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 17 January – St Anthony

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 18 January

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

### Thursday 19 January – St Wulfstan

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 20 January – St Fabian

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 21 January – St Agnes

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 22 January – Epiphany 3, Third Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 49:3 & 5-6 (Reader:) Peter

Psalms 40

**R: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.**

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 (Reader: ) Kevin

St John 1:29-34

Intercessor – Diane

## Words from Nicola Coaker, Church Warden

This Sunday we are delighted to be joined by The Ven Dr Adrian Youings, Archdeacon of Bath. Archdeacon Adrian is a good friend of this parish and we are very grateful for his support and for the faith he showed in us when Fr Trevor left us 17mths ago. It is not in any way an exaggeration that we owe the appointment of Fr Brendan on a full time, 3 year interim ministry, to his intervention and support at Diocesan level. In reality, with the departure of Fr Trevor, our then size of congregation and Parish Share, we, like many parishes in the Diocese and beyond, would have been very fortunate to have been given a part time Priest, a .5 if you will. This has nothing to do with our history or tradition of worship but is a simple, hard truth. As it is, taking into account Stipend, Vicarage, size of Parish share and other factors, we as a Parish are being 'subbed' by the Diocese to the tune of over £50k a year.

That said, we have come a very long way in addressing the challenges agreed with the PCC and Archdeacon Adrian in returning to our place as the 'Town Church'. Our Lower Hall facilities are nearly complete, and partnerships nurtured to deliver a ministry of hospitality to our Parish and beyond and its use as a centre of community. We have strengthened links with the school and welcome them regularly to our Church and vice versa and have two, soon to be three, parishioners serving as Foundation Governors. Work with young people has begun with our Easter, Christmas and School holiday activities and we continue to work towards a vision of how Church in the School can work post covid. Clevedon Choral society has returned to St John's which is now their home church along with exhibitions from North Somerset Art Society (another one is planned for a few months' time). The exciting plans for our weeklong Patronal Festival in May which will include concerts, cinema, and a Betjeman evening. Our Church is open daily for Mass, the congregation size doubled, and the Vicarage is always open where the parish and visitors alike have enjoyed the generous hospitality afforded there and there are many more reasons for hope and optimism in our missionary journey.

Be JOYFUL in hope,  
PATIENT in affliction,  
FAITHFUL in prayer.

ROMANS 12:12

Cont...

We are nearly half way through the interim ministry period and cannot take for granted that this will continue beyond the allotted time but we can build on the work we as a Parish have done in our community in sharing the Gospel. So, this Sunday let's thank Archdeacon Adrian for his commitment to our Parish and its mission as the 'Town Church'. Nicola.

## PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Saturday 14 January</b>	Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Sunday 15 January</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Little Ham and Parsons Green
<b>Monday 16 January</b>	All transport workers and those who maintain our roads
<b>Tuesday 17 January</b>	Charles Gore, Bishop and Founder of the Community of the Resurrection
<b>Wednesday 18 January</b>	All who are cold, lonely and hungry
<b>Thursday 19 January</b>	Our market traders; 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 for today's politicians and negotiators that they may have such wisdom
<b>Friday 20 January</b>	Fishermen and fishmongers
<b>Saturday 21 January</b>	Our Lady of Walsingham. Agnes, a martyr when she was 8 years old. All children who are abused and tortured and all churches which bear the name of St Agnes
<b>Sunday 22 January</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Cobley Croft and Bryant Gardens

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

<b>Sunday 15 January</b>	Celebration Sunday – The Archdeacon's Visit
<b>Sunday 29 January</b>	The Presentation of the Lord – Hot Meal in the Church Hall at 12.30 Tickets £7.50 (under 16's free). Details at the back of Church
<b>Saturday 18 February</b>	Jumble Sale in the Church Hall – 14.00 to 16.00. Details to follow.
<b>Sunday 19 February</b>	Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent
<b>Sunday 19 March</b>	Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday
<b>Sunday 9 April</b>	Celebration Sunday – Easter Day



**CANDLEMAS LUNCH**  
**Sunday 29 January**  
**12.30 in the Church Hall**

**Tickets (available from Sarah) £7.50 per person**

**– under 16's free**

**Menu details at the back of Church**

**Vegetarian option available**

**Please speak to Sarah or Debra if you have a dietary requirement**

**New Parish Safeguarding Officer**

We are delighted to announce that June Fegredo has kindly agreed to become our Parish Safeguarding Officer. She brings with her a wealth of experience from a long career in public service and a government agency.

June has recently attended the Diocese of Bath & Wells Parish Safeguarding Officers course and is looking forward to reviewing our parish safeguarding records and training requirements. She is currently working with Nicola, as part of the role handover, to review which DBS checks are due for renewal within our parish community of volunteers. We plan to run this as an 'DBS and ID Check Drop In' on a Saturday morning shortly. Further details of this will follow in a future edition of the weekly newsletter. As June has taken on this role, she has relinquished her responsibilities as Parish Administrator. Thank you, June, for your work administering the parish. She has agreed to continue reviewing our Key Register to ensure it is up to date and will be in contact with Key Holders shortly. In the meantime, the Churchwardens and Fr. Brendan will undertake any parish administration and we thank Kevin for monitoring the office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk email address on a temporary basis.

Nicola & Gary, Churchwardens



**"Looks like somebody needs to lay off  
of the authentic angel food cake!"**



### **Cash Counters Wanted !!**

**We are looking for volunteers to assist with counting and recording the small amount of cash we receive in the collection after the service on a Sunday. This should not take any longer than 10 minutes and would not be a weekly commitment with a number of willing volunteers coming forward. Once this is complete the cash is banked by another volunteer to assist Fiona our Treasurer, so meeting the requirements of the Church of England and the St John's Finance Policy. If you are able to give your time or would like to find out more, please speak with Nicola .**

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.



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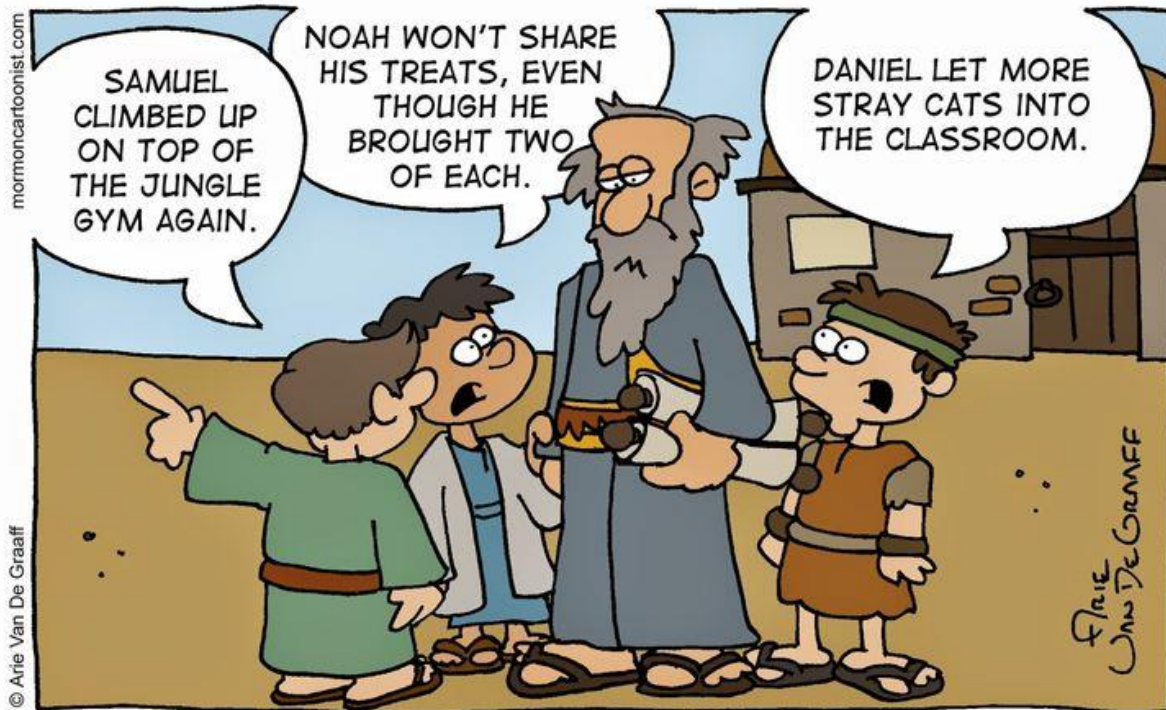
## **Ukrainian Unity Day**

This is an important day in Ukraine, marking the anniversary of the unification of eastern and western Ukraine in 1919. It is celebrated on January 22 every year.

We are ringing our Church Bells during the morning of Saturday 21st to show our support for the Ukrainian people as they prepare to mark this occasion.

It will be an audible sign for us all to reflect on the plight of the people forced to leave their homes or country as a result of aggression.





JUST ANOTHER DAY AT THE PRESCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS.

## 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 May/June 2023

Please start thinking about this. If you are taking cuttings or splitting plants this autumn, please do a few extra for the church plant sale.



## 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.

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](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

## Answers to Celia's latest Quiz

**2. 1100 BC**

**3. Leicester**

**4. Grossmith**

**5. 12**

**6. 1947**

**7. Decapod**

**8. Ten Pin Bowling**

**9. Angry Young Men**

**10. 1850s**

**11. Oder**

**12. Van der Valk**

**13. Cyrillic**

**14. William Tyndale**

**15. Turkey (Khavia)**

**16. Glass Harmonica.**

**GORDON'S**

**a:Thornfalcon; b: Rowford ; c:Fulford**

### 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/>

**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.



## 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

**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](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

Gary's email address is [churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

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



**The Vicarage telephone number is 01275 879617**

**The Office Number is 07522 494 504**

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