

St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2023

ELEVENTH SUNDAY, TRINITY 2

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 June

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Sunday 18 June – Eleventh Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Mark

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 19 June

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 20 June

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 21 June

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 22 June

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 23 June – St Etheldreda

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 24 June – Birth of St John the Baptist

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Sunday 25 June – Twelfth Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr M Taviner, Fr Brendan

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Exodus 19:2-6 (Reader: Peter)

Psalms 100

R: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Romans 5:6-11 (Reader: Celia)

St Matthew 9:36-10:8

Intercessor – Diane

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

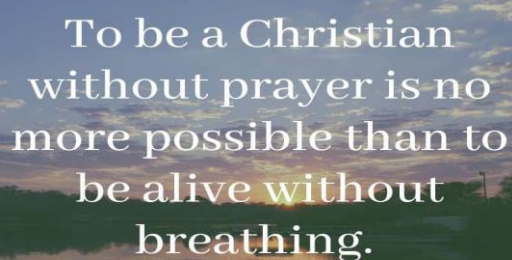
Dear friends,

The Corpus Christi Mass last Sunday morning was fabulous and so moving. Thanks to everyone who took part in it. It was lovely to hear the new piano being played as part of the Liturgy.

This coming Sunday morning, we welcome back Fr Mark Smith as celebrant and preacher. I know you will greet him warmly and enjoy his presence. We are back now in 'Ordinary time' until Advent is upon us once again, and the readings each Sunday work their way through the Gospel of Matthew. In Sunday's Gospel Jesus sends out his twelve closest friends, his inner group of disciples, on mission. He sees them as the new 'twelve patriarchs' of the people, destined to give the House of Israel a fresh beginning, just as the great heroes of the past, the sons of Jacob, had done before. And what was the result? A flop. The Twelve do not convert Israel. Jesus will weep over the Jerusalem that rejected him. Whatever else we may say about his Sacrifice, he goes to his death in the awareness that he had been unable to bring his people to share through him the life of the Father. That task he left to us, the mystical Body of Christ.

The Church today seems paralyzed by the thought of seemingly inevitable decline. For the liberal press, it is certain that Christendom is over, and for the more traditionally minded newspaper, the question is only, 'How long, O Lord?'

How long before a multi-faith society is constitutionally recognized — a prospect which is only a half-way house before we move on to acknowledging a global ethic — we might call it 'ecological humanism' — as the religion of the future, in comparison with which all historic religions will look parochial and out of date.



To be a Christian
without prayer is no
more possible than to
be alive without
breathing.

Martin Luther

Cont...

Such a prospect should not make us defeatist and passive. The Church has known many setbacks in history, many unpropitious sets of circumstances in which to work. She has known situations where whole populations have fallen away, leaving only tiny remnants to carry the precious burden of revelation, the message of salvation, through history.

Let them do their worst. They will not say 'No' more vociferously, or (for that matter) with greater indifference, than many of the participants in the Passion of Christ.

Whatever happens, our task is to be faithful to the mission our Lord has given us and to believe in the power of the Resurrection. Never let it be said that it ended with us!

With my love and prayers,

Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 17 June	Our Blessed Virgin Mary and all who belong to St John's Walsingham Cell
Sunday 18 June	FATHERS DAY. Our Church and parish and all residents of Kennaway Road and Bay Tree Road
Monday 19 June	The members of the Military & Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem and their fund raising which enables research into leprosy and other disfiguring skin diseases
Tuesday 20 June	Farmers, small holders and all who work to provide local produce
Wednesday 21 June	Members of our PCC and all volunteers who give time and expertise to help run our beautiful church
Thursday 22 June	St Alban and all pilgrims to the Abbey church of St Alban. Our market day traders
Friday 23 June	All who are looking to return to a church community that they may be given a true welcome
Saturday 24 June	Our Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate the birth of St John the Baptist and pray for all parishes which bear his name
Sunday 25 June	Our Church and parish and all residents of Elm Tree Road, Orchard Road, The Paddock and Knightstone Court

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Below are the new Mass times for St John's. These will take effect from Monday 10 April.



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



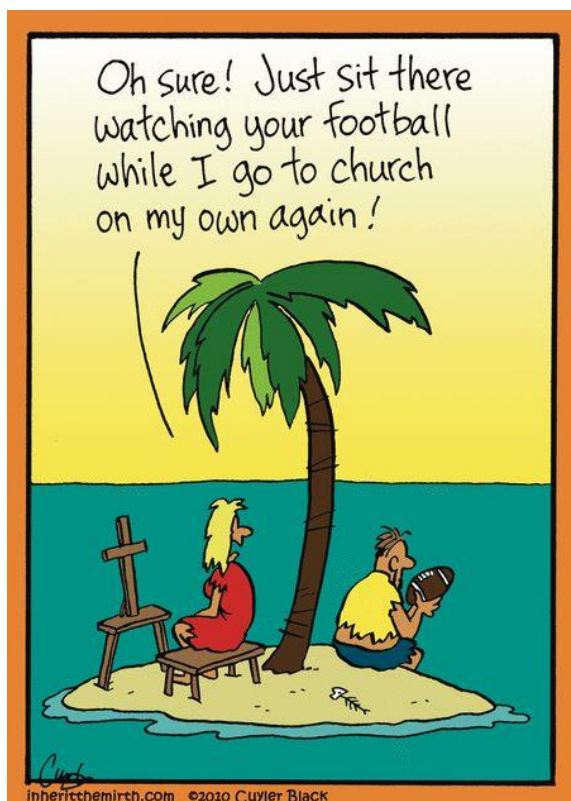
VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

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 25 June	Parish Lunch to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Fr Brendan's ordination
Saturday 15 July	St John's Summer Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church grounds
Sunday 13 August	Parish BBQ, after Mass
Saturday 16 September	Quiz Evening, time to be confirmed, in the Church Hall
Sunday 1 October	Harvest Lunch – 12.30 in the Church Hall
Saturday 2 December	Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall

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.



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/>

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.

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



After fifty years as church organist, you had to admire Gladys' effort to embrace the new worship format.

Celebratory Parish Lunch for Father Brendan's 40th Anniversary of Ordination.

Sunday 25th June after Mass.

Everyone is welcome!

You are all invited to lunch to mark this wonderful occasion. There is a list at the back of church, please sign up if you plan to attend so that we know numbers. Offers of puddings would be very welcome, please speak to Sarah if you can provide one.



Mothers' Union

On Wednesday 14th June the Mothers' Union members of this Church were invited to join the St. Andrews Mothers' Union branch for an evening of fellowship.

We received a warm welcome and enjoyed an excellent meal, followed by an interesting talk by a speaker from the charity SAT 7. He explained their work which gives help and support to Christians, particularly women and children, in the Middle East and North Africa, through the medium of special and dedicated television programs.

Mass at St. John's is dedicated to the Mothers Union on the first Thursday of the month at 12.30pm.

Sandra Coaker

Celia Quiz answers !

1. St. Andrew's
2. George Fox (1648)
3. Saigon
4. Burnt stump from 1882 England v Australia Test.
5. Nathan
6. 1239 -1307
7. Bonobo
8. Mae Muller
9. Earl Grey
10. May 1859
11. Mexico
12. Auguste Rodin
13. Arpeggio
14. 1688

Are you free for a working party??

Working parties to tidy the Church grounds and to clean the Church interior will be held on Wednesday 21 June 23 from 10.00am until about 12.00.

You can join either party and do as much as you are able, but it would be great to see as many people as possible!

Please could you bring with you any tools (weeding etc) or cleaning items that you may have...this would be a great help.

Coffee and biscuits will be provided to sustain you!

Thank you,
Sandra and Derek Coaker

Yesterday

Yesterday I was sitting on a rock in the middle of a stream .

Shaded beneath an oak tree absorbing nature's energy
invigorating me.

Gazing at the shimmering blue green and purple wings
of damselflies darting from side to side.

Reflecting on my own darting about realizing the
importance of stopping and connecting with God's
natural world remembering to ask what is this
experience teaching me God?

Jane Carter

Can you help (or know someone who can) ?

"Hallo everyone.

"Unfortunately we had to say 'goodbye to our lovely cleaning lady recently as she was suffering from ill health. Yesterday we returned from holiday and realised just how much things had gone downhill. Unfortunately I can't manage the housework and David finds it difficult too. If you hear that someone you know wants a few hours work a week could you please let me know and I will get in touch with them. It will probably take several sessions to sort us out then this will become a more manageable 2/3 hours per week. We don't have children but do have two dogs

"Thanks in anticipation.

Liz Green, (I sit at front of church on the left hand side.)"

Return of the Collection Plate

Following a recent meeting between the Churchwardens and Fr. Brendan, we think now is the right time to dispense with a retiring collection and to reintroduce the circulation of the Collection Plate during Mass on a Sunday.

We appreciate that the majority of our congregation have chosen to regularly give via standing order directly into the church bank account and some of you use the Cashless Card Reader. However, we are very aware that some church members and visitors still prefer to use cash. Please do not feel embarrassed or uncomfortable by not donating as the plate passes you by as we understand you may give using another method of payment. We are also very mindful of the present cost of living crisis and understand some members may want to give financially but feel unable to do so at this time.

Please will 'Meeter and Greeter' please arrange for the elements to be taken to the alter during the Offertory Hymn and then start to collect from the front. If we have a full church may we suggest collections are taken from both sides of the church simultaneously.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of St John's work and mission in the community of Clevedon.
Nicola & Gary

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.



Volunteers needed in Clevedon!

Help asylum seekers in temporary accommodation feel welcome

We're looking for sensitive, friendly, proactive people to give 2-4 hours a week (times and days flexible to suit)

More information:
rwns.org.uk/volunteer
Email:
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