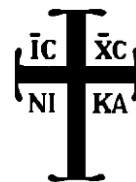




# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter



SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY, NEXT BEFORE LENT

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 18 February

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 19 February – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Next before Lent

10.30 Solemn Mass– Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

### Monday 20 February

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 21 February

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 22 February – Ash Wednesday

10.00 Mass with Imposition of Ashes

Fr Robert Ward

19.30 Solemn Mass with Imposition of Ashes

Fr Brendan Clover; Preacher Kevin Coaker

### Thursday 23 February

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 24 February

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 25 February

10.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross

Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 26 February – Lent 1

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Lent Course – the Aisle Windows

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Leviticus 19:1-2 & 17-18 (*Reader: Judith*)

Psalms 103

**R: The Lord is compassion, compassion and love**

1 Corinthians 3:16-23 (*Reader: Debra*)

St Matthew 5:38-end

*Intercessor – Kevin*

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

All the deprivations and extra duties that we may take on during Lent (and you can read about them elsewhere in this Newsletter) are not only a reminder of our sinful humanity and our need to do something about our sins, shortcomings and faults, but they teach us the stark reality that resurrection entails the cross. Put simply, “*no cross, no crown.*” Those crosses will assail us in many forms – perhaps through sickness, financial worries, a failed marriage, loss of a job, the death of a loved one, being slandered, having to cope with a wayward child, etc.. St. John of the Cross, a Discalced Carmelite and Doctor of the Church, who endured many crosses during his life, identified himself with Christ Crucified, and spoke about the ‘dark night of the soul’. Could it be that the crosses we endure are an invitation to participate in the Passion of Christ? I think so.

Crosses in our lives serve as a reminder that only by bearing them can we really be linked to Christ, who had to endure Good Friday before His Resurrection. Let us remember, though, that our crosses, if borne heroically, eventually lead to peace, joy and salvation in a new life. That new life must be prepared for, and we are reminded of this by observing the activity that takes place on Holy Saturday prior to the Easter Vigil. Churches are cleaned, Easter flowers are brought in, altar linens are changed, altar servers are practicing, etc. What is the deeper meaning?

Even when the Paschal season ends, the faithful should be in constant preparation for their personal day of transition when their earthly life is over. St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:9 that “Eye

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When we work, we work.  
When we pray, God works.

Hudson Taylor

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has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

We are charged “to love Him,” to make this a reality for ourselves, if we hope to experience the joys of resurrection after our pilgrimage of life.

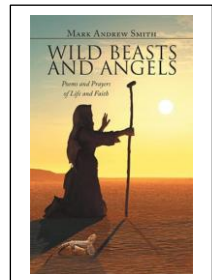
So I invite you to keep a holy and happy Lent. We are in this life together to bear one another's burdens, and to prepare for our eternal destiny, heaven and life with God.

Your priest and companion,

Fr Brendan

### What's Happening During Lent

- \* Stations of the Cross after Mass every **Tuesday** and **Saturday**
- \* 5.30pm every **Sunday** our Lent Course: The Aisle Windows - Talk, Lectio Divina, and Benediction
- \* Every **Thursday**: Lent lunch (soup and a roll) after Market Mass with proceeds to Clevedon Food Bank
- \* Our Lent Book is 'Wild Beasts and Angels' by Mark Andrew Smith. It is available from Blackwells (other retailers are available) for a cost of £11.23
- \* Please make it part of your Lenten observance to attend at least one extra service each week.



## PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Saturday 18 February</b>	Our Blessed Virgin Mary and all pilgrims to the Holy House in Walsingham
<b>Sunday 19 February</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Coxway
<b>Monday 20 February</b>	Those living on the streets without shelter
<b>Tuesday 21 February</b>	Shrove Tuesday
<b>Wednesday 22 February</b>	Ash Wednesday – hopes and intentions for a holy and blessed Lent
<b>Thursday 23 February</b>	The unity of our church with other faiths
<b>Friday 24 February</b>	Those who persecute Christians and all Christians who are persecuted
<b>Saturday 25 February</b>	Our Blessed Virgin Mary and the Holy Shrine in Walsingham. Fr Kevin, the priest administrator, and all who work at the Shrine
<b>Sunday 26 February</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of the Chaffins, the Penns and Plumers Close



**THIS WEEK!**

**SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY**

**2.00 – 4.00, St John's Church Hall**

Please bring your donations (eg coats, scarves, hats, trousers, jumpers, shoes, bags, kitchenware, brick-a-brack etc) – anything we can sell to the Church Hall at **10.00 am on**

**18 February.** (Please note: we cannot accept anything electrical).

We will also need volunteers to help at this fundraising event. If you can help on the day to sort – from 10.00 am - or assist with selling, or clearing up, or can spare the time to do all three, please let Margaret or Sarah know.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

<b>Saturday 18 February</b>	Jumble Sale in the Church Hall – 14.15 to 16.00. <b>This Week!</b>
<b>Sunday 19 February</b>	Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent
<b>Sunday 19 March</b>	Rose Reception for Mothering Sunday Cream tea and prosecco in the Church Hall after Mass
<b>Sunday 9 April</b>	Celebration Sunday – Easter Day
<b>Sunday 7 May</b>	St John's Patronal Festival and Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles Bring and Share Picnic Lunch in the Church grounds (if fine) or Church Hall
<b>Saturday 13 May</b>	Plant Sale – 10.00 – 12 noon in the Church grounds
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Parish Lunch to celebrate Fr Brendan's 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination
<b>Saturday 15 July</b>	St John's Summer Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church grounds
<b>Sunday 13 August</b>	Parish BBQ, after Mass
<b>Saturday 16 September</b>	Quiz Evening, time to be confirmed, in the Church Hall
<b>Sunday 1 October</b>	Harvest Lunch – 12.30 in the Church Hall
<b>Saturday 2 December</b>	Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall

## **A BETTER WAY**

Culture, it's said, is 'how things get done around here'. This suggests that our understanding of the world is largely formed by our experiences and what we're accustomed to. That's all fine until everything around us, as it does, keeps on changing. Then we're then set on a collision course between how we think things should be, and how they actually are. Anybody aged over 40 who's had to ask a nine-year-old how to use their new phone will understand this dilemma perfectly.

Cultural collisions aren't just restricted to technology. They affect churches too. Many of us grew up with a model of church set up by the Victorians. This mostly meant that each parish had one church building with its own vicar, who took responsibility for most aspects of the ministry needed in a particular place. Yet even this was new in its day. Look much further back and things worked very differently. The New Testament speaks of churches where lots of different people played many different roles, each operating out of the particular skills and gifts given them by God. In Ephesians the writer describes a church where 'some [are] apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers'.

So, what would be the right model of church for our day? The Victorians' assumption that the vicar would do almost everything would seem to be a crying waste of the gifts and passions that together we share. And as more of our clergy care for three, six or more parishes, the nineteenth century model is increasingly leaving our vicars tired, overstretched and liable to burn out.

We need a better way; one that draws on the rich talents, abilities and skills that our church members have. Here in Bath and Wells we're calling this 'shared local ministry'. Examples of what that can look like exist in many places around our diocese. Neither first century nor nineteenth century, but an emerging twenty first century way of how we want 'to get things done around here'. A better way to inhabit well the faith we've inherited in our time and generation.

**Bishop Michael, Bishop of Bath and Wells**



## JANUARY'S 100 CLUB WINNERS

**1<sup>ST</sup>** Don B  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Gale T  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Maureen H

## Congratulations!

It's not too late to join!  
 Speak to Arlene.

### 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/>

### 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.

### Plant Sale Saturday 13th May 10-12noon

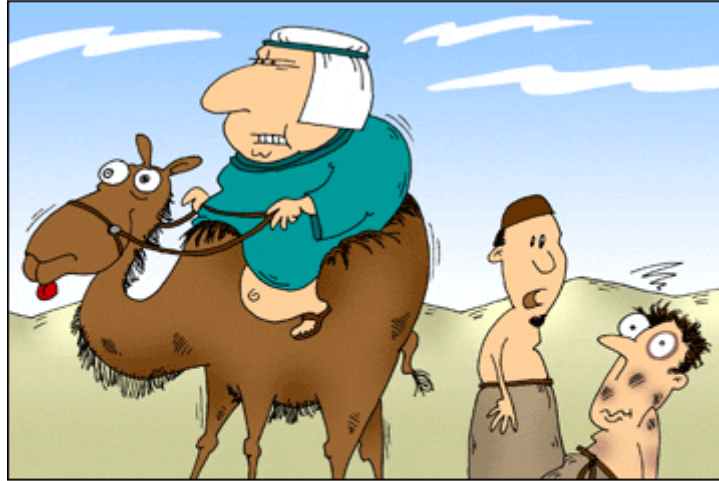
**A date has now been set for our plant sale to be held in the church grounds.**

If you are taking cuttings or splitting plants this winter/spring, please do a few extra for the church plant sale.



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](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

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Thanks to Gail Butler

02-21-2003

WHEN COMMENTING ON A MAN'S TWO-HUMP  
CAMEL YOU SHOULD BE CERTAIN THAT HE  
IS, IN FACT, A MAN AND THAT THE CAMEL  
ACTUALLY HAS TWO HUMPS

## 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.

### 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.



***Congratulations Robbie!!***

***St John's bellringers were treated to some splendid news at their Practice on Monday evening. One of their number, Robert Watson, has passed the relevant examinations and satisfied the interview board for recruitment into the Royal Naval Reserve. He accepted the (metaphorical) King's shilling last week and is due to start training in early March. We were so pleased that Robbie has achieved a major ambition and know that his family are extremely proud of him. We feel sure that the entire congregation will want to congratulate him on his success and wish him well for the future."***

**David**

## HOW WE WORK

If you have any useful ideas and suggestions that would benefit the life of our church please share these with the relevant members of the sub-committees below, for discussion at their next committee meeting. The majority of our church work is done by the committees, who in turn make recommendations for approval at our PCC meetings. We are always looking for new members to join our committees, if you have any talents and/ or experience to share for the benefit of our church, please see the committee chairs about joining. You are not required to be a PCC member to serve on a sub-committee and membership can be associated with a particular project for a few months, or for the whole year.

<b>St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Sub-Committees</b>	
<b>PCC</b>	
Chair	Fr B
Churchwarden	Nicola C
Churchwarden	Gary L
PCC Secretary	Sue R
PCC Treasurer	Fiona D
Electoral Roll Officer	Kevin C
PCC Member	Derek C
PCC Member	Michelle H
PCC Member	Judith B
PCC Member	Helen C
PCC Member	Peter W
PCC Member	Sarah L
<b>Worship Committee</b>	
Chair	Fr B
Member	Diane W
Member	Gary L
Member	Sue R
Temporary organist	Kevin C
Head Server and Sacristan	Martin I
<b>Fabric Committee</b>	
Chair	Gary L
Member	Derek C
Member	Martin I
Member	Peter W
<b>Community Committee</b>	
Chair	Sarah L
Member	Betty T
Member	Celia A
Member	Debra W
Member	Fr B
Member	Judith B
Member	Margaret J
Member	Nicola C
<b>Finance Committee</b>	
Chair	Nicola C
PCC Treasurer	Fiona D
Member	Fr B
Member	Lynne B
Member	Roger M



## Do you have talents and experience to share?

After many years of loyal and dedicated service to this parish and the PCC , with much sadness we are saying farewell to our PCC Secretary, Sue and our Treasurer, Fiona at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in April. Sue and Fiona have done a fabulous job at keeping the PCC on track procedurally and financially. We thank them so much for all they have done for St John's Church.

We are now in search of replacements for Sue and Fiona, who are difficult acts to follow. However, both these roles are supported by the diocese who run an induction programme, regular updates, access to the diocese Finance Department and the Diocesan Secretary's office, plus buddies in similar roles in other parishes, and the support of the Churchwardens, PCC Chair and relevant sub-committees at St John's.

We hope the following provides a brief insight into the roles we are looking to fill:

### **PCC Secretary**

The primary responsibilities of a PCC Secretary are to support the PCC Chair in the preparation and organisation of meetings and to handle all correspondence on behalf of the PCC. The Diocesan Office contacts the parish from time to time to request specific information, every effort is made to keep this to a minimum and all meeting agendas are issued and minutes stored electronically using Microsoft Office.

### **PCC Treasurer**

You do not need to have been a treasurer of an organisation before. In many respects it is not dissimilar from keeping good control of household finances, however, if you have an understanding of some accountancy practice it will be useful but not essential. This role implements decisions made the PCC. This role is also supported with dioceses induction training for new treasurers, updates and continued support throughout the financial year for all financial procedures and processes .

For further information about both roles please speak with Nicola or Gary, Churchwardens.

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.

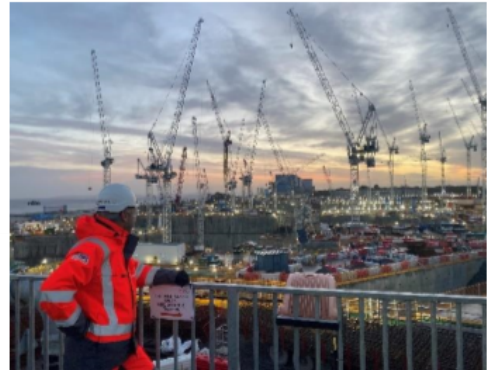


# Exploring Chaplaincy

**95% of people do not attend Church!**

**Are you interested in exploring ways in which Christian faith can be lived and shared in the workplace, in communities like schools and hospitals?**

**Want to discover what mission looks like in everyday settings?**



**This course is for you!**

**We look forward to welcoming you to **EXPLORING CHAPLAINCY**  
– a course from Bath & Wells diocese held in PORTISHEAD DEANERY  
Saturdays: March 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 10am-4pm.**

**All welcome, lay or ordained, of any Christian church or denomination.  
We will meet at Chapter House, St. Mary's Church, Yatton BS49 4HH  
Plenty of parking. Drinks provided, please bring your own lunch.  
To book contact: [office@yattonchurches.org](mailto:office@yattonchurches.org) 01934 832184**

**If you have any questions about the days, please contact:  
Mike Haslam 07530 677493 [mike.haslam@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:mike.haslam@bathwells.anglican.org)  
Nigel Thomas 01934 283340 [nigelbthomas1@gmail.com](mailto:nigelbthomas1@gmail.com)**



### ***Celia Quiz Time !!***

1. From which century does St. Andrew's Church date?
2. Scenes from which king's life are illustrated in the Bayeux Tapestry?
3. In the solar system what are Eris, Makemake and Haumea?
4. Who was this year's winner of Best Performer in the Brit Awards?
5. Who in the New Testament was St. Paul's first convert in Europe?
6. In which decade was the BBC issued with a Royal Charter for monopoly of broadcasting in Britain?
7. Which mountains does the Crows Nest Pass traverse?
8. Which Borough is the home of Manchester United?
9. In the legend who is the wizard and councillor to King Arthur?
10. Which king introduced mechanical clocks into England?
11. What is a female ferret called?
12. Who wrote the words to the Scottish national anthem Scots Wha Ha'e?
13. Where do diamonds come from ?
14. Who began the Girl Guides a couple of years after the Boy Scouts were formed?
15. What makes plants go green?
16. Who wrote the novel Cider With Rosie?

GORDON'S POSERS

a: Higher meadow; b: Prickly copse; c: What's brewing here?

### ***Churches Together in Clevedon***

This Sunday, 19 February, CTiC members will be praying for St Johns Church. The CTiC cycle of prayer covers all the member churches and the projects they are involved in. The following Sunday Clevedon and District Foodbank will be the subject for prayer.

*Sue*

## 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

**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 emailed at [churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

Gary's email address is [churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

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



**The Vicarage telephone number is 01275 879617**

**The Office Number is 07522 494 504**

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**SUNDAY 19TH FEB**

**7.00-8.30PM**

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# **YOUTH CHURCH**

**COME AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING TOGETHER  
WITH WORSHIP, TEACHING AND PRAYER  
(AND SNACKS)  
EVERYONE'S WELCOME!**



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The event above is specifically aimed at young people in Years 7-13.