



St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 10 APRIL 2022

EASTER DAY IN THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

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 April – Holy Saturday

10.00 Morning Prayer – Fr Brendan Clover

20.00 Liturgy of the Lord's Resurrection

Sunday 17 April – Easter Day in the Lord's Resurrection

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evensong with Benediction

Easter Monday 18 April

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Easter Tuesday 19 April

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Easter Wednesday 20 April

10.00 Mass – Revd Preb John Andrews

Easter Thursday 21 April

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Easter Friday 22 April

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Easter Saturday 23 April

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 24 April – Divine Mercy Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer with Benediction

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear Friends,

On Saturday Evening, having walked with Jesus from the Last Supper to the Cross, we celebrate his glorious Resurrection. Easter has been called the Queen of Feasts, and without doubt Easter day gives substance to our faith. Jesus is raised by the glory of the Father. It will be lovely having Bishop Mike with us again as our preacher.

But how can we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ at a time when Russia is at war with Ukraine, the cost of living is spiralling, the travel industry is in chaos, and our world continues to choke with the fumes of emissions? And not just these global problems but the more domestic ones too, unemployment, poverty ... you can make your own list. The Resurrection of Jesus is the triumph of love, costly love, love that is prepared to lay down itself for the sake of others, for the sake of the world. When Jesus rose again Pontius Pilate was still the High Priest, the Scribes and Pharisees still went about their machinations, Israel was still under Roman rule, and oppression and poverty were still everywhere. None of those stark realities changed when Jesus rose again. And most of these realities were negative.

You see with the resurrection the question is not '*what changed?*', but '*who changed?*'. And the answer is that eleven men and a small group of women changed, they were so overwhelmed with the triumph of love that they set about transforming the world and the societies of which they were part. And from those few grew the Church that we love.

Wars have continued, oppression has continued. Yet even now there are those – we call them the Baptized, that's you and me, – who have been so inwardly transformed by the love of Jesus that they have no choice but to share it. And every time there is an act of love, no matter how trivial it may seem, it is a victory for the kingdom of God and Jesus is glorified.

May we be those people in our generation!

With Easter blessings,

Fr Brendan

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 10: 34a & 37-43 (Reader: Cameron)

Psalms 118: 1-2 & 16a & 17 & 22-23

R: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Colossians 3:1-4 (Reader: Judith)

St Luke 24:1-12



CHRIST THE LORD
IS RISEN TODAY!

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Sunday 17 April, Easter Day	Our Church and parish and the residents of Stonebridge
Monday 18 April	We pray for the ability to show the world our joy in Christ's resurrection
Tuesday 19 April	Amnesty International
Wednesday 20 April	We pray for parents of sons and daughters forced to fight in conflicts not knowing whether they will be reunited
Thursday 21 April	We pray for our own family units that we may be strong for each other when times are difficult
Friday 22 April	All who have lost their homes and livelihoods through natural disasters
Saturday 23 April	Our county's patron saint, all who are soldiers of Christ and the Salvation Army, their work and mission
Sunday 24 April	Our Church and parish and the residents of Banks Close and Carise Gardens



If you would like to contribute to the cost of Easter flowers retrospectively, please speak to Margaret or Debra, or leave your donation on the plate, labelled 'Easter Flowers', which is at the back of the Church.

Annual Parish Meeting

Advance notice that our Annual Parish Meeting and APCM will be held next week, **Sunday 24 April** following the 10.30 Mass.

Sue Rossiter

pccsecretary@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Please see the official notices of the APCM and the Election of Church Wardens which are towards the back of this newsletter.

CHURCH CLEANING

THANK YOU, to all who turned out a couple of weeks ago to begin cleaning our church. It very quickly became obvious that it is going to take some time to get to grips with all that needs doing.

On Saturday 16th April, after Morning Prayer at 10.00 am we are going to meet again and this time we would like folk with long arms and very long feather dusters to dislodge some very big cobwebs from the dark corners of the church and in front of our beautiful stained glass windows.

The floor needs sweeping and washing. The wall tiles need washing and drying. Please come along with dusters, brushes, mops and lots of enthusiasm and energy. You will be rewarded with a gleaming church and maybe coffee and doughnuts!!

Thank you, Sandra and Diane.



LENT LUNCHES

Thank you to everyone who supported the Lent lunches. Over £200 was raised for Clevedon food bank.
Thank you too, to Fr Brendan and Lynn for their hospitality and delicious soups!



A very big **THANK YOU!**

to all those who helped make the Easter Trail in Church on Tuesday and Wednesday such a success. The children who attended really enjoyed themselves and the grown ups had a good time too. Special thanks to the organisers.

CONGRATULATIONS! to this month's 100 Club winners.

They are:-

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| 1 st | Bless |
| 2 nd | Cecely |
| 3 rd | Angela |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Sunday 17 April	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine after Mass (hopefully outside !)
Easter Day	Annual Parish Meeting and APCM after Mass
Sunday 24 April	Festival Mass at 19.30: Revd. Canon Peter Newby, Canon of Westminster Cathedral will be our preacher
Friday 6 May	followed by wine and refreshments in the Church Hall
St John's Patronal Festival	Lunch Time Concert
Saturday 7 May	
Sunday 5 June	Parish Picnic in the Church grounds
HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee	
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

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.

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

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



The First Annual Empty Tomb Dash
and John defeats Peter **John 20:1-4**



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.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL FRIDAY 6 MAY

There will be a Festival Mass at 19.30 when the Revd Canon Peter Newby, Canon of Westminster Cathedral will be our preacher. Wine and refreshments (finger food) will be served after Mass in the Church Hall. If you feel you may be able to help provide some food, please see the list at the back of the Church. Anything you can bring along will be gratefully received, so don't feel you have to stick to the suggestions given! However, if you are bringing something different, please add it to the list.

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

CELIA'S EASTER QUIZ

FESTIVE FUN

1. What is the name given in the Bible for one of the men who met Jesus on the way to Emmaus?
2. Why were Church Easter Festivals abolished by the English government in 1648?
3. When were Eggs introduced into Easter celebrations in this country as symbols of new life?
4. Who wrote the words to the hymn When I Survey The Wondrous Cross?
5. Which Monk painted the icons on the north and south isles of St. John's.
6. Which country first introduced rabbits (another symbol of new life) into Easter celebrations?
7. Where is Easter Island?
8. A pagan custom of distributing which food stuff to the poor was introduced as a Christian custom by a St. Albans monk in 1361?
9. Where was Peter when he denied Jesus?
10. Who was responsible for the building of the first Church Of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem?
11. Which plant connected with the Festival is a Liliaceae?
12. When and where did Handel compose The Messiah?
13. How many Maundy coins are distributed to chosen people at the ceremony?
14. When were Bank Holidays, including Easter Monday, first introduced into England?
15. Which plant has been a symbol of victory in both non Christian and Christian histories?
16. Who wrote the music and words of the musical Jesus Christ Superstar?

GORDON'S POSERS

- a: Place to be on April 17th?;
- b ; Comfortable for crossing barefoot ;
- c: Don't put it in your sandwich;
- d: Hedge crossing for redcoats and dogs

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 Nick Dixon. Nicola can be contacted on 07940759891 or email her at churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk
Nick'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.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of

CLEVEDON ST JOHN

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in **church**

on the **24** day of **April** 20**22**

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows -

~~1 To the Deanery Synod~~ ~~representatives~~

To the Parochial Church Council **8** representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

(a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting OR 2 a report on the numbers entered on the new Roll;

(b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;

(c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December preceding the meeting;

(d) the annual report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;

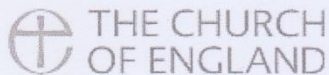
(e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and

(f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed _____

Minister of the parish



NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR

THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Parish of CLEVEDON ST JOHN

A meeting for the election of churchwardens will be held in

Church

on 24 day of April at 11.15 am (after Mass)

This meeting may be attended by:

1. All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and
2. All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

Under section 5A of the Churchwardens' Measure 2001,¹ an appeal against the election of a churchwarden may be made by any person entitled to take part in this meeting or by a candidate in the election. An appeal may be made against the election of any person on any of the following grounds:

1. That the person was not duly elected,
2. That the person was not qualified to be a candidate at the time of election,
3. That before the election was held, the person misrepresented a material fact in connection with the election,
4. That the conduct of the election was such as to affect its outcome,
5. That it has been determined that an error was made in the roll or that question is awaiting determination, and that error would or might be material to the election result;
6. That a vote which was allowed should have been disallowed, or that should have been disallowed was allowed, but only if that would or might have been material to the election result.

Any person who wishes to make an appeal should consult the Minister or the lay chair of the deanery Synod as to the appropriate procedure.

Signed _____ Minister

Dated _____

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¹ Substituted by Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2020/406, Part 2 rule 10(3) (consequential amendments), (July 2020). The full text is available at www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2020/406