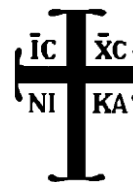




St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023

EPIPHANY 3, THIRD SUNDAY

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 21 January – St Agnes

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 22 January – Epiphany 3, Third Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass– Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 23 January

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 24 January – St Francis de Sales

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 25 January – Conversion of St Paul

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Thursday 26 January – St Timothy and St Titus

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 27 January

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 28 January – St Thomas Aquinas

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 29 January – The Presentation of Christ

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 9:1-4 (Reader:) Gary

Psalms 27

R: The Lord is my light and my help

1 Corinthians 1:10-13 & 17 (Reader:) Judith

St Matthew 4:12-17

Intercessor – Martin



Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

There is no doubt that COVID will have changed the face of the Church for ever. It is no secret that even in a Diocese with historic reserves the number of full-time appointments will have to be limited and some parishes may have to merge. In our own Deanery – it is no secret – three full time posts need to be lost over the next three to five years, some by people moving on.

But surely for every strategy of consolidation there ought to be also a strategy for growth as well. By its very nature Christianity is centrifugal, it's outward tending. Jesus didn't say preach the gospel to a handful of your friends or proclaim the good news to your own culture. Rather he said to his disciples '*all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*'

The expansion of our church is our joint responsibility.

So, I would like to suggest to you three ways we can work for the growth of the church and of our parish.

Every one of us who comes to church regularly should accept a responsibility to bring one other person, or family, to church over the next year. If we could do this, we would double in size numerically. There must be people you know, who have drifted away from the faith, who could be drawn back in.

Second. Pray for the expansion of the church. According to the scriptures nothing great is ever accomplished apart from prayer, so ask the Lord insistently, fervently, even stubbornly, to bring back his scattered sheep. Just as we must beg the Harvest Master to raise /continued over.....

up workers gather in his Harvest so we must beg him to increase his Sheepfold. I would here especially encourage the elderly and housebound in our parish to take on this specific task. And let pray publicly and frequently for the growth of our community of faith.

And the third suggestion I make is this: be kind to others. A crucial first step in bringing someone to the faith is the establishment of trust. If someone thinks that you're a good and decent person she's far more likely to listen to you speak about your faith. Be kind.

What do you think? Could we achieve it? Shall we try? With my love and prayers, **Fr Brendan**

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 21 January	Our Lady of Walsingham. Agnes, a martyr when she was 8 years old. All children who are abused and tortured and all churches which bear the name of St Agnes
Sunday 22 January	Our Church and parish and the residents of Cobley Croft and Bryant Gardens
Monday 23 January	Farmers and all who produce food for us.
Tuesday 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
Wednesday 25 January	The Conversion of St Paul and all who change the course of their lives after learning about Christ
Thursday 26 January	Timothy and Titus – companions of Paul on his journey to become a Christian. The market traders and retail industry in Clevedon
Friday 27 January	All emergency workers – fire, ambulance, and police
Saturday 28 January	Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all who maintain the Shrine in Walsingham
Sunday 29 January	Our Church and parish and the residents of Cannon's Gate

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Sunday 29 January	The Presentation of the Lord – Hot Meal in the Church Hall at 12.30 Tickets £7.50 (under 16's free). Details at the back of Church
Saturday 18 February	Jumble Sale in the Church Hall – 14.00 to 16.00.
Sunday 19 February	Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent
Sunday 19 March	Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday
Sunday 9 April	Celebration Sunday – Easter Day

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There is a United Service at **Christchurch Clevedon at 6.30pm on Sunday 22 January** for the week of prayer for Christian Unity, which runs from 18 January to 25 January. All welcome.

Next Tuesday 24th January

there is an extra Mass at Noon preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am.
This is attended by the local Chapter of the Society of the Holy Cross.
You are welcome to attend as well.

Words from Jane

Peace

When we open the door to the divine, we begin to shine.
Divine peace seeps out of our hearts into every aspect of our lives.
Peace, Peace setting our hearts and minds on fire with love for God,
humanity and all creation.
Surely this is God and what we all long for.
Where do we find God's peace?
Why sitting under a tree adoring and being captivated by nature all God's magnificent creations.
Peace is God and what we all crave for.
Sitting under God's tree singing our song experiencing God's grace.



CANDLEMAS LUNCH – Last chance to get tickets!

Sunday 29 January

12.30 in the Church Hall

Tickets (available from Sarah) £7.50 per person

– under 16's free

Menu details at the back of Church

Vegetarian option available

Please speak to Sarah or Debra if you have a dietary requirements.

Candlemas Lunch-Draw

Do you want to re-gift any unwanted Christmas Presents to our raffle at this event next Sunday. Please pass them to a member of the Community Committee during this week or bring them with you next Sunday and pass them to Sarah. Thank you.

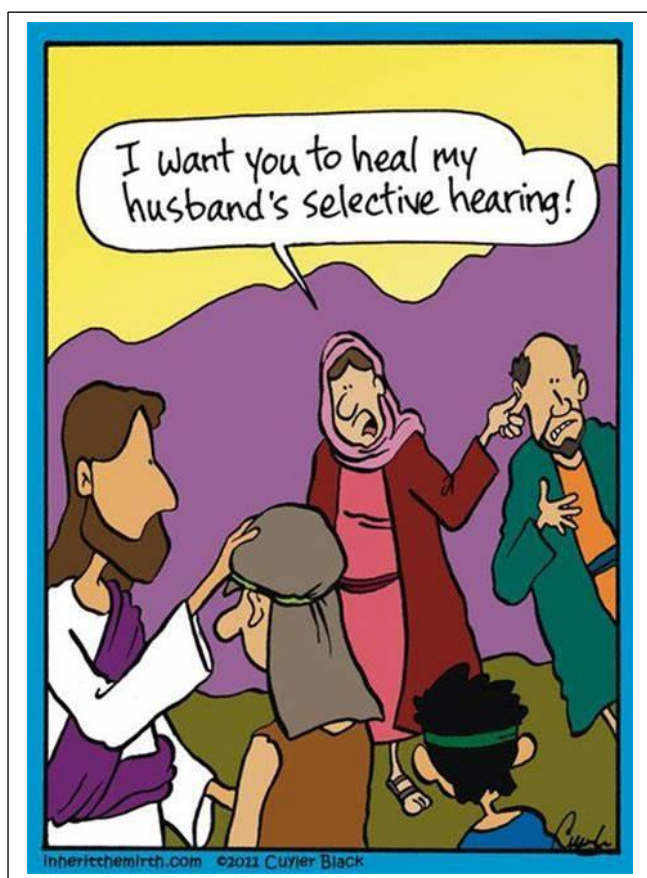
DUSTERS AND MOPS AT THE READY PLEASE.

The little sunshine that we have had is showing that once again our beautiful church is in need of some TLC. So please come armed with duster and polish on Saturday morning 28th January Mass is at 10.00 so we will clean afterwards.

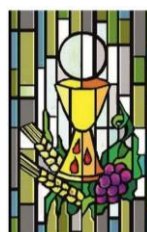
Coffee will be provided for those using elbow grease!

Thank you,

Sandra Coaker and Diane Woolf



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.



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 sides people know when you come into Church. on Sunday morning.

Plant Sale Saturday 13th May 10-12noon

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

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





"Stop resting in peace and start getting some exercise."

St John's Strategic Review

St John's PCC's will meet this week, Thursday, 26th September, we undertake a review of the progress to date against our parish priorities agreed at the parish Strategy Day in September.

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.

St John's Parochial Church Council-(PCC) and Sub-Committees

Chair	Fr. Brendan
Churchwarden	Nicola C
Churchwarden	Gary L
PCC Secretary	Sue R
PCC Treasurer	Fiona D
Electoral Roll Officer	Kevin C
PCC Member	Dominic P
PCC Member	Michelle H
PCC Member	Judith B
PCC Member	Peter W
PCC Member	Sarah L

<u>Worship Committee</u>	
Chair	Fr Brendan
	Diane W
	Gary L
Temporary Organist	Kevin C
Head Server & Sacristan	Martin I
<u>Fabric Committee</u>	
Chair	Gary L
	Derek C
	Martin I
	Peter W
	Margaret J
<u>Community Committee</u>	
Chair	Sarah L
	Betty T
	Celia A
	Debra W
	Fr. Brendan
	Judith B
	Margaret J
	Nicola C
<u>Finance Committee</u>	
Chair	Nicola C
	Fiona D-PCC Treasurer
	Fr. Brendan
	Jenny P
	Lynne B
	Roger M

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

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.

Jumble Sale

Saturday 18th February 2-4pm St John's Church Hall

Please remember this event when you are having a clear out, we are wanting donations e.g., Coats, scarves, hats, trousers, jumpers, shoes, bags, kitchenware, Brick-a-Brack, etc., anything we can sell (We cannot accept anything electrical). Further notice of when we need these donations will follow in the newsletter.

We need volunteers to help at this fund-raising event. If you can help on the day to sort, sell, or clear up or can spare the time to do all three, please let Sarah know.

St John's Events for 2023

The Community Committee met this week and have set some dates for your diary.

Candlemas Lunch	Sunday 29th January 12.30pm-Church Hall
Jumble Sale	Saturday 18th February 2-4pm- Church Hall
Mothering Sunday-Rose Reception	Sunday 19th March, immediately after Mass- Church Hall- Cream Tea and Prosecco.
St John's Patronal Festival & Celebration of the Coronation-Bring and Share Picnic Lunch	Sunday 7th May-Church Grounds (if fine) or Church Hall
Plant Sale	Saturday 13th May 10-12noon-Church Grounds
St John's Summer Fayre	Saturday 15th July 2-4pm-Church Grounds
Parish BBQ	Sunday 13th August, after Mass
Quiz Evening	Saturday 16th September, time to be confirmed, Church Hall
Harvest Lunch	Sunday 1st October, 12.30pm-Church Hall
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 2nd December-2-4pm-Church Hall

We will add to this list over the coming months, please keep an eye out for new dates as they are added they will appear in red.

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.



I need a forever home – very special boy.



He is 7. Well trained. Obedient. Good recall. Loves attention, affection, and cuddles. Loves the car, a good traveller. Perfect companion dog. Does not like being left (may become more confident with that once settled). Very good walking on lead and off lead. Good with humans and children. He has been fine with other dogs. Don't know about cats (but may be fine – doesn't chase squirrels or pigeons). We are happy to talk to anyone with genuine interest. 07887 768145
If there is a good home out there but money is tight – there is the confirmed foster possibility of assistance with food and vet bills, etc.



Out on a walk



Snoozing in the kitchen



Bedtime



Snoozing in the sitting room

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 online 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

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 'give-a little' page.



If you need to contact a Churchwarden please contact Nicola Coaker or Gary Lewis. Nicola can email 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.