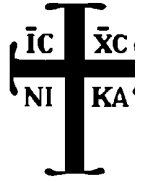




# St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER 2021

29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - TRINITY 20

If you wish to contribute to the next edition of the newsletter, please email [office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk) marking your email 'Newsletter Article' by **12 noon Thursdays weekly**.

## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 16 October

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

### Sunday 17 October – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Trinity 20

10.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

### Monday 18 October – St Luke

18.00 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 19 October

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 20 October

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

### Thursday 21 October

12.30 Market Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 22 October

10.00 BCP Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

### Saturday 23 October

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Sunday 24 October – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Trinity 21

10.30 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

17.30 Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear fellow pilgrim,

This is intended primarily for those of us who are going to Walsingham, but I thought it might encourage us all to think about doing such a thing...

I find two words really helpful when thinking about pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is an 'intentional journey'. Of course, life is an intentional journey because we believe it has meaning and purpose. Christians believe that life is a journey towards the God who created and redeemed us, and the climax of that journey is to reflect back to God that wonder and beauty and love He is in Himself, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for all eternity. Wesley writes that we shall be '*Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee lost in wonder, love and praise*'. That's a fantastic description of our ultimate destiny. And notice how positive it is: we are already wearing the crowns!

Most of our journeys take us to places we need to be for work or relaxation, holiday, family or friends. The joy is in arriving. But our pilgrimage begins the moment we set out - the journeys there and back are as much part of the experience as the arrival. Anyone who has walked the Camino to Santiago de Compostela will tell you of their experiences on the way, of the opportunities for service, of the chance encounter... It is no accident that the first Christians were called the followers of the Way. To emphasise this a pilgrimage might begin in your local church with a Little Office including the Benedictus, the sprinkling with holy water (a reminder of baptism), and a blessing for the journey. You might like to read the Benedictus - which speaks of God's journey towards us - before you set out to Walsingham:

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The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 53:10-11 (*Reader: Peter*)

Psalms 33

**R: *May your love be upon us O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you***

Hebrews 4:14-16 (*Reader: Diane*)

St Mark 10:42-45

Intercessor - *Martin*

## Daily Prayer (The Office)

Evening Prayer is said publicly in church every day (except Wednesday) at 5.30pm.

Morning Prayer is said at 9.30am when there is a 10.00am Mass.

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*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has come to His people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, Born of the house of His servant David. Through His holy prophets He promised of old That He would save us from our enemies, From the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy Covenant. This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham: To set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship Him without fear, Holy and righteous in His sight All the days of our life. You, my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our Lord The dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Oftentimes pilgrims will set out on their journey with a specific intention either for themselves or others. That might be asking God for the resolution of a situation or personal difficulty, or for help in making a life changing decision. You might set out asking for God's healing, compassion and hope, for yourself or a loved one.

You might set out asking for forgiveness for sins committed. There is always the opportunity at the destination to receive the laying on of hands and anointing for yourself or for another, to make your confession, and at Walsingham you may drink water from the Holy Well. And of course, we will be caught up in the worship of Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He will make himself known to us in the Scriptures and in the Breaking of the Bread.

And that's the real point. To set out on the intentional journey which is a pilgrimage is to seek to be drawn deeper into our relationship with the living Christ, Mary's Son, God's Son, and to rejoice with her whom every generation calls blessed, Our Lady of Walsingham.

So let's have an intentional journey. Let part of our intention be to pray for the work of our Parish, for one another, for the mission of the Church and for everyone in need. And let's have fun and companionship along the Way!

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **It's Shoebox time again!**

**Operation Christmas Child** is once again collecting shoeboxes full of small gifts to send to children in need around the world. Suggestions for gifts include toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hat, gloves, scarf - but no toothpaste or sweets, no liquids or glass. Further details and parcel labels from Sue Rossiter (tel. 01275 877710). Shoeboxes should be returned to church by **Sunday 14 November**. Alternatively you can pack a shoebox online at [shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk)



**Chat and Craft Group** is meeting every Thursday afternoon drop-in 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.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (not December) – Celebration Sunday – join us for a glass of wine / sherry and cake to celebrate any birthdays or anniversaries during the month
- Saturday 13 November – MURDER MYSTERY Evening with Ploughman’s supper starting at 7pm. Further details to follow and if you are interested in reading a part, please let Fiona know.

## **100 Club**

The winners of St. John’s 100 club for September were:

1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 87 – Betty      2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – No. 57 – June      3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – No. & - Tony

Thank you everyone for your support.

## **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/>

## **CHRISTMAS FUND RAISING**



The Social Committee has made the difficult decision not to hold a Christmas Fair this year due to the difficulties of holding such an event in a Covid safe way. Instead, we hope to have a BIG raffle, legally licenced and with printed tickets which we can sell to our family, friends and neighbours. It has been suggested we offer a cash prize of £100, but if anyone has a better idea, please speak to Fiona. We will need lots of other prizes, so if you have any unwanted and unused presents, please bring them to Church. Your donations can be given to either Judith or Debra. If you would like to make a contribution to the main cash prize, please speak to Fiona.

## ANSWERS TO CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ

### BE THOUGHT – FULL

1. 5,500
2. Lord Protector
3. Tagus
4. Tracy Barlow
5. Seven
6. Mary Robinson
7. South America
8. Edwin Landseer
9. Cobalt
10. 1939
11. Nicaragua
12. Simon Le Bon
13. Biro (by Laszlo Biro)
14. Spartacus
15. Goldcrest
16. Little Women



Many of you will know that we sponsor a child through the charity Embrace – her details are in the Church porch. If you would like to further support the work of Embrace in the Middle East, please take a moment to look at their online brochure, which is full of beautiful cards and alternative gifts.

The link is <https://shop.embraceme.org> or call 01227 811646

### Virtual Plant Stall

Fiona Slade has kindly made available the following plants which will make wonderful House Plants and are purple.... just in time for Advent!!

They can be delivered free of charge and all we ask are donations which can be given in person or online at our giving page (see above).

If interested, and House Plants are the 'in thing' at the moment, please let us know by dropping a line at [office@stjohns-clevedon-org.uk](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon-org.uk) The plants are Purple Shamrock (Left 3 available) and Tradescantia (Right 9 available). Thank you.





Donations to Clevedon Food Bank can be put in the Food bank bin at Tesco, taken to the Food Bank in Knowles Road on Mondays or Fridays between 9.30 and 11.30 am, or added to your local street collection. **There is also a basket in the porch at Church for your goods. Please deposit them when entering the building. Thank you. Sue**

### **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 new website at: <https://www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/> or at [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/111185/](http://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.**



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](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)  
Nick's email address is [churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk) Thank you.

If you have any safeguarding questions or issues please email [parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

### **Sunday 17 October 2021 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)**

Bible readings –

Questions

Prayer suggestion

This week's challenge

Activity suggestions

**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)**