

St John the Evangelist **Newsletter**





SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Church Services (also on-line)

Saturday 23 July No Mass today Sunday 24 July – Seventeenth Sunday 10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover 17.30 Evening Prayer Monday 25 July - St James 18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover Tuesday 26 July – Ss Anne and Joachim 10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover Wednesday 27 July 10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward **Thursday 28 July** 12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover Friday 29 July - St Martha 10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover Saturday 30 July 10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover Sunday 31 July – Eighteenth Sunday 10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover 17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday: Genesis 18:20-32 (*Reader: Sandra*) Psalm 138 **R: On the day I called, you answered me O Lord** Colossians 2:12-14 (*Reader: Kevin*) St Luke 11:1-13 Intercessor – Judith

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SUMMER FETE LAST SATURDAY.

AN AMAZING TOTAL OF £1032.93 WAS RAISED FOR CHURH FUNDS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BELL RINGERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER OF THANKS FROM HM QUEEN ELIZABETH . SEE PAGES 7 & 8!

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Sadly, because of the government advice around COVID, I missed the Parish Fete last Saturday, but everyone tells me what a happy occasion it was and that it was much enjoyed by many. Many thanks to everyone who put their time and talents into making it happen. Nothing goes well unless there is painstaking preparation, so thanks to the Community and Outreach Committee for all the behind-the-scenes work. The total raised is fantastic and a tribute to the hard work. Sunday, 31 July, our friend Fred Campbell is with us for Mass and a Picnic Lunch. Fred is providing drinks to accompany our brought lunches, so it would be a help if you could let me know if you are planning to join us in the Vicarage Garden after refreshments after Mass, so that I can buy suitable quantities of drink. There is some seating, as you know, but it might be a good idea to bring something to sit on, a chair or a rug. It was thrilling to hear that Kevin has been accepted for training for the priesthood and I am grateful to those of you I canvased with the idea that we, the parish of St John's, might buy Kevin his first cassock. There are two ways to give to this: you can give me cash or a cheque made payable to St John's PCC, or you can transfer money into the parish bank account Parochial Cncl Johns Clevedon Sort Code 52-21-39, Account Number 92696767. Please reference 'Cassock' if you contribute via the bank.

It might be the holiday season, but don't forget that it is always good to support one weekday service in addition to our Sunday duty. With the assurance of my prayers, Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Sunday 24 July	Our Church, our parish and the residents of Beaconsfield Road, Willow Court and	
	Teignmouth Road. It is also World Day for Grandparents and the elderly!	
Monday 25 July	St James, the Apostle and all who pilgrim to Santiago de Compostela to revere the relics of St	
	James	
Tuesday 26 July	St Anne and St Joachim, parents of Mary	
Wednesday 27 July	All care homes in Clevedon, especially Elm View and Poets Mews in our parish	
Thursday 28 July	Our market traders and all who visit Clevedon for rest and relaxation	
Friday 29 July	Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord	
Saturday 30 July	Our Lady of Walsingham and William Wilberforce – social reformer	
Sunday 31 July	Our Church, our parish and the residents of Chapel Hill and Lime Kiln Lane	

APPEAL for small (and quiet) children's toys or jigsaws to go into the play sacks we are planning to place at the back of the Church. Please speak to Nicola if you think you may be able to help and/or have something suitable.



100 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS FOR JUNE Congratulations!

- 1st Bea Anstey
- 2nd Unna Brooks
- 3rd David Green

SUMMER WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Three FREE summer workshops will take place in and around the Church/Church Hall on 1, 2 and 16 August between 2.00 and 4.00 pm. There will be a pop-up café serving tea/coffee/squash and cakes. The workshops are **Build a Water Rocket** (9-13 year olds), **Willow Weaving Bird Feeders** (10+ year olds, though younger children are welcome to take part with parental help) and **We're Going on a Bug Hunt** (3-10 year olds).

Children must be accompanied by an adult who must remain in the Church grounds.

Please see the Diary above. If you are able to help with serving refreshments or making a cake, please speak to Sarah Lewis.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All subject to there being no changes in Covid restrictions

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass	
2.00 – 4.00 Summer Workshop – Build a Water Rocket	
2.00 - 4.00 Summer Workshop – Willow Weaving: Make a bird feeder	
Parish BBQ at The Vicarage after Mass	
2.00 – 4.00 Summer Workshop – We're going on a Bug Hunt	
Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass	
Australian Evening – an entertaining talk with Aussie wine and extras	
Sunday 30 October Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass	
Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass	

Fr Brendan and the members of the PCC are appealing for folk with enthusiasm to share their talents, and experience to join one of our four sub committees :

Finance Fabric Worship	Increasing parish income, grant applications Maintenance, Repair and upkeep of our church building and hall	
Community	(formerly Social) Out reach within our community and outside the parish, including	
	Children's School Holiday activities and parish celebrations and fund raising events	
	Please give very serious consideration to offering your time in God's service on one of these committees	



SUNDAY 14 AUGUST AT THE VICARAGE

Tickets for the annual BBQ will be on sale from Sunday 17 July. The cost is £5.00 per person, under 16's eat for free. The ticket will cover the cost of meat and essential BBQ fare (bread rolls, a simple green salad, ketchup etc). Hot food will be available from 12.30 pm. If you would like to supply a more elaborate salad, or a dessert, please add your name to the list which will be in Church next Sunday. Please speak to Nicola or Debra for further information.

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.

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 Queen) 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 EMPTY CEREAL BOXES?

If so, please bring them to Church as soon as possible - either this Sunday or next. The card will be used for the water rockets workshop

CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ

JUST TESTING

- 1. In what decade was the sixth bell added to the five at St John's?
- 2. When was school leaving age raised to 15 in England?
- 3. What creatures do melittologists study?
- 4. Who wrote the musical West Side Story?
- 5. Who in the Bible is the father of Levi, Gad and Reuben?
- 6. The first clause of the Magna Carta gives freedom to which institution?
- 7. Mount Helvellyn is in which area in the UK?
- 8. What is the area called between tee and green on a golf course?
- 9. Which cold planet includes a moon known as Charon?
- 10. When was the Independent Labour Party founded?
- 11. What is a group of rhinoceroses called?
- 12. Which works of art are created using soluble pigments?
- 13. How many 'U's are there in a game of Scrabble?
- 14. What did James Cook call the east coast of Australia when he landed and explored there in 1768-1771?
- 15. What is the land locked country in the Danube basin?
- 16. Who stars in the TV series Murder She Wrote?

GORDON'S POSERS

- a) Don't change horses here
- b) So light a new fire here
- c) Pilgrim Fathers here????

Clevedon Foodbank is still in need of donations to support people in need in Clevedon and the surrounding area. Rising prices for electricity, gas, petrol and food add to the difficulties of those affected by illness, disability, bereavement, unemployment or low wages.

During the 6-week school summer holidays, they anticipate that they will give out over 300 lunch bag parcels to school-aged children to fill the gap without school meals. The majority of the items listed below will be used in the lunch bag parcels. If you would like to donate any of the items, it would be appreciated.

Cereal	Fruit juice
Tinned pasta	Rice pudding
Tinned vegetables	Custard
Tinned tuna	Rice
Pasta sauce	Cooking sauce
Biscuits	Tinned meat
Soap	Shower gel
Washing up liquid	

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public

- that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to

them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Donations of food may be brought to church and put into the purple bin in the porch, taken to the Food Bank depot in Knowles Road on Monday or Friday mornings, or put into the collection bin at Tesco's in Clevedon (Sainsbury's in Portishead, Waitrose in Nailsea). Tesco's add 20% to the value of donations.

For more information and how to ask for help if you need it, see their website at clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk, or contact them on info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk or tel. 07722 769529

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.



On-line Giving

Here is the link to our on line facility:

<u>https://givealittle.co/campaigns/b8e3af98-2c05-4dfb-bd27-570f15c91a21</u> 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.



WINDSOR CASTLE

 To: Helen Callow, Nicholas Dixon, Margaret James, David James, Mark Callow and Gary Lewis –
The Bellringers of St. John the Evangelist, Clevedon

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for your letter and message of congratulations on the occasion of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

The Queen was pleased to know that the Bellringers of St. John the Evangelist, Clevedon, rang a quarter-peal of 1260 Changes of Four Methods, Doubles being: Grandsire, St Simons, St Martins and Plain Bob, in celebration of this historic milestone in Her Majesty's reign.

The Queen was touched by this wonderful tribute, and I am to thank you again for writing as you did at this time.

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Lady-in-Waiting

2012 July 2022





BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Platinum Jubilee

1952 - 2022

I send you my grateful thanks for your kind message on the occasion of the Seventieth Anniversary of my Accession to the Throne

> ELIZABETH R 2022

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

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 contacted on 07940759891 or email her at <u>churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk</u> Gary's email address is <u>churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk</u> Thank you.

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

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