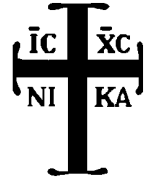




St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 16 JANUARY 2022

SECOND SUNDAY or 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)

Sunday 16 January – Second Sunday, Epiphany 2

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening prayer from the BCP

Monday 17 January – St Antony

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 18 January

10.00 Mass- Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 19 January

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Thursday 20 January

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 21 January

10.30 Mass from the BCP – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 23 January – Third Sunday, Epiphany 3

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening prayer from the BCP

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 62:1-5 (*Reader: Peter*)

Psalm 96

R: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (*Reader: Gary*)

St John 2:1-12

For I know the
Plans
I have for you,
declares the *Lord*
Plans to *Prosper* you
and not to harm you
Plans to give you
Hope and a *Future*
-Jeremiah 29:11

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Just before I leave for my post-Christmas break, I wanted to say again how grateful I am to all of you who have made Advent and Christmas such special times, servers, readers, choir, Kevin, Martin, church decorators, church cleaners (Martin), organists, preachers, and to all of you who have attended our services. It has been a proper team effort.

Fr Robert spoke powerfully on the Feast of the Epiphany and he left each one of us a challenge. Can we support an 'additional to Sunday' Mass each week in order to 'pay homage to Christ the King' - I think those were his words?

I wonder if any of you might be prepared to do this, but also to agree to read the reading and psalm at the Mass you have decided to attend. I had a regular at Evening Prayer today and I asked her to read the first lesson. I'm going to ask her to read the first lesson at Sunday Evening Prayer each week... she knows who she is! Just a thought...

Now to happy holidays!

Ever
Fr Brendan



The Vicarage Telephone Number is 01275 879617.

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 at parishpriest@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Sunday 30 January Candlemas	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 27 February Last before Lent	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 27 March Mothering Sunday	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 17 April Easter Day	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 29 May Ascension Day Festivities	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 26 June	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 24 July	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 21 August	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass



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. Normally we have the kettle on, but while the electrics in the church hall are being worked on please bring your own drink. I will bring biscuits. For more information talk to Sue at church or ring on 01275 877710.

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/>

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

1. Raven (1Genesis 6)
2. They were given the vote
3. Welsh Corgi
4. Bradley Wiggins
5. Iron Age hill fort
6. Four
7. Merlin
8. Lysander
9. Jupiter
10. 1957
11. Burkino Faso
12. Haydn
13. BBC
14. 1985
15. Hexagonal
16. Charles Dance

AND GORDON'S POSERS

- a: Keep on putting it on; **Acton**
b: What good speakers do?; **Soundwell**
c: Eco upland; **Green Down**
d: - with a tick or a cross. **Mark**

Archdeaconry Days 6 to 12 February 2022

Sometimes, even in church, it can feel as if God only calls 'special people'. But God calls us all, because God created us, knows us, and loves us. We are all called daily to live lives that are true to our Christian faith. God also calls us at times in our life to particular roles - which sounds tidy but is often pretty messy! Often those calls are something we take up for a season only. Sometimes they are for the rest of our lives.

The 2022 Archdeaconry Days are running from Sunday 6 to Saturday 12 February. We are going to hear from a range of people from across Bath and Wells about their experience of God's call:

- What has helped people hear their call?
- Have any Bible stories inspired them?
- What about when the call has been far from straightforward?
- Who am I called to be?

January 2022 – The Calling Podcast

- Devised and hosted by young people in the diocese. [Access the podcasts here](#)

Sunday 6 February 3pm – Launch Service at Taunton Academy

- We will gather with Bishop Ruth to begin the week in a collective act of worship on the theme of calling

Monday 7 to Friday 11 February

- On demand content available, exploring calling and including daily videos

Saturday 12 February –Archdeaconry gatherings

- Coming together online to reflect and celebrate
- 10am – hosted by Archdeacon of Bath **This is us!!**
- 11.30am – hosted by Archdeacon of Wells
- 2pm – hosted by Archdeacon of Taunton

[Sign up here to attend the service, receive daily content and to attend one of the Archdeaconry gatherings](#)

Who to contact

Email: Cheryl Govier Go Team Adviser - Wells Archdeaconry Email: Julia Hill Deanery & Parish Support

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.

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.

For those a bit more 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.



St John's Children's Club

Sunday 16 January 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Unwavering Love

Bible reading: Psalms 36:5 – 10 (John 2: 1-11)

Questions

What is precious to you; what do you consider irreplaceable?

How does the psalmist describe God's love in verse 7?

Why is love so important to God?

Prayer suggestion

Pray for people you know who need to feel God's love today

Lord Jesus, help us to know

That in obeying you

Our lives are enriched and changed

Into something precious and wonderful

Amen

This week's challenge

Write a letter to God expressing how you feel about his love

Activity suggestions:

Activity sheet for 2nd Sunday in Epiphany

Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the

Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on John 2: 1- 11

If you do not have access to a printer and would like the activity sheets printed out and delivered to you, please contact me (Fiona) and I'll arrange for you to receive copies.

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

COULD YOU HELP SOMEONE LEARN TO READ?

Many adults in the UK cannot read. On a practical level, this means that even carrying out everyday tasks can be challenging, if not impossible. For instance, many have never been to the doctor as they're too embarrassed to have to read and fill in forms. Being unable to read and write is often associated with depression, isolation and even higher mortality. Read Easy is a charity providing one to one coaching for adults who cannot read.

There are lots of interesting ways to get involved in a Read Easy group and the local group often have vacancies for volunteers, both on our local Management Team and for Reading Coaches. At the moment we are considering expanding to cover the whole of North Somerset and so are particularly looking to fill the following roles based in the north of the area:

- **Coordinator**
Responsible for meeting and enrolling adults who want to learn to read, matching them with volunteer Reading Coaches and providing them with ongoing support and oversight throughout their reading journey. To be suitable for this demanding but most rewarding voluntary position, you must have strong people and organisational skills and a certain amount of time to spare each week.
- **Literacy Specialist**
Our Literacy Specialists provide support with literacy issues to the Coordinator and Reading Coaches and assist in running the Reading Coach meetings. The person who takes on this role should have a background in teaching reading/literacy (preferably but not necessarily with adults). Our volunteer Literacy Specialists feel a real sense of pride in giving practical solutions to their Coordinators and Reading Coaches.
- **Referrals Networker**
This is a vital and interesting role within our Management Team to create and develop relationships with local agencies, such as Job Centres, social services and many others who may be able to refer potential readers to the group. This voluntary position will suit people who thrive on networking and making new connections. The longevity of our local groups is down to securing a steady stream of Reader referrals, so you will play an instrumental part in making sure your group thrives.

We are also looking to fill the role of IT Support based anywhere in North Somerset:

We now offer coaching online so technology has become key to our delivery for some reading pairs. We are now on the look-out for a volunteer in North Somerset who can offer their IT skills to support others when necessary. It is amazing how much difference you could make to your local group by providing IT support. Even the smallest things like setting up email accounts and creating social media accounts can be a real challenge for some volunteers, so your expertise will make the world of difference to helping adults learn to read in your community.

If there is a role listed here that would suit you, please email Sue Hobson at WsMrecruiter@readeasy.org.uk. If there are no suitable vacancies listed at the moment, you can still get in touch if you would like to, and we can keep a note of your interest, if you are happy for us to keep your details.

Important Public Notice

Statutory School Admissions Arrangement Consultation

Proposals to Alter The Admission Arrangements Applying For St John the Evangelist Church School

The Consultation:

In accordance with the requirements of the 2021 School Admissions Code, the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust is proposing to remove the designated catchment area for St John the Evangelist Church School which is currently used to prioritise admission applications in the event of oversubscription (Criterion 3).

This proposal is subject to public school admission arrangements consultation according to the timeframe and arrangements set out below. It is proposed that the catchment area will be officially removed on 1 September 2023.

The reason for removing the catchment area is to generally improve the level of fairness for all children. It will no longer be the case that admission applications for children living within a defined catchment line on a map will be prioritised over those applications for children who live more locally when measured by straight line distance. Proximity of the home address to school will determine the application priority whereby those living closest to the school by straight line measurement will be given the higher priority. This also helps to support the principle of a wider school choice for parents and children.

You may view the proposed School Admission Arrangements and changes here:

[North Somerset Admissions – BWMAT](#)

The consultation will open on **3rd December 2021** and will close on **21st January 2022**.

During this period, you are invited to submit any comments concerning the proposals by letter or email:

Please e-mail: AdmissionsNSom@bwmat.org

Please write to: Admission Arrangement Consultation (North Somerset)
Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust
Flourish House
Cathedral Park
Wells
BA5 1FD

What happens next?

Following closure of the consultation, the Admission Authority will meet to consider any comments returned during the consultation period. Within eight calendar weeks of the consultation ending, a response will be published on the school website and consultees will be informed of this.

Once agreed in final form the Admission Authority will publish the 2023/24 Admission Arrangements on the school website by 15th March **2022**.