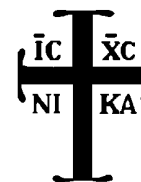




St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 2022

THIRD SUNDAY or 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)

Sunday 23 January – Third Sunday, Epiphany 3

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening prayer from the BCP

Monday 24 January – St Francis de Sale

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 25 January – Conversion of St Paul

10.00 Mass- Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Wednesday 26 January – St Timothy and St Titus

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Thursday 27 January

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 28 January – St Thomas Aquinas

10.00 Mass from the BCP – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 29 January

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 30 January – The Presentation of Christ

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening Prayer and Benediction

The Mass readings for this Sunday:
Nehemiah 8:1-6 & 8-10 (Reader: Helen)
Psalm 19

R: Your words are spirit Lord, and they are life

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (Reader: Judith)

St Luke 1:1-4 & 4:14-21

Intercessor – Martin

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

It is good, on your behalf, to extend a warm welcome to Richard Wheller, Licensed Reader at Christ Church, Nailsea with St Quiricus and St Julietta, Tickenham, and his wife Angela, who will be with us on Richard's Reader's placement.

Whilst Richard has already been licensed for this role in the Church of England, one element of his training was put on hold due to COVID. That is to experience the worshipping life of a church in a tradition not of one's own. I'm delighted that Richard has chosen to come to us at St John's.

Richard will be with us for four weeks on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. On 13th February, his last Sunday, he will preach the sermon. I know that you will make him more than welcome. You may feel able to share with him some of the reasons why St John's is so important to you...

Soon we shall have to think again about our response to the epidemic as restrictions are lifted. For the moment we continue as before with mask wearing, a one-way system, and communion by intinction.

The next liturgical highlight is the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Candlemas, which is transferred to Sunday 30th January. We celebrate it with a Solemn Mass at 10.30am and Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5.30pm.

I am still hoping some may come forward with offers to read at the weekday services...

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Fr Brendan

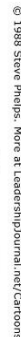




The website is a dynamic tool, so please send any comments, criticisms or ideas to Fr Brendan at parishpriest@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

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.

Sunday 30 January Candlemas	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 27 February Last before Lent	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 27 March Mothering Sunday	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 17 April Easter Day	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 29 May Ascension Day Festivities	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 26 June	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 24 July	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 21 August	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.



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. 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.

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/>

CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ FACTS AND SOME FICTION

1. In which decade was Clevedon Methodist Church opened?
2. When was Income Tax introduced into this country?
3. What island lies midway between Llandudno and Stranraer?
4. Which nation is to be host to this year's FIFA World Cup?
5. Of which tribe was Anna, the prophetess present at Jesus's Presentation in the Temple, a member?
6. Who led the Peasants' Revolt in England in 1381?
7. What is the capital city of Morocco?
8. 30 is the title of the latest album issued by which British vocalist?
9. Which is the sixth planet from the sun?
10. Which pilot made the first cross channel flight in 1909?
11. Of which family of plants is the dandelion a part?
12. Which artist's real name was R.H. Van Rijn?
13. What is the moral of the Aesop fable Androcles and the Lion?
14. In which decade was the organisation CND formed?
15. How many legs does a shrimp have?
16. Which Dickens character runs a shipping business with his sons?



AND GORDON'S POSERS

- a: James country home;
- b: In which a deed was recorded;
- c: To keep your doors secure.....;
- d: Massive undergarment on the meadow

CANDLESTICKS

The observant among you will have noticed a new (to us) set of four candlesticks on the nave altar.

When I was seven years of age we moved as a family to Sheffield where I was accepted as a Chorister in the Cathedral Choir. The Canon Precentor at that time was one Denis McKie. He was a larger-than-life character, Irish, a fabulous preacher, a great musician with a penchant for G&T. He was Precentor for the whole of my time at the Cathedral. In my teenage years I would get up early every Saturday and get a bus into town to serve his 8.30am Mass in the crypt. I was a strange boy!

I owe Denis so much. He introduced me to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, and to Catholic life in the Church of England. He taught me about a disciplined spiritual life, and the beauty of holiness. He also supported and encouraged my own vocation to the priesthood which has been with me from a very early age.

After Sheffield Cathedral Fr Denis moved to the parish of St George in Preston as Vicar.

How extraordinary then that, casually glimpsing on EBay, I should come across these four candles which we being offered for sale by St George's Preston. I have bought them in memory of Denis McKie and in thanksgiving for all he meant to me.

I thought you might like to know.

Fr Brendan

Archdeaconry Days 6 to 12 February 2022

Sometimes, even in church, it can feel as if God only calls 'special people'. But God calls us all, because God created us, knows us, and loves us. We are all called daily to live lives that are true to our Christian faith. God also calls us at times in our life to particular roles - which sounds tidy but is often pretty messy! Often those calls are something we take up for a season only. Sometimes they are for the rest of our lives.

The 2022 Archdeaconry Days are running from Sunday 6 to Saturday 12 February. We are going to hear from a range of people from across Bath and Wells about their experience of God's call:

- What has helped people hear their call?
- Have any Bible stories inspired them?
- What about when the call has been far from straightforward?
- Who am I called to be?

January 2022 – The Calling Podcast

- Devised and hosted by young people in the diocese. [Access the podcasts here](#)

Sunday 6 February 3pm – Launch Service at Taunton Academy

- We will gather with Bishop Ruth to begin the week in a collective act of worship on the theme of calling

Monday 7 to Friday 11 February

- On demand content available, exploring calling and including daily videos

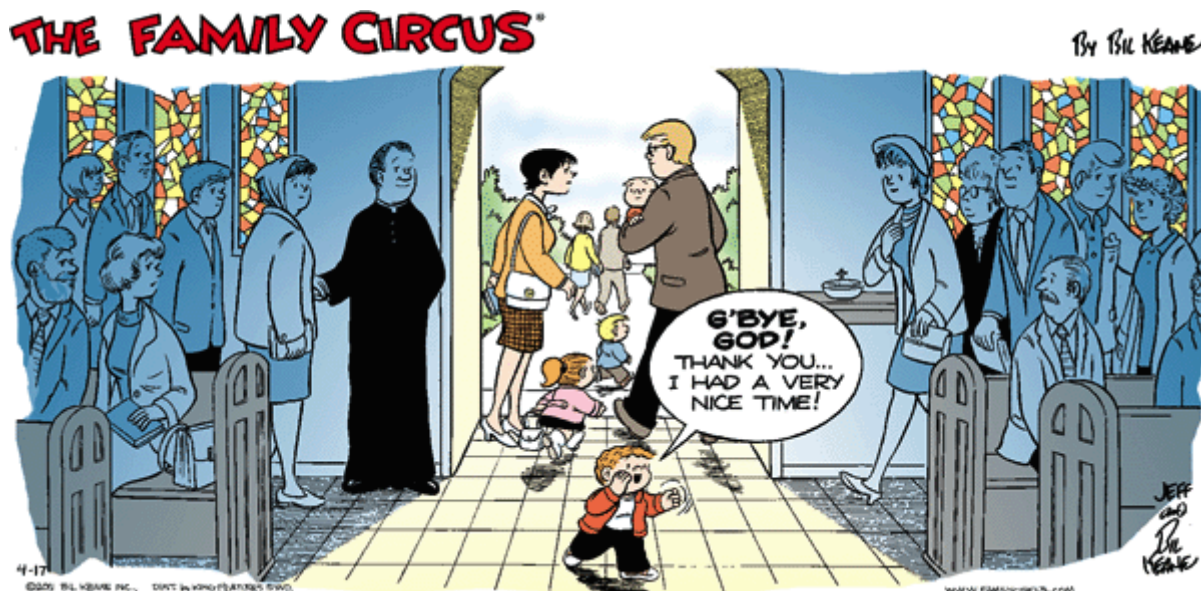
Saturday 12 February –Archdeaconry gatherings

- Coming together online to reflect and celebrate
- 10am – hosted by Archdeacon of Bath This is us!!

- 11.30am – hosted by Archdeacon of Wells
- 2pm – hosted by Archdeacon of Taunton

[Sign up here to attend the service, receive daily content and to attend one of the Archdeaconry gatherings](#)

Who to contact Email: Cheryl Govier Go Team Adviser - Wells Archdeaconry Email: Julia Hill Deanery & Parish Support



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 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.



COULD YOU HELP SOMEONE LEARN TO READ?

Many adults in the UK cannot read. On a practical level, this means that even carrying out everyday tasks can be challenging, if not impossible. For instance, many have never been to the doctor as they're too embarrassed to have to read and fill in forms. Being unable to read and write is often associated with depression, isolation and even higher mortality. Read Easy is a charity providing one to one coaching for adults who cannot read.

There are lots of interesting ways to get involved in a Read Easy group and the local group often have vacancies for volunteers, both on our local Management Team and for Reading Coaches. At the moment we are considering expanding to cover the whole of North Somerset and so are particularly looking to fill the following roles based in the north of the area:

- **Coordinator**
Responsible for meeting and enrolling adults who want to learn to read, matching them with volunteer Reading Coaches and providing them with ongoing support and oversight throughout their reading journey. To be suitable for this demanding but most rewarding voluntary position, you must have strong people and organisational skills and a certain amount of time to spare each week.
- **Literacy Specialist**
Our Literacy Specialists provide support with literacy issues to the Coordinator and Reading Coaches and assist in running the Reading Coach meetings. The person who takes on this role should have a background in teaching reading/literacy (preferably but not necessarily with adults). Our volunteer Literacy Specialists feel a real sense of pride in giving practical solutions to their Coordinators and Reading Coaches.
- **Referrals Networker**
This is a vital and interesting role within our Management Team to create and develop relationships with local agencies, such as Job Centres, social services and many others who may be able to refer potential readers to the group. This voluntary position will suit people who thrive on networking and making new connections. The longevity of our local groups is down to securing a steady stream of Reader referrals, so you will play an instrumental part in making sure your group thrives.

We are also looking to fill the role of IT Support based anywhere in North Somerset:

We now offer coaching online so technology has become key to our delivery for some reading pairs. We are now on the look-out for a volunteer in North Somerset who can offer their IT skills to support others when necessary. It is amazing how much difference you could make to your local group by providing IT support. Even the smallest things like setting up email accounts and creating social media accounts can be a real challenge for some volunteers, so your expertise will make the world of difference to helping adults learn to read in your community.

If there is a role listed here that would suit you, please email Sue Hobson at WsMrecruiter@readeasy.org.uk. If there are no suitable vacancies listed at the moment, you can still get in touch if you would like to, and we can keep a note of your interest, if you are happy for us to keep your details.

St John's Children's Club

Sunday 23 January 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Amen, Amen!

Bible reading: Nehemiah 8:1-10 Luke 4: 14-21)

Questions

- Why do Christians say 'Amen' at the end of prayers?
- When was the last time you agreed with something someone said?
- Why did the crowd feel compelled to say 'Amen!' twice in verse 6?

Prayer suggestion

Thank God that the joy of the Lord is your strength

Lord Jesus, help us to be quiet
And to listen to what you say to us.
Let us be ready to share in your work
Of rescuing any who are in trouble or need
Amen, Amen

This week's challenge

End your prayers this week saying 'Amen' twice.

Take a deep breath between Amens.

Activity suggestions

- Activity sheet for 3rd Sunday in Epiphany
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Luke 4: 14-21

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)