

St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

TWENTYFOURTH SUNDAY, TRINITY 15

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 September – St Cornelius and St Cyprian

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 17 September – 24th Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Mark Smith

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 18 September

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 19 September

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

**Wednesday 20 September – St Andrew Kim Taegon
and all martyrs of Korea and the Pacific**

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 21 September – St Matthew

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 22 September

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 23 September

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 24 September – 24th Sunday – Harvest Festival

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 (Reader: Celia)

Psalms 103

R: The Lord is compassion and love

Romans 14:7-9 (Reader: Dilwen)

St Matthew 18:31-35

Intercessor - Judith

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Sunday's gospel is demanding.

It is demanding because it makes us think about ourselves at a deep level, and because it makes demands on us.

As Christians we are disciples of Christ and we take our most fundamental identity from being 'in him'. *'I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me'* writes St Paul.

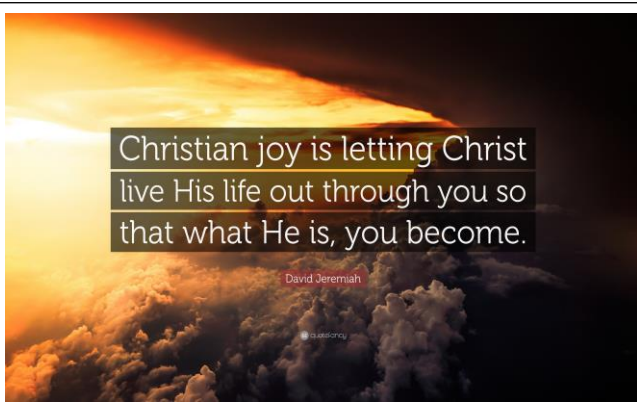
Baptism, we believe, can never be undone and it changes us at a level so fundamental that it can be described as 'ontological'. By baptism we die to our former selves and enter a new, risen life. What we believe about Christ literally, that he died and rose, is to be believed about ourselves sacramentally. It is a lifetime's task to come to understand these truths about our identities, and to live them out daily and to the end. In today's gospel, Peter begins confidently and correctly to acknowledge Jesus as the Christ – but he misunderstands the implications of this. When the identity of the Christ is revealed to him as involving Jesus's suffering, death and resurrection, Peter does not accept this. He is firmly rebuked by Jesus.

Jesus then turns to speak to a larger group. We should consider ourselves as being addressed by him: those who want to be followers of mine, let them renounce themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Anyone who loses their life for Jesus's sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

Despite how it sounds this is GOOD NEWS! This is the way to live deeply and contentedly.

With my love and prayers,
Your parish priest,
Brendan



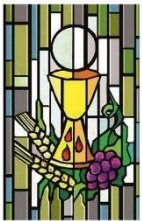
Christian joy is letting Christ
live His life out through you so
that what He is, you become.

David Jeremiah

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 16 September	Edward Pusey, a leader of the Oxford movement and his contemporaries who founded Pusey House and a library in his name
Sunday 17 September	Our Church and parish and the residents of Oldville Avenue
Monday 18 September	All who work with patients who have mental health issues and behaviour difficulties
Tuesday 19 September	Theodore of Tarsus , who taught the Christian way of life
Wednesday 20 September	All corporate decision makers, that their dealings may be fair and honest
Thursday 21 September	St Matthew, the Apostle and Evangelist. All civil servants and all who work in government departments
Friday 22 September	All who suffer constant debilitating pain
Saturday 23 September	Our Blessed Virgin Mary – Our Lady of Walsingham
Sunday 24 September	Our Church and parish and the residents of Strode Road, Tweed Road and Kimberley Road



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.

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

Saturday 16 September	THIS WEEK! Quiz Evening, 7.00 pm, in the Church Hall
Sunday 24 September	NEXT WEEK! Harvest Lunch – 12.30 in the Church Hall
Saturday 2 December	Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall

FUN QUIZ EVENING

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER – 7.00 pm in the Church Hall

Solo and team quizzes. Nuts and nibbles. Only £1.00 entry (for Church funds)

HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 24 September after Mass in the Church Hall



Please see the sign up sheet at the back of Church. Special dietary requirements catered for. The cost is £7.50 More details from Sarah or Nicola.

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 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.

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



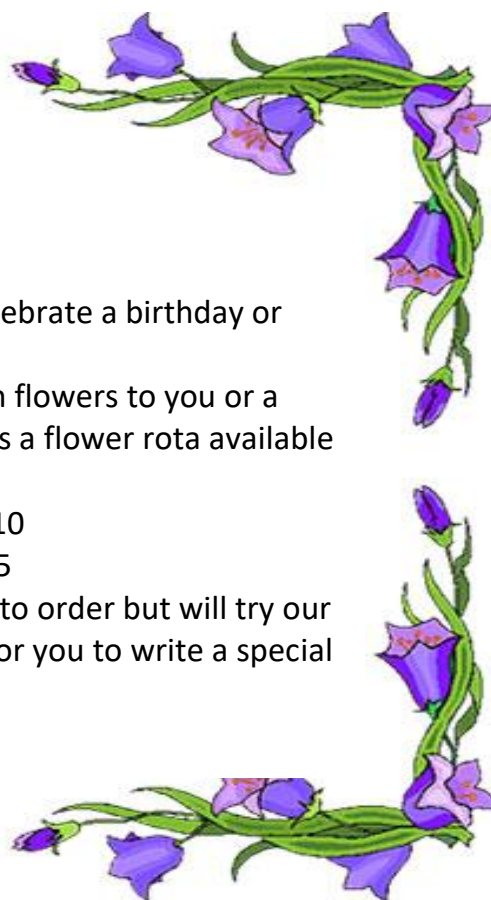
Chat and Craft Group

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.



"For you, the meaning of life is
'eat, play, sleep.'"



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.



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

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 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

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.

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/>

Harvest at St John's-Sunday 24th September

Once again, we will be supporting the Clevedon Food Bank this Harvest tide. Please see the attached poster which details the items that are most needed in our local community.

We have arranged for a member of the Food Bank team to call at St John's to collect donation after our festival.

Alternatively, if you wish to make a monetary to the Clevedon Food Bank, we will pass on any money placed in an envelope or one of our blue envelopes added to the collection plate on Sunday 24th.

Thank you.

Nicola
Churchwarden

HARVEST APPEAL



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Tins Of Tuna
Tea
Hot Chocolate
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Custard
Long Life Juice
Coffee
Biscuits
Shower Gel
Shampoo

*Don't forget...
You can help transform
more lives with a financial
donation too.*



Clevedondistrictfoodbank.org.uk



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Celia Quiz !!

1. Which couple assisted St. Paul in his work in Ephesus?
2. Which legislation regarding public behaviour was in force in this country from 1716 to 1933?
3. Which is the longest river in Great Britain?
4. Which TV Science Fiction series around a time travelling physicist has recently been revived?
5. In the early 19th century records show how many inhabitants of Clevedon were there (nearest 100)
6. In which industry did the Industrial revolution in England begin in the 18th century
7. Which variety of beet has the same name as a Somerset town?
8. The piano in its present form was invented in the 18th century in which country?
9. The Elementary Education Act of 1870 insisted girls were taught at least which two subjects?
10. Which monarch was the last of the Hanoverians?
11. Where is the island of Alcatraz situated?
12. In which fictional place does the L. M. Montgomery novel Anne Of Green Gables take place ?
13. Which of the Channel Islands is ruled by an hereditary Seigneur or Dame?
14. When did France declare itself a Republic?
15. The Equus Quagga is which African animal?
16. Which leader of The Theatre Of The Absurd wrote The Caretaker and The Birthday Party?
17. The piano in its present form was invented in the 18th century in which country?

GORDON'S POSERS

a: direction for ? poll or perch; b: covering in paint or fabrick - sounds like ; c: level rivulet

moonlight memory walk



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IN
WESTON-IN-GORDANO
PARISH CHURCH

**Saturday 23rd Sept at 7:30 pm
St Peter's & St Paul's Church**

Tickets £10, inc refreshments. Cash bar.

Tickets available from John Bridges (843380), the Robinsons (399097) or
any member of the PCC