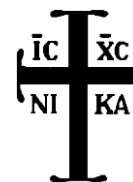




St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 17 JULY 2022

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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 July

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 17 July – Sixteenth Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 18 July

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 19 July

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 20 July

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Thursday 21 July

10.30 School Leaver's service (Congregation welcome to support our young people)

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 22 July – St Mary Magdalene

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 23 July – St Bridget

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 24 July – Seventeenth Sunday

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Genesis 18:1-10 (Reader: Gary)

Psalms 15

R: The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Colossians 1:24-28 (Reader: Diane)

St Luke 10:38-42

Intercessor – Debra

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

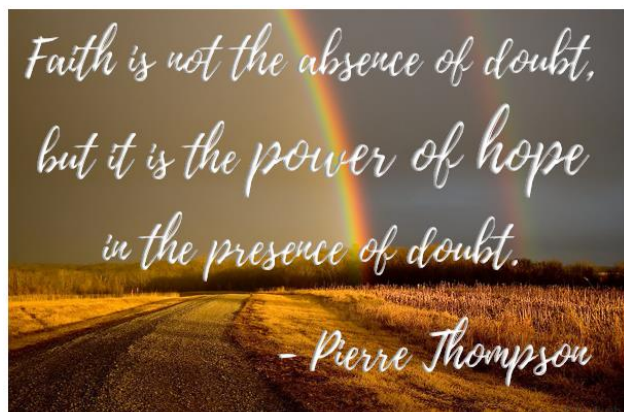
Dear friends,

First, many thanks to those of you who supported my Commissioning as Avon County Chaplain of the Order of St John on Monday evening. Thank you in particular to Debra for some delicious home-made cakes and to those who provided refreshments for our guests. Two Deputy Lord Lieutenants attended the event bringing the Queen's greetings to the members of the Order and to St John's Ambulance in its local manifestation. It will be good to see how this relationship develops.

As I announced on Sunday last, our friend Fred Campbell will be with us for Mass on Sunday 31st July and he is staying at the Vicarage that night and the following. He tells me that there are lots of people he would like to catch up with, so I would like to invite you to bring a Picnic to the Vicarage Garden after refreshments after Mass. You might like to bring something to sit on too! Fred will provide drinks. I hope you can attend. It would mean such a lot to Fred who is such a good friend to St John's.

I'm pleased to say that the Library are using our Upper Hall on Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons for their Children's activities such as Storytime, Rhymetime and the Summer Reading Challenge beginning this week and through to the end of September. You'll remember that work on the Lower Hall and Kitchen begins in August. So, there's plenty going on at that end of the site. We have received a letter from Carole Wring us for the Memorial Service for Tony. 'I cannot let this time pass without recording my sincerest and heartfelt thanks to you, and to all the St John's team, for making Tony's Commemoration so special and meaningful. I know he is now at peace.' It was an exceptional service.

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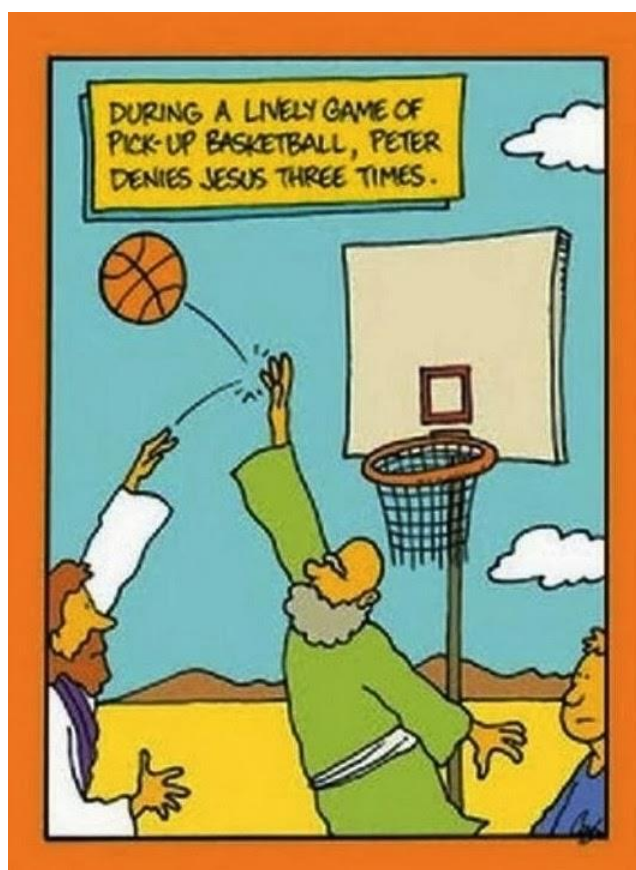
Finally, I tested positive with COVID. I will endeavor to get cover for all the services but it may be necessary to cancel with little notice. Please watch the WhatsApp Group for notices. The Parish Fete is upon us this weekend. A huge amount of work and generosity lies behind it. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed in any way whatsoever. I sincerely hope that I can be there to enjoy it with you.

With best wishes,
Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Sunday 17 July	Our Church, our parish and the residents of Griffin Road and Parnell Road
Monday 18 July	Nelson Mandela Day and the gift of freedom from apartheid
Tuesday 19 July	Gregory and Macrina of Nyssa – teachers of our faith
Wednesday 20 July	Our school, pupils, teachers, parents and guardians that they enjoy and stay safe during the long summer recess
Thursday 21 July	Market traders, artisans and retailers in Clevedon
Friday 22 July	Mary Magdalene and the hope to replicate her devotion to Jesus
Saturday 23 July	Our Lady of Walsingham, the Holy House, Fr Kevin – priest administrator – and all staff and pilgrims
Sunday 24 July	Our Church, our parish and the residents of Beaconsfield Road, Willow Court and Teignmouth Road. <i>It is also World Day for Grandparents and the elderly!</i>



100 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS FOR JUNE Congratulations!

1st Bea
2nd Unna
3rd David

APPEAL for small (and quiet) children's toys or jigsaws to go into the play sacks we are planning to place at the back of the Church. Please speak to Nicola if you think you may be able to help and/or have something suitable.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Sunday 24 July	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Monday 1 August	2.00 – 4.00 Summer Workshop – Build a Water Rocket
Tuesday 2 August	2.00 - 4.00 Summer Workshop – Willow Weaving: Make a bird feeder
Sunday 14 August	Parish BBQ at The Vicarage after Mass
Tuesday 16 August	2.00 – 4.00 Summer Workshop – We're going on a Bug Hunt
Sunday 21 August	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
September TBC	Australian Evening – an entertaining talk with Aussie wine and extras
Sunday 30 October	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 20 November	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

Fr Brendan and the members of the PCC are appealing for folk with enthusiasm to share their talents, and experience to join one of our four sub committees :

Finance	Increasing parish income, grant applications
Fabric	Maintenance, Repair and upkeep of our church building and hall
Worship	
Community	(formerly Social) Out reach within our community and outside the parish, including Children's School Holiday activities and parish celebrations and fund raising events

**Please give very serious consideration to offering your time
in God's service on one of these committees**

SUMMER WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Three **FREE** summer workshops will take place in and around the Church/Church Hall on 1, 2 and 16 August between 2.00 and 4.00 pm. There will be a pop-up café serving tea/coffee/squash and cakes. The workshops are **Build a Water Rocket** (9-13 year olds), **Willow Weaving Bird Feeders** (10+ year olds, though younger children are welcome to take part with parental help) and **We're Going on a Bug Hunt** (3-10 year olds).

Children must be accompanied by an adult who must remain in the Church grounds.

Please see the Diary above. If you are able to help with serving refreshments or making a cake, please speak to Sarah Lewis.



ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE

THIS SATURDAY 16 JULY

Please support our Summer Fete by coming along on Saturday between 2.00 and 4.00 pm.

If you have offered your help with setting up or staffing a stall, please come ready to begin at 11.45 am.



SUNDAY 14 AUGUST

AT THE VICARAGE

Tickets for the annual BBQ will be on sale from Sunday 17 July. The cost is £5.00 per person, under 16's eat for free. The ticket will cover the cost of meat and essential BBQ fare (bread rolls, a simple green salad, ketchup etc). Hot food will be available from 12.30 pm. If you would like to supply a more elaborate salad, or a dessert, please add your name to the list which will be in Church next Sunday. Please speak to Nicola or Debra for further information.

Sick List

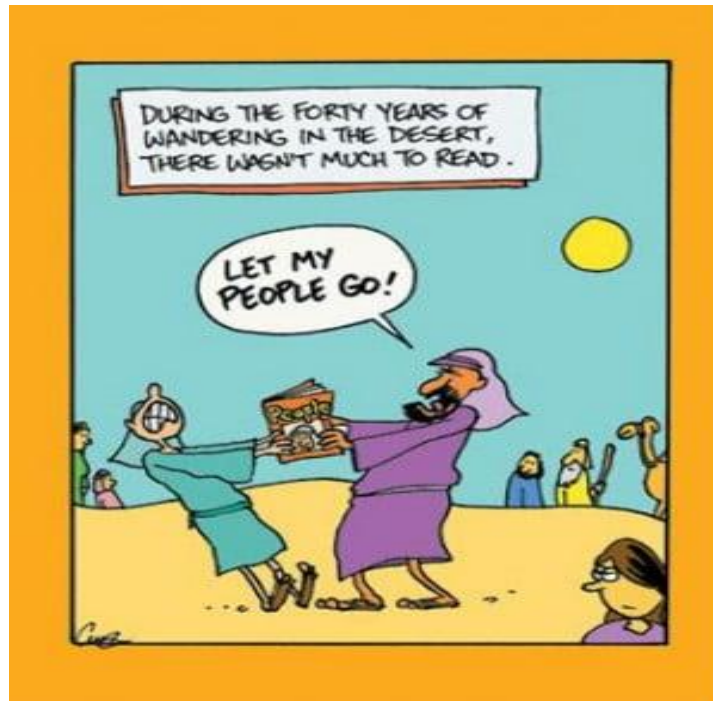
If you need to let the clergy know of anyone who is unwell and/or is needing pastoral care, please email office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk or mention this to David or Betty, our Sickness Points of Contact (SPOC's), after the service outside of the church building. Any requests will be passed on to Fr Brendan and names will be added to the sick list.

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 LATEST QUIZ

1. 1880s
2. Harold II
3. Cicada
4. Colin Firth
5. Mary, mother of Mark
6. Smallpox
7. Humming Bird
8. Pirates
9. Sapphire
10. 1946(London)
11. Clare
12. Charlotte Bronte
13. The Archers
14. 1707
15. Cumbria

16. Fidelio

GORDON'S

a:Meare Green;b:Knapp; c:Butleigh; d: Twinshoe

St John's Church Summer Fete Queen's Road Clevedon. Saturday 16th July 2-4pm.

Stalls Refreshments Children's games
Bouncy Castle Grand Raffle Tombola



Clevedon Foodbank is still in need 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.

During the 6-week school summer holidays, they anticipate that they will give out over 300 lunch bag parcels to school-aged children to fill the gap without school meals. The majority of the items listed below will be used in the lunch bag parcels. If you would like to donate any of the items, it would be appreciated.

Cereal	Fruit juice
Tinned pasta	Rice pudding
Tinned vegetables	Custard
Tinned tuna	Rice
Pasta sauce	Cooking sauce
Biscuits	Tinned meat
Soap	Shower gel
Washing up liquid	

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

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

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.

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

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 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

The Office Number is 07522 494 504

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 17 July 2022 – 5th Sunday after Trinity

Time with Jesus

Bible reading: Luke 10: 38 – 42

Questions

Would you rather be too busy or not have enough to do?

Which character do you most relate to, Martha or Mary? Why??

What does this story teach you about how to spend your time?

Prayer suggestion: - Ask the Holy Spirit to help you be more obedient to God

God, you love us

And want us to spend time with you.

In the stillness you offer us peace,

Your power and your presence.

Help us to be still and quiet before you

Amen

This week's challenge: Pray for those who are struggling to spend time with God

Activity suggestions:

- **Activity sheets for Proper 11**
- **Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Luke 10: 38 – 42**

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