

St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2024

THIRD SUNDAY, EPIPHANY 3

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 20 January

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 21 January – Epiphany 3

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Mark Smith

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 22 January

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 23 January

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 24 January – St Francis de Sales

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 25 January – Conversion of St Paul

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 26 January – St Timothy and St Titus

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 27 January

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 28 January – The Presentation of the Lord

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Jonah 3:1-5 & 10 (Reader: Kevin)

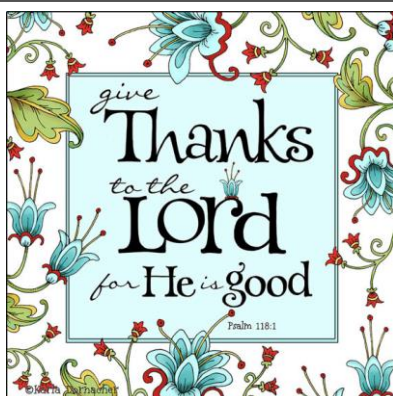
Ps 24

R: Lord, make me know your ways

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (Reader: Alison)

St Mark 1:14-20

Intercessor – Kevin



Words from Fr Brendan Clover

News from the Diocese

[The King has approved the appointment of the Reverend Canon Toby Wright](#), Team Rector of Witney and Honorary Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, to be appointed as Dean of Wells, in succession to the Very Reverend Dr John Davies.

He will be coming to the Diocese of Bath and Wells from the Diocese of Oxford, where he is currently Team Rector for the Benefice of Witney. From 2020-23 he was seconded to the Dorchester Episcopal Area team and during part of this secondment served as Acting Associate Archdeacon.

The Revd Toby Wright said, "I am thrilled, and humbled, to have been invited to come and serve among such a wonderful group of people at Wells Cathedral in this amazing place of prayer which was built to the glory of God. The Cathedral has an important role in supporting the mission and ministry of the bishop and of the whole diocese as we live and tell the story of Jesus. I am looking forward to listening with you, as we discern God's call for the future, build a culture of hope and discover afresh God's joy in our lives. As we offer hospitality to all in the name of Jesus Christ, I hope to continue to foster a sense for everyone who comes into contact with the Cathedral that they belong and they matter.

"I am profoundly grateful for the colleagues and friends in Oxford Diocese with whom I have journeyed, and I look forward to getting to know the people of the Cathedral and the Diocese of Bath and Wells. My family has strong roots in the area and we are looking forward to enjoying Somerset in the years to come."

The Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells, welcomed today's announcement, he says: "The last year has seen the whole Cathedral community – chapter, staff, volunteers and congregation – working together brilliantly to enable Wells Cathedral to step out onto the next stage of its journey of faith. Toby's appointment will enable us all to take that work forward. The many gifts Toby brings will add wonderfully to all that is already happening through the contributions of so many different people. His arrival will mark a new page in our life together. I'm looking forward with anticipation and excitement towards all that the future will bring."

Toby will spend the day in Wells. He will be shown around the Cathedral and meet with volunteers and staff and also visit Wells Cathedral School. His last engagement of the day will be to attend Evensong at the Cathedral.

The Rt Revd Gavin Collins, Bishop of Dorchester says, "Toby is an exceptionally gifted, committed and experienced priest. Throughout his years as Team Rector of Witney, Toby has demonstrated liturgically excellent worship, hospitality, welcome, creative community engagement and fun as the clear hallmarks of his ministry and of the life he has enabled and led across his benefice. I am thrilled and excited for Toby as he moves to this important new post, and thrilled also for the leadership and vitality he will bring to the Cathedral and the Diocese of Bath and Wells in his ministry as Dean."

The Acting Dean of Wells, the Venerable Anne Gell, said: "On behalf of the Cathedral Chapter we are delighted that Toby has accepted the invitation to serve here as Dean. This is a wonderful Cathedral to be part of with an historic past and an exciting future. I'm sure I speak for the whole community, here in Wells and across the county and diocese, in welcoming this announcement and looking forward to Toby's arrival."

Toby was educated at New College, Oxford, and trained for ministry at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. He served his title at St Peter with St Mary, Petersfield, in the Diocese of Portsmouth and in 2002 he was ordained priest.

From 2004, Toby served as Priest in Charge at St John Chrysostom with St Andrew, Peckham, in the Diocese of Southwark, and in 2006 he was appointed Vicar, also serving as Area Dean of Camberwell. In 2009, Toby took up his current role as Team Rector for the Benefice of Witney and served as Area Dean of Witney from 2013 to 2019. In addition, Toby is Warden of the Sisters of the Community of Saint Mary the Virgin, Wantage.

Toby is married to Sally, who is also ordained. They have 2 children, Caspar (15) and Felicity (12). They also have a small Welsh Cockapoo, Libby. Toby has spent a number of years studying Bowen's Family Systems Theory through the Bowen Centre in Washington DC; he loves music and enjoys cooking, reading, walking, supporting the England rugby team (from the sofa).

In the Church of England and elsewhere in the Anglican Communion, the dean is the chief resident cleric of a cathedral or other collegiate church and the head of the chapter of canons. If the cathedral or collegiate church has its own parish, the dean is usually also rector of the parish.

The Revd Canon Toby Wright's official appointment will be to the Deanery of the Cathedral Church of St Andrew in Wells

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 Point of Contact (SPOC), 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.

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 20 January	Our Blessed Virgin Mary and all shrines dedicated to her worldwide
Sunday 21 January	Our Church and parish and the residents of Cannons Gate
Monday 22 January	Fishermen and all seafarers
Tuesday 23 January	Farmers and all food producers
Wednesday 24 January	Francis de Sales, who taught that the Christian faith should be adapted to individual lives and circumstances, each should run side by side
Thursday 25 January	The Conversion of St Paul and all who change the course of their lives after learning about Christ. The Clevedon market and its traders
Friday 26 January	Timothy and Titus – companions of Paul on his journey to become a Christian
Saturday 27 January	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, her shrine in Walsingham and all who work and worship there
Sunday 28 January	Our Church and parish and the residents of Rivermead, Pedder Road and Dawes Close

MASS TIMES

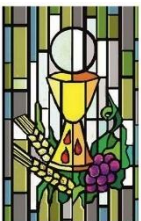
Below are the Mass times for St John's.



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

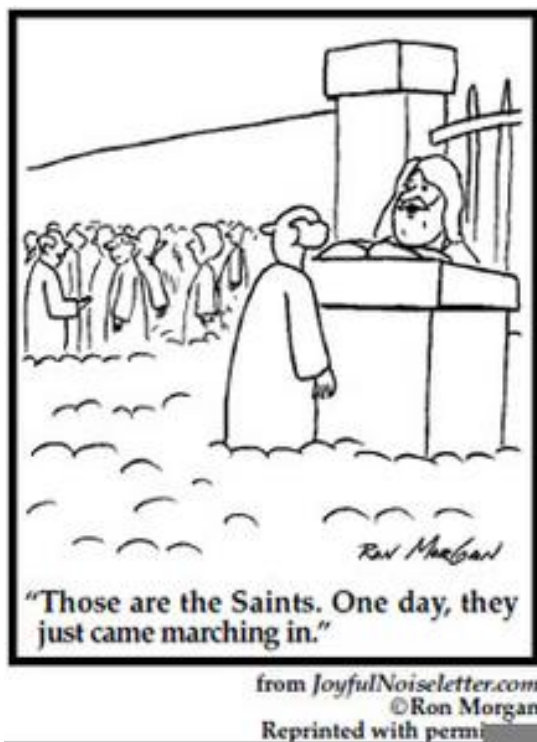
VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!



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 7 January	Celebration Sunday - Epiphany
Friday 2 February	Fr Brendan's Induction as Vicar of St John's
Sunday 11 February	Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent
Sunday 10 March	Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday



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

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.



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

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.



Church Flowers

Would you like to sponsor church flowers to celebrate a birthday or commemorate an anniversary?

We would be very happy to dedicate the church flowers to you or a loved one if you let us know in advance. There is a flower rota available at the back of church.

Front pedestal suggested minimum donation £10

Statue of Mary suggested minimum donation £5

We may not be able to provide specific flowers to order but will try our best. There will be a card and holder available for you to write a special message to display with the flowers.

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/>

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.



Celia Quiz Double Bill !!
Answers from 7th January Quiz

1: Marine Lake Enthusiasts

2. William IV

3. Valletta

4. Impressionism

5. Anna

6. 1783

7. Giraffe

8. Qatar

9. Jury service

10. 1967

11. Crocus

12. Midsomer Murders

13. Chard (variety of beet)

14. 16th

15. Honshu

16. Mamma Mia

GORDON'S

a: Huntworth; b: Aley; c: Loxton

Latest Celia Quiz !!

1. Who in the Old Testament is the only female judge among the Israelites?
2. When was England's first lottery launched?
3. Which creature produces mohair?
4. What form of West Indian music is associated with Bob Marley?
5. Which of Cleveland's Churches was built in the 12th century?
6. Who was King of England at the time of the Battle of Hastings?
7. To which family of plants does the cowslip belong?
8. What is the maximum number of dogs that can take part in a greyhound race?
9. Where do diamonds come from?
10. In which year was the first session of the United Nations held?
11. How many USA states include the word 'New' in their title?
12. A John Wayne Western is titled 'True
13. Who is the famous visitor to Hamelin?
14. In the 1650s what was so different about Church worship in England?
15. Which Greek island group includes Corfu?
16. Which broadcaster has won a BAFTA for TV in black and white, colour, 3K and 4K?

GORDON'S POSERS

- a: Stinging town; b: Place from which to call a fish; c: Sleeping place for puss.