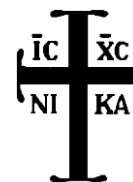




St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

TWENTY FIFTH 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 17 September

10.30 Mass

Sunday 18 September – Twenty fifth Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 19 September

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

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

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 21 September – St Matthew

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Thursday 22 September

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 23 September

10.00 BCP Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Saturday 24 September

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

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Words from Fr Brendan Clover

And suddenly the still centre shifts. Today, we are made more vulnerable. Today, we are all perhaps a little less sure. We mourn Her Late Majesty the Queen, we feel that loss and in it I think we feel other losses, old grief, for she was there in all our sorrows. She was there too when we kept company and rejoiced. She was our point of reference, our assurance that there is continuity. This is a moment when we feel the passing years, the changes good and bad. How strange that we should be startled. Our platinum sovereign, beside and before us as no other. Beside and before us longer than we dared imagine and through such dislocating changes in our culture and our world. Yet, we are surprised, our Queen smiles out at us from that last picture in Balmoral and then, so swiftly, is not here.

Queen Elizabeth was, the record shows, a 'constant'. The New York Times has her as '*the one constant in an inconstant world*'. We hear that word so often now in the tributes paid. Our 'constant' sovereign. It is a good word. It is a recognition of the long years of service, of sustained duty, and of a disciplined integrity. We recognize that constancy. Fifteen Prime Ministers; a

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The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Amos 8:4-7 (*Reader: Robert*)

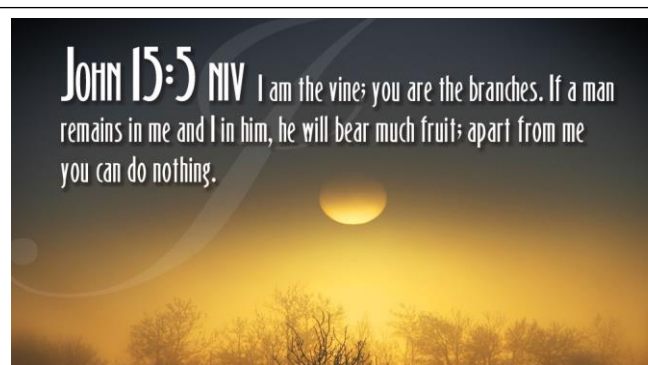
Psalms 113

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1 Timothy 2:1-8 (*Reader: Judith*)

St Luke 16:(1-9) 10-13

Intercessor – Celia



JOHN 15:5 NIV I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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reign which began as television was new and which was then lived before a camera. The nations and the Commonwealth, our lives, our culture, so changed since her accession, we cannot fail to notice and honour the Queen's constancy.

Constancy then, but perhaps something more. When St Paul searched for the language to express the deep mystery of death and the hope and courage with which we face that, he settled on another word. Not constant, but steadfast.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast.

To be 'constant' is to endure, to survive and to be sure. The Queen was our indeed constant. It was not a performance we saw, but the character of one who lived up to the oaths she took. When so much of our life together is dominated by slogan and style it is imperative we recognize that the Queen set something quite different before us. It was herself she gave us, knowing the cost, feeling the compulsion to give of her best. For seventy years, through turbulence and change, she has sustained the values we admire, she has been the values we respect. She promised, in Westminster Abbey, at her coronation to devote her life to principle, not power; to Law, to Justice in Mercy, and to faith. She kept her promise, she ran the race. It was sustained and it was constant.

Even so, this is something bolder, and braver than constancy. Our late Queen was steadfast. She did something more than survive and sustain. She believed and she hoped. To be steadfast is to fix mind and eye on truth and to then pursue it. It is to live out a confidence that life has meaning and life has purpose. In her Christmas broadcast in 1957, near the beginning of her reign, her late Majesty quoted Pilgrim's Progress: *Though with great difficulty I am got hither, yet now I do not repent me of all the trouble I have been at - to arrive where I am.*

She celebrated recent change and insisted still that some things should not change, ideals and principles must abide. She said, *Today we need a special kind of courage, not the kind needed in battle but a kind which makes us stand up for everything that we know is right, everything that is true and honest.*

Our Queen was steadfast in faith. Of course, she lived as we live in the joys and sorrows of the passing moments. She lived intensely in the present throughout her long reign, in those endless red dispatch boxes, in the audiences, in the countless handshakes and the visits and the tours, in celebration, sorrow and in difficulty. She did that visibly. Always though she believed that her service, our community and our God given capacity for goodness, generosity and grace might make all of us better than we are. She was steadfast in believing that life was not in vain, steadfast in hope and purpose. Her faith was sure and her faith mattered. Faith, hope, love abide and whilst love is the greatest of these, perhaps it is hope that drives and sustains the steadfast. She was sustained too by our affection, by a faithful household, by her family and above all by the husband she married in 1947. Her liege man of life and limb was steadfast too, and their common witness was remarkable to behold.

Now, hats and handbags are set carefully aside, duty is done, promises have been kept. So, the heavy mantle of majesty which, she persuaded us, was lightly borne is passed on the instant to our new King. We pray for him in his grief and sorrow. We pray for him as we hear him make that same commitment to duty, to principle and to constitutional monarchy under God.

St Paul, faced down the deep mystery of death sure in faith, sure in hope. Death would make a mockery of life, crush the constant, stamp out the steadfast. Yet Christ lives and it is faith and hope that have the victory. So Paul concludes his meditation on living and dying: *Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.*

In that hope, her late Majesty lived and died. She was steadfast in service, steadfast in faith and steadfast in hope. We all echo the words of our new King as we look back over a reign of more than seventy years and say 'thank you'. Now we renew our own hope. Refreshed in faith, we determine to be steadfast ourselves, steadfast in our thankful remembrance, steadfast in loyalty to His Majesty and steadfast in faith.

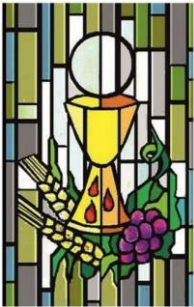
God save the King.

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Sunday 18 September	Our Church and parish and all who live in Oldville Avenue
Monday 19 September	Theodore of Tarsus who taught the Christian way of life and the canonical method of keeping Easter
Tuesday 20 September	All who are concerned about their ability to meet winter fuel bills
Wednesday 21 September	St Matthew, apostle and evangelist. All civil servants and Government workers
Thursday 22 September	Our market traders. café owners and all who work in retail
Friday 23 September	All facing a potential cancer diagnosis and subsequent treatment
Saturday 24 September	Our Lady of Walsingham. All who find today's world a frightening and uncomfortable place to be
Sunday 25 September	Our Church and parish. All who live in 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.

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)

Saturday 17 September	PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO NATIONAL MOURNING AND WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON 15 OCTOBER.
Sunday 2 October	Australian Evening Harvest Lunch – hot food in the Church Hall at 12.30. Tickets are £7.50 per person, children under 16 go free.
Saturday 15 October	Australian Evening – an entertaining talk with cheese, Aussie wine and extras. Tickets available for £7.50 per person
Sunday 30 October	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Saturday 19 November	Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall – 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow.
Sunday 20 November	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Saturday 3 December	Christmas Wreath Making in the Church Hall – 10.00 to 12.00 am. Details to follow.
Saturday 3 December	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow.
Saturday 10 December	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow

A voyage to Australia in the 1850s: the story of Mrs Margaret Lambton

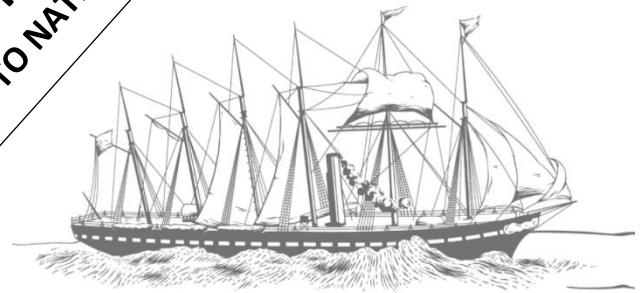
Alison Soars will provide us with an evening of social history with the fascinating story of Mrs Margaret Lambton's voyage to a new life in Australia on the SS Great Britain. Accompanied with a selection of Australian wines.

Saturday 17 September
6.45pm for 7pm

This is a fundraising event for St. John's Church.

Please support.

Tickets (£7.50) available from the back of the Church



POSTPONED
UNTIL 15 OCTOBER DUE TO NATIONAL MOURNING

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

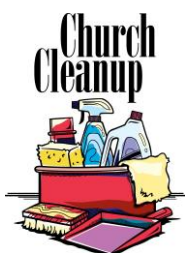
A recent review has resulted in a decision to continue with a retiring collection for all services, the collection plate is located just inside the church entrance, as is our Electronic Payment Card Reader for those of you who prefer not to carry cash (very much like the Queen) and wish to donate to 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.

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.

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



Volunteers needed for Church clean

There will be a working party to clean the Church on Saturday 24th September at 10.30am in preparation for Harvest Festival on 2nd October. If you are able to spare some time, please join us. Please bring a cloth or two and tea/coffee and biscuits (perhaps even a doughnut) will be provided! Thank you! Sandra Coaker

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

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.

If you would like to donate any of the items listed below, 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

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'S LATEST QUIZ

1. What was the name of Cain's son born in The Land Of Nod?
2. In which century was Richard the Lionheart king of England?
3. Which river empties into the Arabian Sea near Karachi?
4. Who is the current host of the Great British Sewing Bee?
5. Where in Clevedon does the 5K weekly run take place each Saturday?
6. When did England recognise the USA as a country?
7. Which metallic element is used in fireworks?
8. Who wrote the music for Rhapsody in Blue?
9. Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a king from history - name one.
10. In which year were the BBC's first programmes shown?
11. What sort of creature is a pompano?
12. Which East Anglian soccer club has the nickname The Canaries?
13. What is the moral of Aesop's fable 'Androcles and the Lion'?
14. When did Yuri Gagarin achieve the first manned space flight?
15. In which county of Northern Ireland is the Giant's Causeway located?
16. Fanny is the name of the novelist mother of which other Victorian novelist?

Gordon's Posers

- a: Autumnal field activity with ditching;
- b: Not quite enough, give me a
- c: Church or college dignitary;
- d: no place in these trees for hens

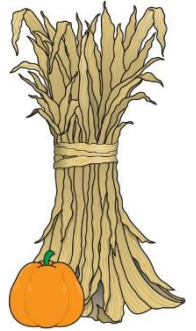
Answers next week – Good luck!

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.





Harvest Lunch



Sunday 2 October

12.30 pm in the Church Hall

*Menu: Sausage Casserole (with Vegetarian option)
served with French bread and Green Salad
Fruit Crumble or Trifle*

*Sign-up sheet and tickets (£7.50) available from the back of the Church
(under 16's free)*

Please bring your own drinks.

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**

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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.

HARVEST APPEAL

HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOOD BANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.



DONATE MONEY

help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



SHOPPING LIST TOP FIVE ITEMS

Tinned Tuna

Tinned Custard

Savoury Biscuits

Cleaning Products

Toiletries

Don't forget...

*You can help transform more lives
with a financial donation too.*

