

St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER 2023

TWENTYEIGHTH SUNDAY, TRINITY 19

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Church Services (also on-line)

Saturday 14 October

10.00 Mass at All Saints, WsM

Sunday 15 October – 28th Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Mark Smith

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 16 October

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 17 October – St Ignatius of Antioch

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 18 October – St Luke

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 19 October

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 20 October

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 21 October

10.00 Mass at All Saints, WsM

Sunday 22 October – 29th Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 25:6-10a (Reader: Gary)

Psalms 23

R: The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want

Philippians 4:12-14 & 19-20 (Reader: Dilwen)

St Matthew 22:1-10

Intercessor - Diane

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

As I write this the church remembers Elizabeth Fry, born 1780.

Her story is so remarkable I thought I would share it with you.

She was the third daughter born into a well-to-do Quaker family in Norwich. Her father John Gurney was a partner in Gurney's bank and her mother Catherine was part of the Barclay family who were also bankers. Her mother died when she was twelve and she had to take care of the younger children.

Elizabeth's Christian beliefs were accompanied by a large measure of social concern and in 1808 she founded a school for girls at Plashet in East London. In 1800, aged 20, she married Joseph Fry, nephew of the founder of the chocolate and confectionery company known as J.S.Fry. He was a partner in Gurney's bank. They lived a prosperous lifestyle and Elizabeth entertained business people in style.

Quaker missionary [Stephen Grellet](#) persuaded her to visit Newgate Prison in 1813. She was horrified by the conditions that she found. She wrote "*All I tell thee is a faint picture of reality; the filth, the closeness of the rooms, the furious manner and expressions of the women towards each other, and the abandoned wickedness, which everything bespoke are really indescribable*". At first she concentrated on the conditions for the children but soon turned her attention to the plight of the women. She encouraged other middle class women to visit prisons and set up classes to teach the prisoners skills. She did not impose discipline on them but suggested rules and then asked the prisoners to vote on them. Unlike others at that time she did not focus on their offences but on their behaviour. In 1817 she wrote "*Already, from being like wild beasts, they appear harmless and kind*". In 1818 she toured the prisons in England and Scotland and established other Ladies' Associations and in the same year was asked to speak to both houses of parliament about the conditions in

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prisons. She used her position in society to influence their view of prisons and prisoners. She founded The Association for the Improvement of the Females at Newgate. The Association comprised Elizabeth, a clergyman's wife, and eleven members of the Society of Friends. The Association provided clothing, instruction and employment for the women and introduced them to the holy scriptures. Newgate was transformed by the work of the Association.

Her work attracted the attention of society as a whole, including royalty. Many criminals were transported to New South Wales without any arrangements for proper care during the journey or employment on arrival in Australia. Elizabeth Fry made great efforts to induce the government to make changes to ensure the prisoners were properly cared for during the voyage and that suitable shelter and employment were available to them on arrival.

Elizabeth Fry was not only influential in Britain. A royal residence in Russia was converted into a palace prison and in France and Prussia her visits helped to underpin certain areas of social reform; for example, the importance of having trained nurses to attend to the sick of all social classes.

After seeing the body of a young boy who had frozen to death in the winter of 1819/20 she turned her attention to the plight of the homeless in London and was instrumental in establishing a 'night shelter'. The scheme prospered and a committee of ladies, headed by Elizabeth Fry, lent their support by trying to find employment for those without a job. This work was extended beyond the boundaries of London to places such as Brighton.

In 1825 she published a short but influential book "Observations of the Siting, Superintendence and Government of Female Prisoners". It gave concrete, explicit detail for operating penal regimes. She was also influential and active in the anti-slavery movement and a strong supporter of abolition.

In 1828 Joseph Fry became bankrupt. Elizabeth was able to carry on with her work as a minister but was forced to curtail her work with those in need. She died at Ramsgate on 12 October 1845 and is buried in the Friends' burial ground at Barking.

A remarkable woman!

Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 14 October	Our Lady of Walsingham. All who work at or visit the shrine of Our Lady at England's Nazareth
Sunday 15 October	Our Church and parish and the residents of Jubilee Place, Blackthorn Square and Closemead
Monday 16 October	All undergoing the trauma of divorce
Tuesday 17 October	Ignatius of Antioch. A wish to emulate his devotion to Christ.
Wednesday 18 October	St Luke the Evangelist and all churches and parishes dedicated to his name
Thursday 19 October	The Thursday market traders and customers. The Clevedon street pastors who are ready with a kind word and offer of help.
Friday 20 October	All fishermen and fishmongers
Saturday 21 October	Our Lady of Walsingham, Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima – all shrines dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus
Sunday 22 October	Our Church and parish and the residents of Cherry Hay, Ruddymead and Leach Close



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.

Coffee at the Court, Saturday 14th October from 10am—12 noon.

Tickets £3 on the door to include refreshments (accompanied children free) There are a variety of stalls including cakes, preserves, toys, cards, scarves and bags. Grand Draw tickets can be bought on the day or in advance. Please contact Kate in the Parish Office on 873257 for more information.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 5 November

Celebration Sunday - All Saints

Saturday 2 December

Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall

Sunday 17 December

Celebration Sunday - St John the Evangelist

Sunday 7 January

Celebration Sunday - Epiphany

Sunday 11 February

Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent

Sunday 10 March

Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday

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.

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

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

Could you represent St Johns on the council of Churches Together in Clevedon?

There are 12 Clevedon Churches in CtiC, and together we are able to achieve things which would not be possible alone. For instance it was Churches Together which set up the Food Bank, and before that Clevedon Care, although both are now independent charities. Currently the biggest project is the chaplains. You may see them in the town centre or in the Hill Road area, wearing their grey sweatshirts. They are members of local churches who have been trained to offer support to local businesses and market stall holders. We also support Changing Lives and YMCA, and refugees in Clevedon. CtiC organises united events such as the Good Friday service in Queens Square.

The council meets 6 times a year, when representatives from all the member churches get together to share what is happening in the town and discuss the way forward. It is always interesting and sometimes inspirational to meet representatives from the other churches and hear what they are doing. I have been representing St Johns for a number of years, and have loved doing it, but find I can no longer manage the meetings.

If you feel this could be for you, speak to Gary, Nicola or Fr. Brendan or Judith

Sue Rossiter

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.





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Your generosity is vital to enabling St John's, Clevedon to continue and grow in the way we serve our whole community. We would therefore like to invite you to consider supporting our work by joining the Parish Giving Scheme. It is quick and easy to join online or by telephone and all regular gifts given through the scheme are covered by the direct debit guarantee. You can make a one-off gift or give monthly, quarterly, or annually, whichever is most convenient and if you are a UK taxpayer you can also gift-aid this to enable us to recover a further 25% of the value of your gift from HMRC. The financial details of what is given will be confidential to our Treasurer, but I will be aware of the overall response and will write to thank all those who respond.

To start giving to Clevedon St John by PGS you can sign up online by visiting www.parishgiving.org.uk or by scanning the QR code below. Use the search tool to find our church and then select 'Regular Giving.' Alternatively you can setup your gift by telephoning 0333 002 1271 and quote our unique PGS Parish Code - **010601377** or you can request a paper registration form by emailing pgsregistrations@bathwells.anglican.org or by calling 01749 670777

If you need further information or want to talk this through with someone, please do not hesitate to contact Nicola Coaker, Chair of St John's Finance Committee, Angela Edgar, Treasurer or Fr. Brendan Clover, whose contact details can be found at the top and bottom of this newsletter.





(See Jonah 1-4)

10-04-2010

JONAH ATTEMPTS TO SHARE HIS TALE WITH DOUBTING THOMAS

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.



It's Shoebox Time! Operation Christmas Child

is once again collecting shoeboxes full of small gifts to send to children in need around the world.

Suggestions for gifts include toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hat, gloves, scarf - but no toothpaste or sweets, no liquids or glass. Parcel labels and instructions available in church or from Sue Rossiter (tel. 877710). Please bring your filled boxes to church on or before Sunday 12 November. Alternatively you can pack a shoebox online at shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk. Last year's boxes went to seven countries - Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, Central Asia, Moldova, Nigeria and Ukraine

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.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



That old shepherd campfire song celebrating the life and 'SMELLS' of working with 'sheep' was revised to.. GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN shortly after the birth of the baby Jesus. **Luke 2**



Celia Quiz time !!

1. French Friars bought which building in 1883 to use as Clevedon's first Roman Catholic Church?
2. Who was Prime Minister when Britain joined the European Community?
3. Which are the only four big cats that can roar?
4. Which fictional bell ringer was in love with Esmeralda?
5. Who was conscripted to carry Jesus's cross?
6. In which city was the first session of the UN Security Council held?
7. Which volcanic island in Indonesia lies between Java and Sumatra?
8. Which TV time travel programme is a sequel to Life On Mars?
9. Which British city has more canals than Venice?
10. Which British monarch was the first to officially live in Buckingham Palace?
11. Larkspur is another name for which flowers?
12. Which composer wrote the orchestral piece The Planets?
13. For which British Prime Minister was English a second language?
14. When did Charles II flee to France?
15. Which is the driest place on earth?
16. A toxophillite plays which sport?

GORDON'S POSERS

a: Split!; b: Not for a southern lamp; c: Dark heath.



Jane's first visit to Walsingham

Walking through the archway I was feeling overwhelmed by God's presence and I had a strong sense of homecoming.

My first thoughts were " I am a step closer to heaven."

I was greeted with much warmth, kindness and friendship.

Pilgrims were sitting in the garden smiling and soaking up the tranquility.

Nazareth came alive whilst I walked the stations of the cross. I felt drawn to spend time in the tomb where Christ was laid.

Entering the holy house for the first time, I seemed to be aware of a peaceful presence. I Imagined Walsingham pilgrims of the past quietly entering and joining us for mass.

Joining the outside candlelight processions with prayer, incense and song.
I Felt the entire company of heaven had come along.

England's Nazareth presented me with the perfect environment for digging deeper, discovering new roots, expanding my vision and new depths to my faith.

Jane Carter

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.



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/>

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

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