



# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter



SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022

CHRIST THE KING

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 19 November

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 20 November – Christ the King

10.30 Solemn Mass and Benediction– Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

### Monday 21 November

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 22 November, St Cecilia

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 23 November

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

### Thursday 24 November

12.30 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Friday 25 November

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 26 November

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 27 November – Advent One

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

From earliest times the Church has gathered on Sundays to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ. Attendance at the Sunday Eucharist is an obligation for every baptized person. Over time an annual cycle of Christian memory-making has also developed, which allows us to remember his life, death, and resurrection; to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit; and to recall the ministry of the holy people who have spread the Christian faith over the centuries.

Through the structuring of our Christian memory, the past is able to come into our present.

The liturgical or Church year is divided into several seasons. It begins with Advent, which looks forward to Christmas. The visit of the wise men to Jesus is remembered at Epiphany, after which there is a period of 'ordinary time'. The six weeks of Lent prepare us for Easter, which celebrates Jesus's resurrection, leading forward to his Ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost. 'Ordinary time' then resumes until the end of the year.

So-called 'ordinary time' is hardly boring. It allows for more continuous reading from the Bible, for the exploration of other themes such as creation and the environment, and for creative responses to saints' days.

You may see different things in church depending on the liturgical season, some of which are described below.

The season of Advent marks the start of the Christian year. It is a season of expectation and preparation as the Church looks forward to celebrating the birth of Christ. Although it is a season of preparation, the characteristic note of Advent is expectation rather than penitence.

Commercial pressure has made it harder to keep a sense of alert watchfulness in our anticipation of Christmas but, for many Christians, our preparation for the coming of Christ is a powerful reminder of the real meaning of the coming season. In England,

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The Mass readings for this Sunday:

2 Samuel 5:1-3 (*Reader: Peter*)

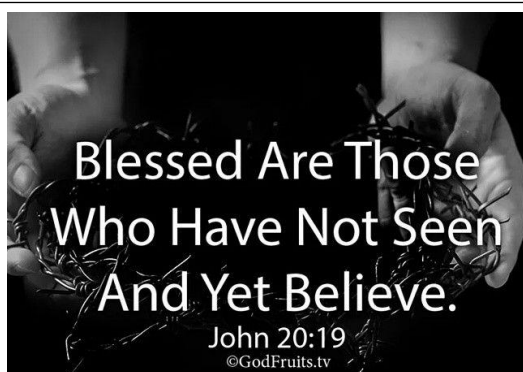
Psalm 46

**R: God is king of all the earth**

Colossians 1:11-20 (*Reader: Gary*)

St Luke 23:35-43

*Intercessor – Diane*



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Advent falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work. Many churches, including ours, use an 'Advent wreath' of candles to mark the Sundays of Advent, lighting a new candle each week. In the Church of England, the focus is on the patriarchs and prophets who predict humanity's salvation, then on John the Baptist, then finally on Mary as she prepares to give birth to the Saviour.

So, I invite you, in the name of the Church, to keep a holy Advent, perhaps by attending a weekday service, or Holy Hour on Saturday mornings in Advent from 10am to 11am, followed by coffee at the Vicarage? And make the Sunday Masses your priority. We have some visiting preachers, and some familiar ones...

With my love and prayers,

Fr Brendan

## PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

**Sunday 20 November**

**Monday 21 November**

**Tuesday 22 November**

**Wednesday 23 November**

**Thursday 24 November**

**Friday 25 November**

**Saturday 26 November**

**Sunday 27 November**

Our Church and parish and the residents of Camplins, Blackmoor and Stickland

All mourning the loss of a loved one

Cecilia – patron saint of musicians and all church organists

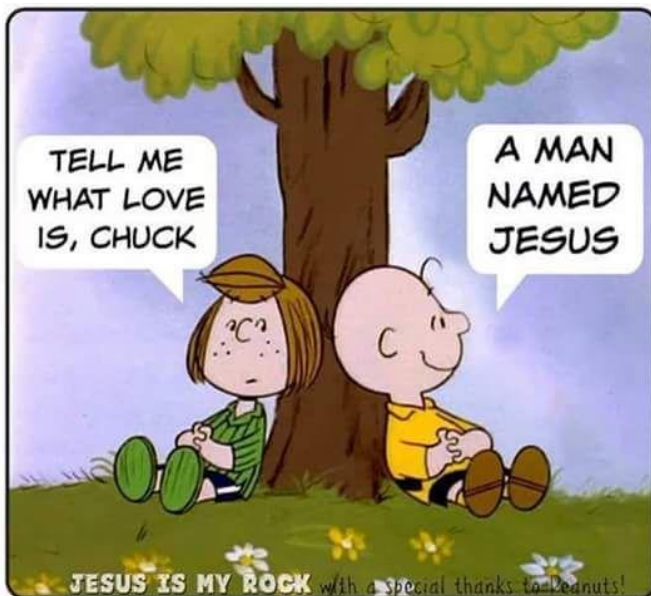
All anticipating surgery and concerned about the outcome

Clevedon market traders, all retail outlets and those striving to make a living

Isaac Watts and his fellow hymn writers

Our Lady of Walsingham and all other shrines dedicated to Our Lady

Our Church and parish and the residents of Fosseway



**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.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**Saturday 19 November**

Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall – 2.00 to 4.00 pm.

**Sunday 20 November**

Christ the King - Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

<b>Saturday 3 December</b>	Christmas Wreath Making in the Church Hall – 10.00 to 12.00 am.
<b>Saturday 3 December</b>	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow.
<b>Sunday 11 December</b>	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow
<b>Friday 6 January</b>	Epiphany Party at the Vicarage after the 19.30 Mass
<b>Sunday 8 January</b>	Baptism of Christ – hot meal in the Church Hall after 10.30 Mass Details to follow
<b>Saturday 18 February</b>	Jumble Sale in the Church Hall – 14.00 to 16.00. Details to follow.

## CLEVEDON FOOD BANK NOTICES

### OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS (please note in your diary...)

#### OPEN:

#### Clevedon

**Monday 19th** - Friday 23rd December 2022

**Friday 30th December** (open normal times thereafter)

Yatton Foodbank Open as normal 9.30am - 11.30am


Nailsea Foodbank - open as normal Fridays 12.30-2.30

Portishead Foodbank - open as normal Fridays 12 pm - 2 pm

#### CLOSED:

**Monday 26th** December (Boxing Day )

For emergencies outside those times, our mobile phone (07722 769529) will be monitored and we will endeavor to get back to you as soon as possible.

Donation/activity	Most helpful if with us by
<b>Advent calendars:</b> these mean so much more if they're in children's hands at the right time!	Last two weeks in November, please!
<b>Donations of vouchers:</b> As a change to previous years we will no longer be accepting Christmas gifts- we have asked for vouchers (£5 & £10) High street, Supermarkets.  For anyone wishing to donate direct - these are our bank details Clevedon and District Foodbank CIO Account Number: 41477102 Sort Code: 40-17-50	Friday 1st December, please...  
<b>Donations of Christmas food:</b> please check our website and social media for the most-wanted items – this will be regularly updated.	The first week of December, please! (Please check the sell-by/use-by dates are long enough...)



With Christmas in mind, Clevedon Foodbank would particularly appreciate gifts of :-

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| Tins of ham                   | Pringles, or similar tubs of crisps |
| Tins of salmon                | Christmas puddings                  |
| Savoury biscuits and crackers |                                     |
| Chocolate logs                | Christmas cakes                     |
| Supermarket food vouchers     |                                     |

Your donations can be brought to Church (as soon as possible please) and left in the plastic bucket in the porch. They will be delivered to the Food Bank by the first week of December.

## Follow the star- family outreach activities

We are running children's Christmas trails and crafts twice in December - Saturday 3rd December 2-4pm and Sunday 11th December 2-4pm. This is aimed at primary and preschool children and their families as an introduction to our church and the Christmas story.

We need volunteers to help support this event

- Help with setting up church with tables etc (from 1pm)
- Help with serving refreshments
- Manning craft tables (no expertise is needed, all materials, instructions and models will be supplied)
- Welcoming families and helping to 'dress up' children as they come in.
- Help with clearing up.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or speak with Sarah Lewis.

## Operation Shoebox

Thank you to all those who have filled a shoebox with Christmas gifts. They have all been delivered to the collection point ready for distribution.



**Free Family Christmas Activities**

**Children's Christmas trails with dressing up and Christmas crafts**

**St John's Church, Clevedon**

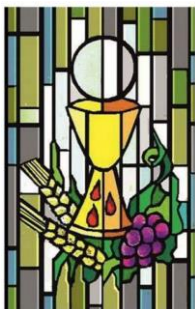
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2.00pm-4.00pm**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00pm-4.00pm**

(Designed for pre-school and primary school children)

**Pop up café serving homemade cakes, tea and coffee.**

## 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.

## Plant Sale May/June 2023

Please start thinking about this. If you are taking cuttings or splitting plants this autumn, please do a few extra for the church plant sale.



## TO THINK ABOUT .....

Love of life is love for God.

One's heart pulsates and glows as one flows as smoothly as a bubbling brook on a warm spring Evening.

Life opens wide as a dragonfly flies.

Eyes wide open sparkle at the spectacle of the dragon flies dance through the sky's.

Gliding with wings shimmering and bouncing along nature's thermals in the sky.

JANE CARTER

## 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 King) 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.

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)

### 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.



## A GENTLE REMINDER

AFTER MASS ON SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER WE ARE GOING TO GIVE OUR CHURCH A PRE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CLEAN.

Please come prepared with brushes, dusters, polish and lots of elbow grease. All ages welcome and effort will be rewarded!

Thank you from Sandra and Diane.



# St John's Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall, Queen's Road, Clevedon, BS21 7TH Saturday 19 November 2.00 to 4.00 pm

Grand Raffle, sweets and chocolate raffle,  
refreshments, stalls including books, cakes and  
preserves, crafts, jewellery, Christmas decorations,  
and bottle tombola

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.

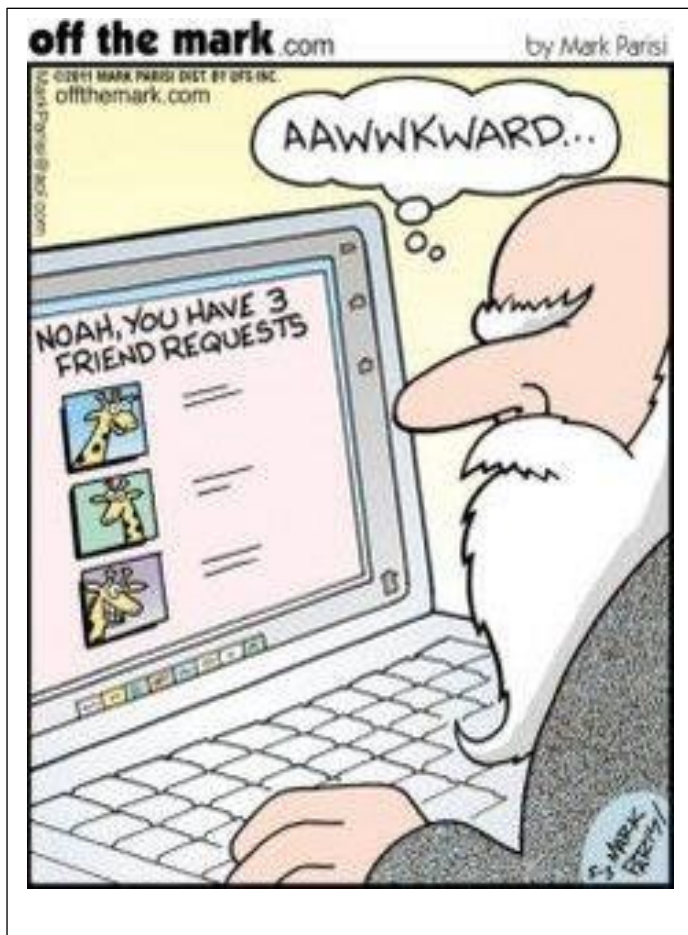


## Fund Raise as You Shop

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/>



### 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

## CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ

### The answers for last week's quiz

1. 1880s
2. 1971
3. Cuba
4. Alexander Armstrong
5. David
6. 17th (1690)
7. Indonesia
8. Melbourne
9. Ketch
10. Ten shillings
11. Papilio
12. Frans Hals
13. 1956 (November)
14. Philadelphia
15. Elephant
16. Pygmalion (George Bernard Shaw)

### AND GORDON'S POSERS

- a: Tide kept going out; **Ebdon**  
 b: Heavenly body; **Star**  
 c: Home for Winstone? **Churchill**

## **12 Hour Prayer and Fasting for inHope**

**6am – 6pm Tuesday 29th November 2022**

**Carpenter House, Stapleton Road, Easton BS5 0QY**

The Trustees and staff of inHope have called a 12 hour period of prayer and fasting as we corporately seek the Lord.

This time of prayer and fasting will give opportunity to come before God and seek His presence and deep work in our lives, inviting the Lord to reveal His good and perfect will for us, both corporately for inHope, and individually. There will be times for quiet reflective prayer, creative activities, and times of praise and worship during the 12 hours. We will punctuate the day with a 'call to prayer' at the top of each hour; these will be led by different people.

What each individual elects to fast from during this time is a personal decision, guided by God.

We invite you to join us, either in person at any time during the 12 hour period, or from where you are, in this act of worship to the God who established inHope (as Crisis Centre Ministries originally). We will share an outline guide for the period of prayer on or before Monday 28th November.

If you are not able to join us in person but have a picture, scripture or other prophetic word that you are being prompted to share with us please e-mail it to: [prayer@inhope.uk](mailto:prayer@inhope.uk) during the 12 hour period or in the days which follow.

On 29th November our services and offices will be closed. Alternative food provision is available via other agencies as usual for a Tuesday.

We are sharing this message with supporters, supporters, intercessors and churches that we are connected with to invite others in.

Every Blessing  
The Trustees and Staff of inHope

**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](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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