



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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 23 March

10.00 Mass, All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 24 March – Palm Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday 25 March - Monday in Holy Week

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 26 March – Tuesday in Holy Week

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

18.00 Lent Group – The Suffering Servant

Wednesday 27 March – Wednesday in Holy Week

18.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 28 March - Maundy Thursday

19.30 Liturgy of the Last Supper and Foot Washing
- Fr Brendan Clover
followed by Watch of the Sacred Passion

Friday 29 March - Good Friday

10.00 Stations of the Cross

14.00 Liturgy of the Lord's Death

Saturday 30 March - Holy Saturday

09.30 Morning Prayer

20.00 Easter Vigil

Sunday 1 April – Easter Day

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Robert Ward

17.30 Evening Prayer and Benediction

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

I write this having returned from the Oswestry Chrism Festival at Gloucester Cathedral which was outstanding in every way... other than the parking in Gloucester! Thank you those of you who came along. It was a poignant and moving Mass, the lunch was excellent, the catechesis deep and profound, and Benediction was a total joy. And Gloucester Cathedral is a glorious temple of our God, the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. I'm sorry so many of you missed it!

Tomorrow, Friday, we have two year groups from the parish school coming to St John's for a Palm Sunday event. There will be a craft activity on the Hall, a service in church for all, and tea for parents, grandparents, and carers. Huge thanks to the Community and Outreach Committee for all their efforts and to Sarah Lewis for her leadership. This really is a most appropriate way for us to engage with the school community.

On Sunday Mass begins in the Library Car Park with the Blessing of Palms. Then we have a Walk of Witness before the great Liturgy of the Day. Thus begins Holy Week.

I need volunteers for foot washing on Maundy Thursday, for Watching with the Lord after the Liturgy (I will do 11pm to midnight), for participating in the Passion on Good Friday, and for reading at the Easter Vigil. Please sign up (list at the back of Church) or let me know by email or WhatsApp if you can help. Remember we have a visiting preacher, Fr Julian Browning, an Associate Priest of All Saints Margaret Street, Oxford Circus, London (Butterfield's most famous church arguably)... so I am hoping for good numbers!

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The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 50:4-7 (*Reader: Helen*)

Ps 21

R: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Philippians 2:6-11 (*Reader: Dilwen*)

St Mark 14:1-15;47

Intercessor – *Judith*

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And finally the parish has been given another gift of vestments by Hugh Hurst, a gold and a red set from Polish Vestments. To say they are stunning is an understatement! With his agreement I will wear the gold set for the Easter Vigil and the red set at Pentecost. This is yet another sign of the rejuvenation of our parish. Thank you so much Hugh for your generosity.

So join me over the days of Holy Week. And join Our blessed Lord. Walk alongside him into Jerusalem, to the Last Supper, to Gethsemane, to the Cross... and be there to hear the glorious news that he is Risen!

With my love and prayers,
Fr Brendan

Art Installation

Our mystery artist writes:

The cloth has now been removed revealing a large wooden cross. Below it on the tiny altar, are three palm crosses. In front of them a piece of broken bread and a cup filled with wine. They are waiting to be shared at the last supper.

The wooden cross is bare, but if you look closely, you will see nail holes and some nails. This cross has been used before. Large pieces of wood would have been valuable material in the holy land 2,000 years ago because the holy land was hot and arid and trees would have found it difficult to grow there. Christ's cross would not have been made just for him and used just once. Each cross would have been used many times.

It should be clear by now that the piece shows a clear connection between the cross and the eucharist. On Easter Sunday this very strong connection will finally be revealed. As for the cloth? It has been neatly folded and placed beside the altar. It still has one more job to fulfill.

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 23 March

Our Blessed Virgin Mary, remembering her great influence on Our Lord's early life

Sunday 24 March

Palm Sunday. Our Church and parish and residents of Tutton Way and Sercombe Park

Monday 25 March

The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 26 March

Scientists and all with the vision to explore and experiment

Wednesday 27 March

All who came to faith in their later years

Thursday 28 March

Maundy Thursday – the Feast of the Passover

Friday 29 March

Good Friday – Jesus lays down his life for us

Saturday 30 March

Holy Saturday

Sunday 31 March

Easter Day – our Church and parish and residents of Oldfield and Claremont Gardens



HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING

Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you would like your feet symbolically washed at the Maundy Thursday service. Ideally, Fr Brendan would like 12 volunteers. Only one of your feet will be washed.

John Scammells' Funeral will be held at 12.30pm on Easter Thursday, 4th April in church with refreshments afterwards in the Elton Hall. Jesu, mercy, Mary, pray. RIP

The Diocesan Chrism Eucharist is celebrated at the Cathedral Church of St Andrew in Wells by the Diocesan Bishop at 10am on Holy Tuesday, 26th March. Fr Brendan is attending to represent the parish.

MASS TIMES

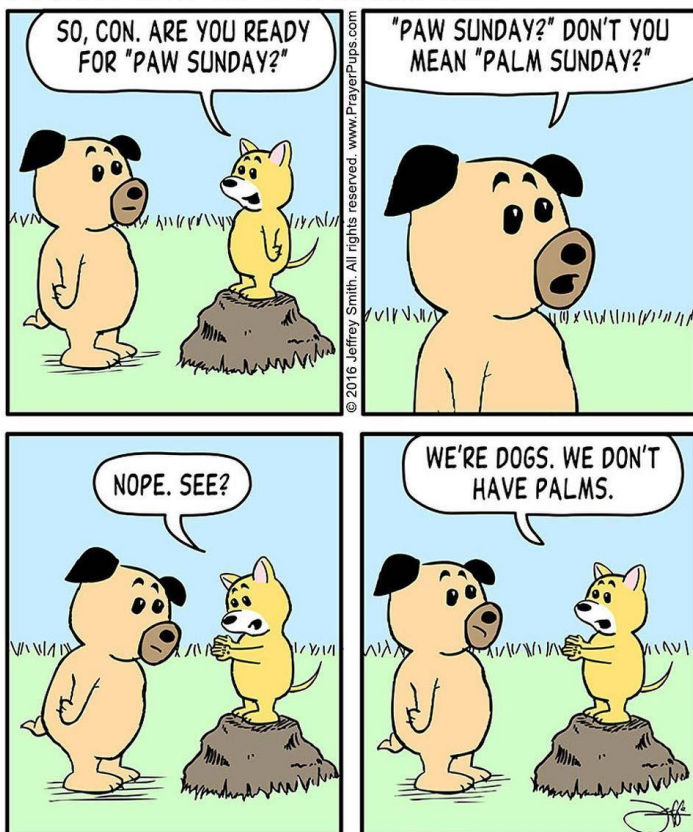
Below are the Mass times for St John's.



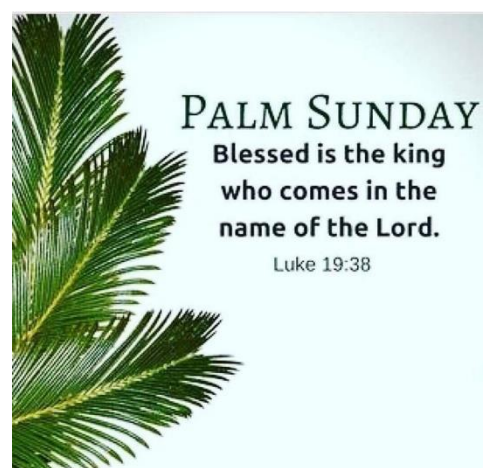
Sunday – 10.30 am
Monday – 6.00 pm
Wednesday – 6.00 pm
Thursday – 12.30 pm
Friday – 10.00 (Book of Common Prayer)

On Tuesdays at 10.00 am and Saturdays at 10.00 am
Mass will be said at All Saints, Weston Super Mare, BS23 2NL

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



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 sidespeople know when you come into Church on Sunday morning.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Good Friday 29 March	Hot Cross Buns in the Church Hall at 15.00
Easter Sunday 31 March	Easter Celebration – Prosecco and Cake
Sunday 7 April	Celebration Sunday – Octave of Easter
28 April to 5 May	St John's Festival Week
Sunday 5 May	Bring and Share Lunch
Wednesday 8 May	19.00 - Talk by Aidan Hart, iconographer
Sunday 19 May	Celebration Sunday – Pentecost
Saturday 25 May	Plant Sale – TBC
Sunday 23 June	Celebration Sunday
Saturday 6 July	14.00 – 16.00 – Summer Fayre
Saturday 13 July	Glastonbury Pilgrimage
Sunday 28 July	Celebration Sunday
Sunday 1 September	Parish BBQ
Sunday 8 September	Celebration Sunday – Education Day/King's Accession
Sunday 13 October	Harvest Festival
Saturday 16 November	Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper
Sunday 24 November	Celebration Sunday – Christ the King

THANK YOU

to those of you who came to Fr Brendan's licensing and who donated money to the Bath & Wells Ordination Fund. £190 was sent to the Diocese and Nicola received the following email from them.

Dear Nicola

Many thanks for providing Gift Aid envelopes and a QR code for the Ordination Fund for the Licensing service and for transferring the money to us.

We are very grateful for money received for the Ordination Fund, which goes to support our Ordinands and therefore helps to enable ministry and mission across the diocese in a wide number of parishes. The money your parishioners have given will help ensure our Ordinands continue to receive support during their training, enabling ministry to continue in parishes.

Sue Whitehead

Deanery and Parish Support Administrator

Diocese of Bath & Wells

Wells Cathedral Parish Pass

You may have seen in the news last week, that Wells Cathedral has announced changes to its admission guidelines with free passes for parishioners in the Diocese of Bath and Wells and local people, and a new entry charge for tourists.

Entry remains free to enter for worship, prayer, and to light a candle and free passes are available for parishioners in the diocese. Information about the Parish Pass and how to apply for it is available from the Wells passes section of the Wells Cathedral website. You will note that the application form for a Parish Pass does require a signature from a churchwarden or incumbent.

St John's 100 Club

The 100 club is an easy way you can help raise money for St. Johns. It only costs £12 per year (equivalent to £1 / month) and you will be entered into a draw every month with a chance to win a prize. Over the last 15 years the 100 club, has raised over £12,000 for the church and has paid out almost £8,000 in prizes. Providing we have more than 80* people join we will pay out £40 in prizes each month and any profit over £510 will be paid to the Church but there is no upper limit, the more the merrier and the more money that will be raised for the church.

The three prizes are:

- 1 st Prize - £25
- 2 nd Prize - £10
- 3 rd Prize - £5

*If there are less than 80 members, there will be no 3rd prize.

If you join the Club, please contact any of the organisers to enquire about joining, application forms can be located at the back of the church on the leaflet table. Talk to any of us in church or by emailing using one of the email addresses below.

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

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.





Church Flowers

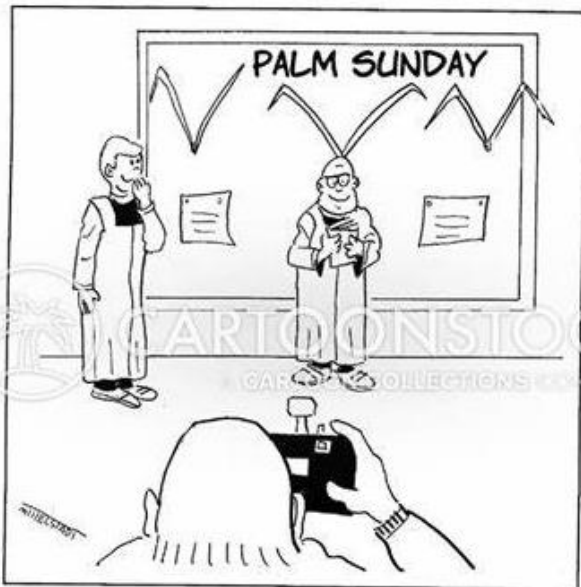

Would you like to sponsor church flowers to celebrate a birthday or commemorate an anniversary?

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.



"A little to the right, please, Father."

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

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.

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.

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 Answers!!

- 1. Moses**
- 2. George Canning wounded Lord Castlereagh**
- 3. Sargasso**
- 4. Blue**
- 5. 1912**
- 6. Henry VII**
- 7. Majorca**
- 8. Jude The Obscure**
- 9. Queen Victoria (1840)**
- 10. Year**
- 11. Great Bustard**
- 12. St. Andrews**
- 13. A sentence containing every letter of the alphabet**
- 14. 1948 Geneva**
- 15. Flax**
- 16. Henry Purcell**

GORDON'S

a: Clink; b: Green Ore; c: Henly

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish
Clevedon & Yatton**

PASSOVER MEAL

TUESDAY 26th March 2024

7pm

**GREYFRIARS HALL,
Marine Hill, Clevedon**

Tickets: Adults £10 Child/Student £5

Available from Basia McLaughlin

Via the Catholic Parish Office:

clevedon.immaculateconception@cliftondiocese.com

