



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2021

25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - TRINITY 16

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 18 September

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 19 September – Twentyfifth Sunday/Trinity 16

10.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

Monday 20 September – St Andrew Kim Taegon

18.00 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 21 September – St Matthew

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 22 September

10.00 Mass – Revd Preb John Andrews

Thursday 23 September

12.30 Market Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Friday 24 September – Our Lady of Walsingham

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 25 September

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 26 September – Twenty sixth Sunday/Trinity 17

10.30 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

17.30 Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

As I write this on Thursday it has been a perfect day for the launch of the Arts Festival in church. We have had many visitors, the oldest of those I met being 102! One care home has sent all its residents and for many of them their journey to St John's has been their first trip out since the pandemic began. For these reasons alone this partnership with the Clevedon Art Club has been positive and is bringing benefits. I hope that you will be able to come and see the exhibition.

Because of the disruption in the church, I propose that coffee after Mass on Sunday is served at the Vicarage.

Those who came to Mass today had the privilege of Mass at the High Altar with the congregation seated in the High Altar sanctuary. This is where we say the Office when we are few in number, but it would be good to include this space in our regular round of weekday worship more fully. The PCC strategy day last Saturday articulated these key priorities which I thought I should share with you all (those in **BOLD** type are for immediate attention):

THE COMMUNITY OF ST JOHN'S FLOURISHING:
AS INDIVIDUALS

- VALUED – ENHANCING
- **POSITIVITY – ONGOING DEVELOPMENT PLAN**
- PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN OURSELVES
- SUPPORT AND SUPPORTED – STRONG LEADERSHIP/SHARED FOCUS
- **PRAYERLIFE/HOUSEGROUPS/KNOWLEDGE**

The Mass readings for this Sunday:
Wisdom 2:12&17-20 (*Reader: Kevin*)
James 3:16-4:3 (*Reader: Alison*)
St Mark 9:30-37
Psalm 54
R: The Lord sustains my life.
(*Intercessor: Priest*)

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.

AS WORSHIPPING CONGREGATIONS

- INSPIRING WORSHIP
- SOMETIMES LOOKING INWARDS – NEED TO LOOK OUTWARDS
- NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES
- **CHURCH IN SCHOOL (CHURCH PLANT)/ FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL CHOIR CLUB**
- ACCESS/ACCEPT - HELP PREVENT BARRIERS
- **LOOKING AT OURSELVES FROM THE OUTSIDE**
- **ADMINISTRATION/ADMINISTRATOR**
- **ON LINE – INSTALL CAMERA**

AS A HUB FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

- **HALL & KITCHEN**
- COMMUNITY GROUP 50/50 FUNDING FOR OTHERS
- **PARTNERSHIP**
- UNDER 5s
- SCHOOL/LIBRARY
- **WELCOME TO YOUR PARISH CHURCH**
- CONCERTS/EXHIBITIONS/FESTIVALS

AS A HUB FOR THE WIDER REGION

- LINKS TO OTHER SOCIETIES
- FESTIVALS- REPUTATION
- FOUNDATIONS – REPUTATION
- **REBRANDED – POSITIVE/NEGATIVE**
- **TOURIST SIGNS**
- **MARKETING – COMMS OFFICER/SOCIAL MEDIA**

This is work in progress, but there's plenty to do, and there will be more to share with you on Harvest Sunday, 3rd October.

Ever,

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

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.

Votive Candles



We will continue to ask for a show of hands at the beginning of the service. This is to indicate how many votives our members and visitors would like lit by a Server and extinguished at the end of the service. Thank you for your co-operation.

Volunteers needed!

Can you help serve coffee/tea once a month after the Sunday Mass? It's not a difficult task – no training is required – even Kevin can do it! If you think you can help, please speak to Fiona or Nicola.



Chat and Craft Group is meeting every Thursday afternoon drop-in between 2 and 4pm. Our first meeting on 16 September was a great success. 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.

Are you a chatty, sociable soul?

If so, you could be just the person the Church is looking for to 'Meet and Greet' on a Sunday morning. This is an important role within our Church family, a visible sign of our warm welcome. For an explanation of what is involved, please chat to Nick or Nicola.

Committees at St John's

As the National Lottery tells us, you 'have to be in it to win it!' Similarly, if you want to influence the future of our lovely Church, you need to join one of our committees. There's no training involved, you don't need to be on the PCC or have experience of sitting on other committees. The commitment is unlikely to be more than 3 or 4 meetings a year and you will have a year's notice of the dates. We have vacancies on our Worship Committee, Fabric Committee and Social Committee. (Please see the separate appeal for Social Committee members below). For further information, please talk to Fr Brendan, Nicola or Nick.

Social Committee Appeal

The Social Committee is a small group of individuals who organise the major fund raising and social activities in the Parish. We are always looking for more volunteers to spread the load. You do not need to be a member of the PCC or even commit to attend meetings. If you are able to just help with one or two events, that would also be very welcome and if you have a food handing certificate or are prepared to do an online course that would be fantastic. Please speak to Fiona, Betty or Nicola for further information.

Harvest Festival will be celebrated on **Sunday 3 October**. Gifts of longlife food and hygiene items will be donated to Clevedon Food Bank. By donating an item or two you can help to provide food for people in crisis. You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too. The top ten items currently on the Food bank list are:

- tubes of pringles
- sponge puddings
- tinned fruit
- tinned custard
- tea bags
- coffee
- hot chocolate
- tinned meat
- tinned vegetables
- shampoo



Please bring your gifts to Mass on 3 October. If you are unable to get to Church but would like to donate to the Harvest offering, please contact Sue Rossiter, Nicola or Nick.



CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Next week is Celebration Sunday when you will be able to enjoy a glass of wine or a soft drink with a slice of cake.

In addition, there will be a charity cake sale to raise funds for the charity Incredible Kids. Please check out this amazing charity on <https://incrediblekids.org.uk> If you are a baker, please feel free to bring along something sweet to sell.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- 4th 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 2 October – HARVEST SUPPER starting at 5:30pm – Tickets are available (Adults £6; Children >11 = £3, under 11 free) Maximum number 60 places, first come first served - (tickets must be purchased in advance)
- 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.



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



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**

CELIA'S QUIZ

- 1: Steep Holm; Flat Holm
- 2: Cubit
- 3: Orinoco
- 4: Nomadland
- 5: Saul
- 6: Robert Walpole
- 7: Pluto
- 8: Richard Osmond
- 9: Airline Pilot
- 10: 2006
- 11: Snow Leopard
- 12: Anton Du Beke
- 13: Crossword
- 14: 1917
- 15: North Africa
- 16: China, GB, USA

AND GORDON'S POSERS (More places)

- a: No place for monk-ey's; - Nunney
- b: Blood on the road? Poor pussy! - Catsgore
- c: Way ahead for little geese; - Gosling Street
- d: Upright, or just fat! - Stout

Preparation for the COP26 Climate Change conference

We would like to invite you to the Clevedon Quaker Meeting House on Saturday, 25th September at 11.30 am. Over refreshments and looking at our display board, we would like to share concerns for the climate crisis and awareness of the importance of the forthcoming COP26 conference in Glasgow in November.

'The produce of the earth is a gift from our gracious creator to the inhabitants, and to impoverish the earth now to support outward greatness appears to be an injury to the succeeding age' (John Woolman, Quaker, 1772)

Quakers have a long established concern for Sustainability and Climate Justice. In order to raise awareness of COP26, some Quaker Meetings have started a chain of pilgrimage across their areas towards Glasgow, with each Meeting walking or cycling to the next. On the 25th September, some of us from Clevedon Meeting will be walking to Portishead Quaker Meeting after our meeting with you and our other guests from the Clevedon community.

As you are aware, the COP26 conference is the most crucial one since the Paris Agreement failed to live up to its promises. The latest IPCC report issued a 'red alert' for the planet and we all know that time is short. The world's population is increasingly waking up to the potentially catastrophic effect of the climate disaster. For many people in the world this catastrophe is already happening, and we need governments to take bold action of leadership to ensure that the increase in global temperature is kept within 1.5 degrees and to achieve net zero carbon by 2030. We want our government to know that we are walking to show our readiness for change and to demand investment in Climate Justice. We are aware that faith communities and our local churches in Clevedon have these issues much in mind. The Young Christian Climate Network has led the way and have asked us to join them in prayer and action to amplify the message. We hope you can join us so we can share ideas about what our local churches can do. Please let us know if you are able to come.

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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/ 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
Nick'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

Sunday 19 September 2021 – 16th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)

Last Shall be First

Bible readings – Mark 9 : 30 - 37

Questions

Would you rather be a celebrity or an unknown world changer?

Why were the disciples silent when Jesus asked what they were discussing?

What does it mean to be first in God's kingdom?

Prayer suggestion: - Ask God to help you understand what it means to be his servant

Lord Jesus,

you love everyone

Help us to give our love and care to all whom we meet

Amen

This week's challenge: - Put others first this week!

Activity suggestions:

- Activity sheet for Proper 20
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Mark 9: 30 - 37

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)