



St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024

PASSION SUNDAY, LENT FIVE

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 16 March

10.00 Mass, All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 17 March – Lent 5

10.30 Solemn Mass – Rt Revd Michael Langrish

17.30 Lent Course and Benediction

Monday 18 March

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 19 March – St Joseph, husband of the BVM

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

18.00 Lent Group – The Suffering Servant

Wednesday 20 March

18.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 21 March

12.30 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Friday 22 March

10.00 BCP Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Saturday 23 March

10.00 Mass, All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 24 March – Palm Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer and Benediction

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (*Reader: Gary*)

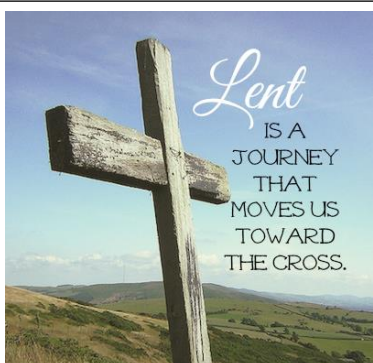
Ps 50

R: A pure heart create for me, O God

Hebrews 5:7-9 (*Reader: Peter*)

St John 12:20-33

Intercessor – *Martin*



Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

I am delighted to inform you that the celebrant and preacher on Sunday is Bishop Michael Langrish, former Diocesan Bishop of Exeter. Some of you may have met him at my Institution, which he kindly attended. Bishop Michael, who lives in retirement in Taunton, helps me out at All Saints Weston-super-Mare, but this is his first visit to us at St John's. He is an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese, and I was pleased to be at the cathedral on St Andrew's Day last year when this was officially celebrated.

A reminder that the Chrism Mass takes place at Gloucester Cathedral on Thursday 21st March at 11am. Mass is followed by a celebration lunch, some teaching and Benediction at 3pm. I hope that many of you will consider attending.

In the imminence of his Passion Jesus declared: 'Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.' Now the time approaches for which the Son of God came into the world, and, although his soul is troubled, he makes himself available to fulfil the Father's will to the end.

We need to make time to attend to this offering of the Son in Holy Week. Remember the three services which are part of the Triduum and really one service. Try and be there. Walk the Way of the Cross so that you can experience the full joy of Easter.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Brendan

Art Installation

Our mystery artist writes:

A large wooden cross now hangs from the chains. Although shrouded by the cloth you can clearly see its shape through it.

The cloth and cross have now become the blood tipped point of a spear. It points to the empty chalice. The point of the spear that pierced Christ's flesh. The point of the nails that pierced his hands and feet. The point of the thorns that pierced his brow. Each piercing wound drew blood. The blood that he shed for us.

The whole point of the art piece was to link up the act of Christ's crucifixion with the act of taking communion, that we remember, not only Jesus as a person, but that we remember his sacrifice on the cross. A beautiful perfect soul living in a man's body was subjected to a violent and vicious torture and death, and his only crime was that he loved everyone, including those who condemned him.

On Easter Sunday the piece will finally be finished. The spear pointing towards the chalice is a huge clue as to what it will look like. It makes a very powerful statement. Can you guess what it might be?

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 16 March	Our Blessed Virgin Mary and all shrines dedicated to her throughout our world
Sunday 17 March	St Patrick's Day. Our Church and parish and residents of Kenn Moor Drive
Monday 18 March	Young people with problems and those who guide and mentor them
Tuesday 19 March	Orphanages and orphans who long to be part of a loving family
Wednesday 20 March	All travellers and pilgrims that they may find whatever it is that they seek
Thursday 21 March	Our Thursday market, its traders and the market chaplains
Friday 22 March	The Prayerbook Society and all churches which adhere to its guidance
Saturday 23 March	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, remembering her great influence on Our Lord's early life
Sunday 24 March	Palm Sunday. Our Church and parish and residents of Tutton Way and Sercombe Park

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

SCHOOL VISIT TO CHURCH – HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

Our second school visit will take place on **Friday 22 March** for 7 to 9 year olds. Fr Brendan will explain Palm Sunday and children will then make a donkey mask and a palm leaf containing a personal prayer. Tea and coffee will be served in the Church Hall to parents/carers after a short service. We would be grateful for offers of help setting up (11.30), welcoming pupils (13.15) assisting with crafts (14.00), welcoming parents (14.30), serving refreshments (14.45) and clearing up (15.00). Please speak to Sarah if you are able to help in any way. Thank you.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards our Easter flowers, please see Sarah or place your money in the basket at the back of the Church
Thank you!

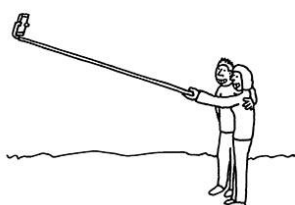


VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

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.

LENT

MODERN-DAY SACRIFICES



GIVING UP
SELFIES



STICKING TO
HALF PINTS



TAKING A BREAK FROM
THE FLOWER ROTA



STEERING CLEAR OF COFFEE
CREAMS IN SELECTION BOXES



USING PUBLISHED
LENT RESOURCES



AVOIDING THE CRACKS
IN THE PAVEMENT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 10 March	Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday Rose Reception
Friday 22 March	School Visit for Palm Sunday activities – 13.15 – 15.00
Good Friday 29 March	Hot Cross Buns in the Church Hall at 15.00
Easter Sunday 31 March	Easter Celebration – Prosecco and Cake
Sunday 7 April	Celebration Sunday – Octave of Easter
28 April to 5 May	St John's Festival Week
Sunday 5 May	Bring and Share Lunch
Wednesday 8 May	19.00 - Talk by Aidan Hart, iconographer
Sunday 19 May	Celebration Sunday – Pentecost
Saturday 25 May	Plant Sale – TBC
Sunday 23 June	Celebration Sunday
Saturday 6 July	14.00 – 16.00 – Summer Fayre
Saturday 13 July	Glastonbury Pilgrimage
Sunday 28 July	Celebration Sunday
Sunday 1 September	Parish BBQ
Sunday 8 September	Celebration Sunday – Education Day/King's Accession
Sunday 13 October	Harvest Festival
Saturday 16 November	Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper
Sunday 24 November	Celebration Sunday – Christ the King

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.



Wells Cathedral Parish Pass

You may have seen in the news last week, that Wells Cathedral has announced changes to its admission guidelines with free passes for parishioners in the Diocese of Bath and Wells and local people, and a new entry charge for tourists.

Entry remains free to enter for worship, prayer, and to light a candle and free passes are available for parishioners in the diocese. Information about the Parish Pass and how to apply for it is available from the Wells passes section of the Wells Cathedral website. You will note that the application form for a Parish Pass does require a signature from a churchwarden or incumbent.

St John's 100 Club

The 100 club is an easy way you can help raise money for St. Johns. It only costs £12 per year (equivalent to £1 / month) and you will be entered into a drawer every month with a chance to win a prize. Over the last 15 years the 100 club, has raised over £12,000 for the church and has paid out almost £8,000 in prizes. Providing we have more than 80* people join we will pay out £40 in prizes each month and any profit over £510 will be paid to the Church but there is no upper limit, the more the merrier and the more money that will be raised for the church.

The three prizes are:

- 1 st Prize - £25
- 2 nd Prize - £10
- 3 rd Prize - £5

*If there are less than 80 members, there will be no 3rd prize.

If you join the Club, please contact any of the organisers to enquire about joining, application forms can be located at the back of the church on the leaflet table. Talk to any of us in church or by emailing using one of the email addresses below.



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.



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

Chat and Craft Group

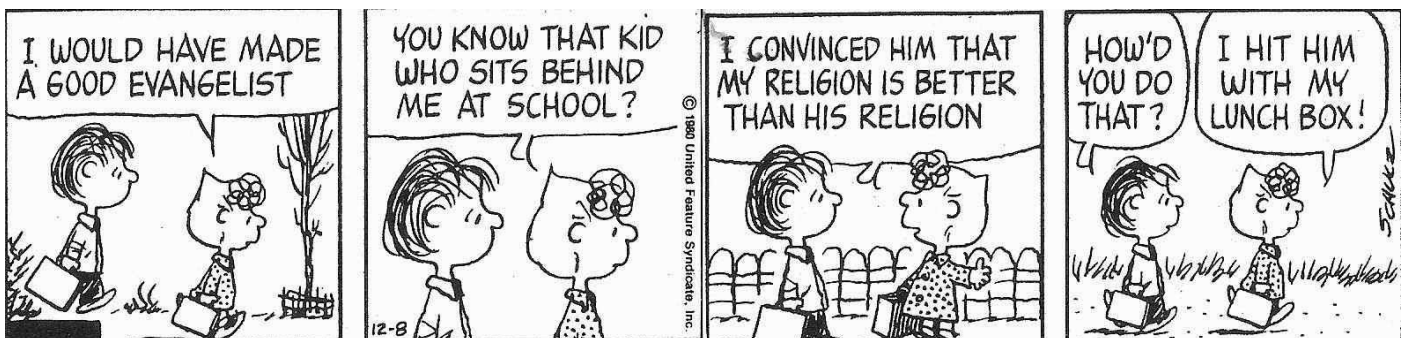
continues to meet every Thursday afternoon in the Church Hall between 2 and 4pm. Bring your own project along to work on, and chat to fellow crafters. A drink and biscuits will be available. For more information, talk to Sue at church or ring on 01275 877710.



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.



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/>

David James

As we approach the first anniversary of David's death, on behalf of the family, I would like to express our appreciation for the unfailing support given to us by the congregation at St John's.

Throughout the difficult weeks and months, we have been surrounded by the love of our Church family and friends and your kind words and hugs have helped so much.

You are wonderful!

*God Bless you All,
Margaret*



Celia Quiz !!

1. Which Old Testament prophet was adopted into a royal family?
2. Which Tory statesman wounded his rival in a duel in 1809?
3. What is the only sea with no land boundaries?
4. What colour is the shirt worn by the French Rugby Union side?
5. When was Clevedon's Picture House built?
6. Lambert Simnel was a Pretender to the throne of which English monarch?
7. What is the largest of the Balearic Islands?
8. Who is the hero of Thomas Hardy's last completed novel?
9. Whose portrait was on the first Penny Black stamp issued in England?
10. How long did the Miners' Strike of 1985 last?
11. Which bird was reintroduced to Salisbury Plain in 2004?
12. In which town does the television police drama with Detective Karen Pirie take place?
13. 'The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog' is a Pangram. What does that mean?
14. When and where was the World Health Organisation founded?
15. Which vegetable fibre is used to make linen?
16. Which 17th century composer and court musician wrote 60 anthems, 48 hymns, operas and over 100 instrumental works?

GORDON'S POSERS

- a: Sound this door makes as it closes on you; b: Paddling device for novice; c: But no regatta here

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish
Clevedon & Yatton**

PASSOVER MEAL

TUESDAY 26th March 2024

7pm

**GREYFRIARS HALL,
Marine Hill, Clevedon**

Tickets: Adults £10 Child/Student £5

Available from Basia McLaughlin

Via the Catholic Parish Office:

clevedon.immaculateconception@cliftondiocese.com



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

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