

St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

TWENTYFIFTH SUNDAY, TRINITY 16

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 September

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 24 September – 25th Sunday – Harvest Festival

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 25 September

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 26 September

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 27 September – St Vincent de Paul

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 28 September

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 29 September – St Michael and All Angels

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 30 September – St Jerome

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 1 October – 26th Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass –

17.30 Evening Prayer and Benediction

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

This Sunday we give thanks to God for the Harvest, that is for all the good things God gives us day by day. I am sure that cultivating a sense of gratitude will make us happier and more appreciative of life itself. I look forward to seeing you at Mass on Sunday and at our harvest lunch afterwards.

But with that gratitude comes also a sense of obligation, of a need to invest in the good things we enjoy, and not just with our time and talents, but in financial terms as well.

The Bible teaches that we should give 10% of our income to charity. I try to do that, supporting our parish and one other charity in equal measure. Recently our PCC agreed to join the Parish Giving Scheme. This scheme allows you to give a regular gift to St John's church by direct debit. Many of you give by standing order and I am asking you to consider giving by direct debit by the Parish Giving Scheme instead.

Why?

- The PGS collects your gift on the 1st working day of the month, and this regular giving will enable us to budget more effectively and plan our expenditure to sustain and grow our mission and ministry.
- Gifts are collected and then paid as a single payment direct to our bank account within a few days. This reduces the administrative burden for our Treasurer.
- PGS will automatically claim any gift aid associated with your gift each month. This greatly reduces the amount of work needed to make Gift Aid claims and ensures that the extra 25% of aid is promptly made available to the church each month.
- Giving through PGS can also help protect the church from rising costs with an option to increase your gift in line with inflation each year.
- The church receives 100% of your gift and gift aid as the cost the administer this scheme is covered by the Diocese.

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 55:6-9 (Reader: Helen)

Psalms 145

R: The Lord is close to all who call him

Philippians 1:20-24 & 27 (Reader: Robert)

St Matthew 20:1-16

Intercessor - Celia

*Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious
thoughts. See if there is any offensive
way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting.*

Psalms 139:23-24

learninggirl4life

The Parish Giving Scheme is currently used by over 75,000 people who give monthly, quarterly or annual gifts to their local churches. St John's relies heavily on the wonderful generosity of our members and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to those of you who give sacrificially to support our worship and outreach into the community of Clevedon. If you are not giving regularly please consider doing so.

And remember: the only things we take with us to heaven are the things we gave away on earth!

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Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 23 September

Our Blessed Virgin Mary – Our Lady of Walsingham

Sunday 24 September

Our Church and parish and the residents of Strode Road, Tweed Road and Kimberley Road

Monday 25 September

All members of our PCC and the many volunteers who help in the smooth running of this Church and parish

Tuesday 26 September

Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army and today's members

Wednesday 27 September

Vincent de Paul, all who care for the poor, sick and victims of war

Thursday 28 September

The Thursday market, its traders and customers

Friday 29 September

St Michael and All Angels, and all parishes that bear his name

Saturday 30 September

Our Blessed Virgin Mary and all shrines throughout the world dedicated to her name

Sunday 1 October

Our Church and parish and the residents of Churchill Avenue



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.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 24 September

THIS WEEK! Harvest Lunch – 12.30 in the Church Hall

Saturday 2 December

Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall

HARVEST LUNCH

THIS WEEK!

Sunday 24 September after Mass in the Church Hall



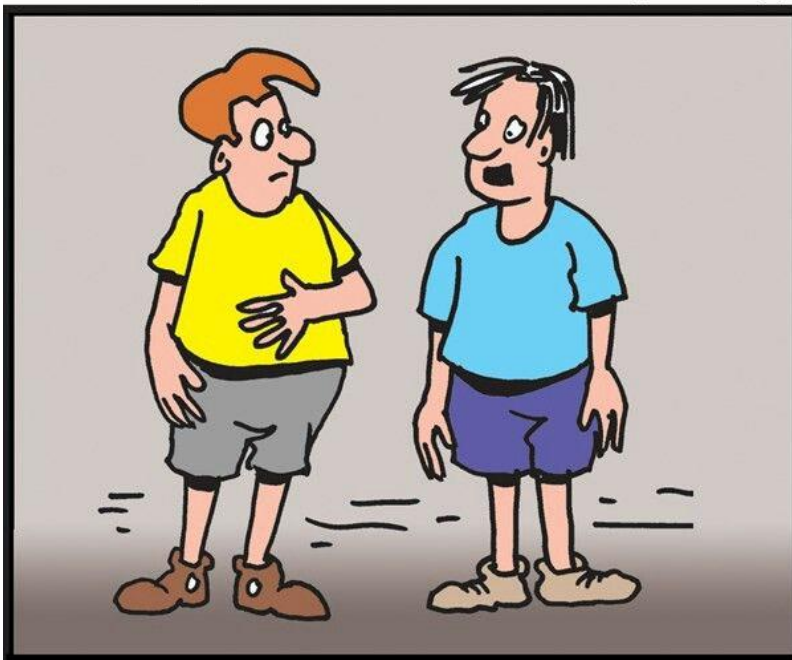
Please see the sign up sheet at the back of Church. Special dietary requirements catered for. The cost is £7.50 More details from Sarah or Nicola.

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 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.

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

Church of the Covered Dish by Thom Tapp



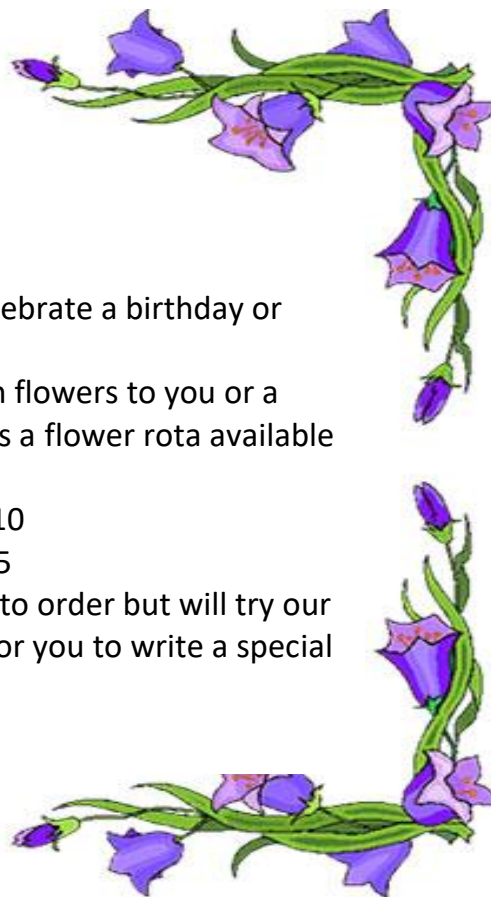
"Our family is trying one of those old-fashioned churches, with preaching, the Bible, and all that stuff."

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.



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



Notice from the PCC

New PCC Treasurer at St John's

The PCC are delighted to announce they have accepted the kind offer of Angela Edgar to become the new PCC Treasurer. Angela was co-opted onto the PCC at the last PCC meeting in August and has taken on this role with immediate effect.

Thank you to Nicola for acting as Interim Treasurer since the APCM.

Angela brings to the role 34 years of professional accountancy experience and a further 10 years as treasurer in the voluntary sector for a couple of organisations.

Nicola, as Chair of the Finance Committee, will have responsibility for the parish's financial strategy and planning. She brings 17 years banking experience, including working with small, medium, large corporations and public authorities nationally, plus another 17 years in the financial management of primary and secondary schools, a multi-academy trust and voluntary sector finances.

In the future, Nicola and Angela will work closely together serving our parish. We are grateful for their time and knowledge.

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.



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 Quiz answers !!!



1. Aquila and Priscilla	9. Needlework and cookery
2. Riot Act	10. Queen Victoria
3. Severn (180 miles)	11. San Francisco Bay
4. Quantum Leap	12. Avonlea
5. 334	13. Sark
6. Textiles	14. 1792
7. Chard	15. Zebra
8. Italy (early 18th century)	16. Harold Pinter
GORDON'S POSERS	b: Cote
a: Rodway	c: Parbrook

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.

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.



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