



St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

EASTER 4

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 14 May

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 15 May – Easter 5

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 16 May

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 17 May

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Wednesday 18 May

NO MASS

Thursday 19 May

12.30 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Friday 20 May

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 21 May

NO MASS

Sunday 22 May – Easter 6

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

It was good to meet with a rejuvenated PCC yesterday (Wednesday 11th May) and I'm delighted to be able to let you know that amongst other things the PCC accepted the Fabric Committee's recommendation that Aztec Building be appointed to carry out works on the lower hall and kitchen.

As I am writing this on Thursday morning I do not have start dates, but an earlier conversation with Aztec suggested that external works could begin very soon, with work on the kitchen beginning September at the latest. The specification includes the making good of the stairwells as well as the total renovation of the lower hall and kitchen. This is very welcome and suggests that within a few months we can get to work using the halls to enrich church life and as a focus for our engagement with the community.

Clevedon Library is one of four libraries in the South West to be awarded a grant for building improvements using funds from the DCMS, administered by Arts Council England. During the refurbishment the Library will be using the Upper Hall for events, especially with young families, a sign of a possible partnership to come.

With every blessing,

Fr Brendan

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 14:21-27 (Reader: Gary)

Psalm 145

R: I will bless your name for ever, O God my king

Revelation 21:1-5 (Reader: Martin)

St John 13:31-35

Intercessor – Debra

Faith is to believe
what we do not see,
and the reward of this
faith is to see what we
believe.

Augustine

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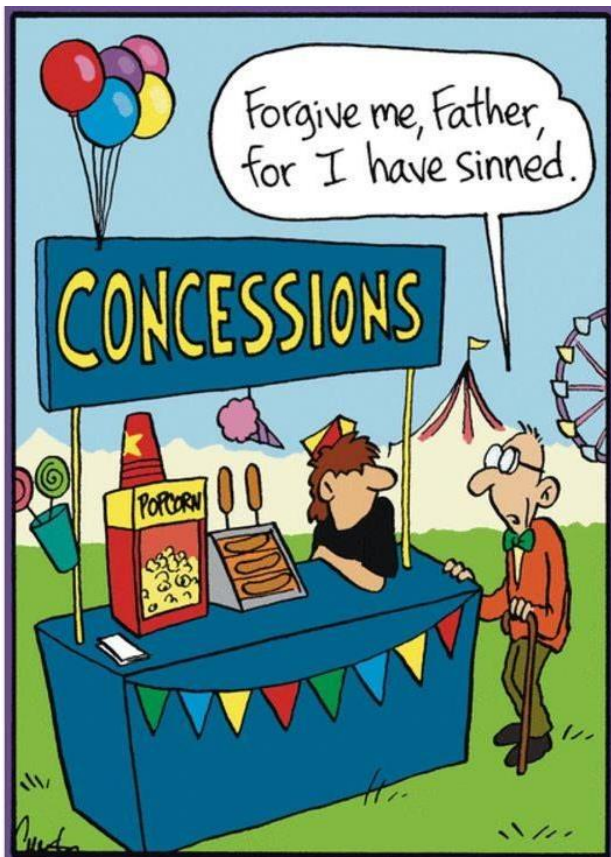
PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Sunday 15 May	Our Church and parish, and the residents of Somerton Road, Ilminster Close and Porlock Close
Monday 16 May	All who suffer modern day slavery and those dedicated to freeing them
Tuesday 17 May	Our Cottage Hospital, it's patients and staff
Wednesday 18 May	The nursing homes in our parish, Elm View and Poets' Mews, together with all the residents and staff
Thursday 19 May	St Dunstan – the author of the Coronation Oath and all who helped to spread the Christian faith in our land
Friday 20 May	All nations of the world presently intent on war and destruction, that the hearts of their leaders may be turned to peace
Saturday 21 May	The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes and all who visit praying for a cure. Our Lady of Walsingham
Sunday 22 May	Our Church and parish and the residents of Chard Road, Wells Road, Tiverton Road and Honiton Road

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.



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.



THANK YOU to those who supported the cello concert last Saturday lunch time, performed by Celli Amici. It was really VERY special.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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
Saturday 16 July	Summer Fête in the Church grounds
Sunday 24 July	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 21 August	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

Clevedon Foodbank is still in of donations to support people in need in Clevedon and the surrounding area. Rising prices for electricity, gas, petrol and food add to the difficulties of those affected by illness, disability, bereavement, unemployment or low wages.

The foodbank would appreciate donations of the following:

Tinned fruit	Instant Coffee	Instant Mash Potato
Toilet Rolls	Microwavable Rice	Jam
Long Life Milk	Cat food	Tinned pasta
Toiletries	Laundry Powder/ Liquid	

Donations of food may be brought to church and put into the purple bin in the porch, taken to the Food Bank depot in Knowles Road on Monday or Friday mornings, or put into the collection bin at Tesco's in Clevedon (Sainsbury's in Portishead, Waitrose in Nailsea). Tesco's add 20% to the value of donations.

For more information and how to ask for help if you need it, see their website at clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk, or contact them on info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk or tel. 07722 769529

Parish Administrator & PA to the Parish Priest

Fr. Brendan and the Churchwardens are pleased to announce that we have successfully recruited June Fegredo to the new role of Parish Administrator. We warmly welcome June at a time when we are already at the beginning of our second year of interim ministry, our congregation is growing, as is our outreach work to the local community. This role is essential to support the work of Fr. Brendan and the PCC now and in the future.

June commenced her role this week; which includes monitoring and managing the 'parish' office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk email account, social media, and our page of the Church of England website a 'Church Near You', distribute the weekly newsletter, manage baptism and marriage enquiries, the parish diary and provide administrative assistance to Fr. Brendan. June is already a member of our worshipping community and brings a wealth of experience to this role following her recent retirement, her previous employer's loss is our parish's gain. Welcome June.

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

80th Bishop of Bath and Wells announced



Downing Street has announced today (10am, 28 April 2022) that the Rt Revd Michael Beasley will be the next Bishop of Bath and Wells. He is currently the Bishop of Hertford, a role which he has held since 2015.

Prior to taking a fulltime role with the church, Bishop Michael was an epidemiologist, a background he was called on to use during the pandemic as a member of the Church of England's Covid task force.

Bishop Michael is already familiar with Somerset. His wife Lizzie is from a farming family from Somerset and prior to Bishop Michael being interviewed for the role of Bishop of Bath and Wells, they both undertook a 60 mile walk around the county.

Speaking in advance of today's announcement, Bishop Michael shared his joy in becoming the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells and said he was looking forward to getting to know the people of Somerset.

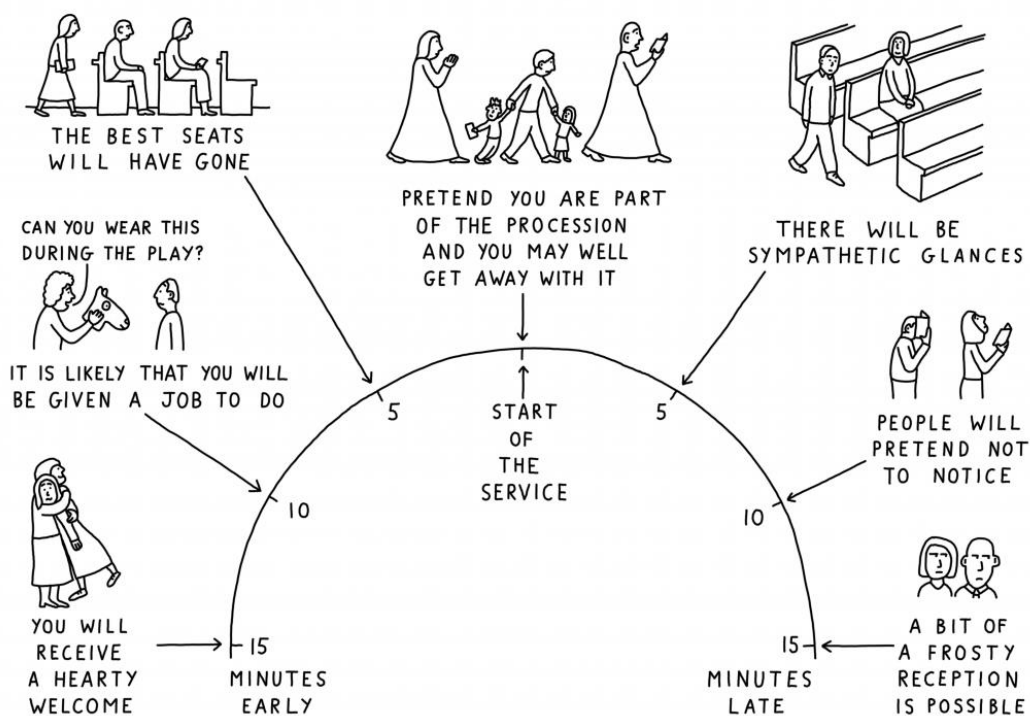
Exploring Calling Event

at Christ Church, Clevedon (BS21 7LL), Sunday 15th May (Vocation Sunday) from 2 to 4pm

This event is a great chance for people to find out more about the different ways and roles that God calls us to. It's a follow up to the Archdeaconry Days and there will be people present with information about roles ranging from street pastors via school governors to Readers, Lay Worship Assistants, Children and Youth workers and ordained ministry.

As we explore as a diocese what wonderful range of ministries God might be calling us to get involved with, this is a great opportunity to find out more, including about the Enabling Ministries work.

ARRIVING AT CHURCH



Offertory Collection

A recent review has resulted in a decision to continue with a retiring collection for all services, the collection plate is located just inside the church entrance, as is our Electronic Payment Card Reader for those of you who prefer not to carry cash (very much like the Queen) and wish to donate to the work of St John's.

Thank you to all the members of our church community near and far, who regularly make generous donations to the work of our church through the Planned Giving Scheme and have consented to gift aiding their donations to increase the amount we can receive into our church funds.

Planned Giving Scheme standing order forms are available inside the south door entrance. If you wish to join this scheme, please ask for more details from Nicola or Gary, Churchwardens or Fiona, PCC Treasurer. Thank you.



ANSWERS TO CELIA'S QUIZ - ANSWERS PLEASE

1. Barnabas
2. 17th (1633 - London)
3. Lebanon
4. Steven Davis
5. Etlingen, Middelkerk, Ekernay
6. 1951
7. Tresco
8. Robbie Williams
9. L'egion d' Honneur
10. 1931
11. Asteroids
12. Joseph Heller
13. 1 May
14. 1789
15. Wind
16. Evan Davis

AND GORDON'S POSERS

- a: Crossing for boat's steerer; **Coxbridge**
b: Cat, dog, cow etc but not of a human; **Fourfoot**
c: Valley of winged mice; **Batcombe**
d: Light your lamp at this point; **Wick**

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/>

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.

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 contacted on 07940759891 or email her at churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk
Gary'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



The Vicarage telephone number is 01275 879617

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.

Sunday 15 May 2022 – Easter 5

Bible reading:

Questions

Prayer suggestion

This week's challenge

Activity suggestions

- Activity sheet for Easter 5
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on

Good Luck from St. John's Sunday Club Team (Sue & Fiona)