



St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2024

LENT ONE

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 17 February

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 18 February – Lent 1

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Robert Ward

17.30 Lent Course and Benediction

Monday 19 February

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 20 February

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

18.00 Lent Group – The Suffering Servant

Wednesday 21 February

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 22 February

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 23 February

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 24 February

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 25 February – Lent 2

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Lent Course and Benediction

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Genesis 9:8-15 (Reader: Peter)

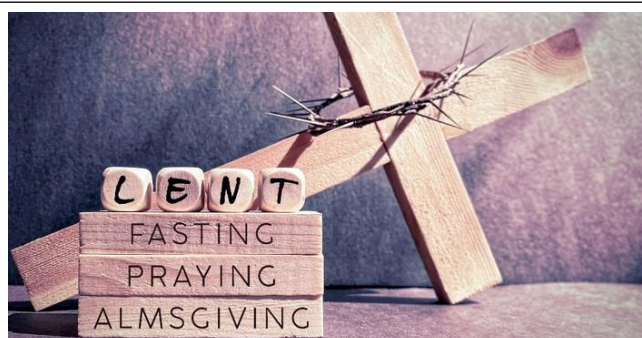
Ps 24

R: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love, for those who keep your covenant

1 Peter 3:18-22 (Reader: Celia)

St Mark 1:12-15

Intercessor – Judith



Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

We are off to a good start.

The Ash Wednesday Mass was lovely and thank you to those of you who supported it by your presence.

Our Lent course - How to pray better - led by Canon Nicola Stanley begins this Sunday at 5.30pm and it ends with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.15pm. 'Would you not watch with me one hour?'

And it seems there are enough people interested in a Bible Study group. So this will meet on Tuesdays at 6pm - 7pm in the James Room in the Elton Hall. No need to bring anything as we will provide the text to be prayed over and discussed.

Stations of the Cross will take place after the 6pm Mass on Wednesdays.

And here is something from our art installation person:

Material..... Things have changed. The chains now hold what looks like a bundled up piece of cloth. Surely the chains are far too big for such a lightweight piece of cloth. Maybe there is something heavy inside it?

Upon the tiny altar is a small old wooden bowl. It is filled with ash. What does this mean? Why is ash used to begin Lent? Ash was never a part of the Easter story, so why is it being used now? What is the connection between the bundled up cloth and the bowl of ash? Is there any?

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As we move further into Lent more clues will slowly appear. Have you any idea what the finished piece will look like?

Have a happy and holy Lent,
Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 17 February	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, her shrine in Walsingham, Fr Kevin, priest administrator, and all staff and pilgrims
Sunday 18 February	Our Church and parish and residents of The Chaffins, The Perrins and Plumer's Close
Monday 19 February	Those who persecute Christians and all Christians who are persecuted for their faith
Tuesday 20 February	The unity of our church with other faiths that we may work and pray together
Wednesday 21 February	All forced, for whatever reason, to live on the streets without shelter
Thursday 22 February	Clevedon market traders and artisans
Friday 23 February	All preparing for baptism and confirmation
Saturday 24 February	Our blessed Virgin Mary and all parishes dedicated to her name
Sunday 25 February	Our Church and parish and residents of Homeground

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



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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 10 March	Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday Rose Reception
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.



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.



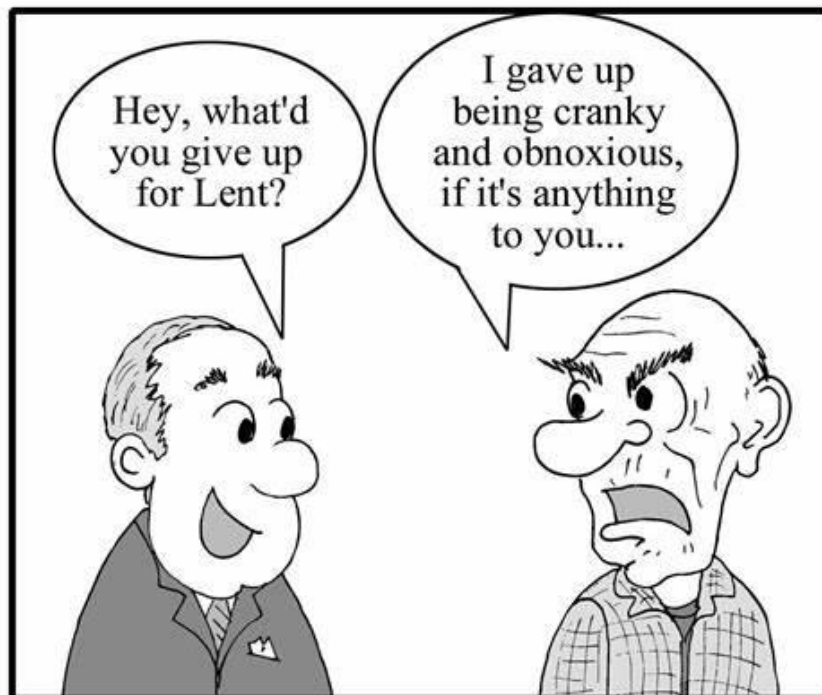
Website

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

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



www.catholiccartoonblog.blogspot.com

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.



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who invite people to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. The theme for the 2024 World Day of Prayer is *"I beg you, bear with one another in love."*

We have been invited to attend a service for Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 1 March at 10.00 at Kenn Road Methodist Church. This year's focus is especially important and timely as the service has been prepared by the women of Palestine.

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/>





Celia Quiz !!

1. In what year was Clevedon Methodist Church opened?
2. At what age were people due for an Old Age Pension when it was introduced in 1909?
3. Which North Sea area in the Shipping forecast gets its name from its depth in fathoms?
4. The musical Evita is about the wife of whom?
5. What three temptations did Jesus face in the wilderness?
6. Parliament voted who in as King in 1689?
7. Which Indian city is famous for its Mogul architecture?
8. Which TV show was set in Ardross Castle?
9. What condiment is made from fermented beans?
10. When was child labour banned in Britain?
11. Which are the three types of honey bee found in a hive?
12. Who wrote the novel Cider With Rosie.
13. Which other country than Switzerland has the Franc as its currency?
14. Which Prime Minister established the secret ballot at elections in the mid 19th century?
15. Features such as Iceland's Vatnajökull are known as what?
16. Which football club's home ground is at Elland Road?

GORDON'S POSERS

- a:How to bequeath something; b: Alfresco site for all-over wash;
c:Forested height

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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