



# St John the Evangelist

## Newsletter



SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2024

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### Church Services (also on-line)

#### Saturday 24 February

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

#### Sunday 25 February – Lent 2

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Lent Course and Benediction

#### Monday 26 February

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

#### Tuesday 27 February

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

18.00 Lent Group – The Suffering Servant

#### Wednesday 28 February

18.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross – Fr Brendan Clover

#### Thursday 29 February

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

#### Friday 1 March – St David

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

#### Saturday 2 March

10.00 Walsingham Cell Mass, St John's

#### Sunday 3 March – Lent 3

10.30 Solemn Mass – Bishop Mike Hill

17.30 Lent Course and Benediction

### The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Genesis 22:1-2 & 9-13 & 15-18 (Reader: Dilwen)

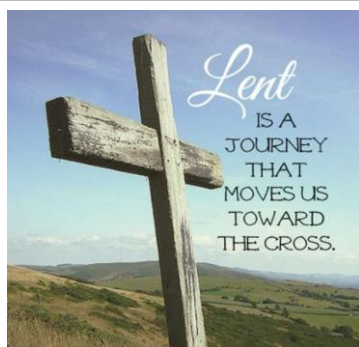
Ps 115

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living**

Romans 8:31-34 (Reader: Jane)

St Mark 9:2-10

Intercessor – Kevin



### Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Our observance of this sacred season has got off to a good start.

People have told me about the singing at Mass last Sunday, how wonderful it was, and I am looking forward to this Sunday's liturgy.

The Lent course too was well supported, and I am grateful for that. Canon Nicola asks me to ask you to bring a Bible with you to this coming Sunday's Session, and a reminder that we have been asked to identify our favourite psalm.

Kevin tells me that the Study Group was well supported.

All of these things are positive steps forward in this liturgical spring (the word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word for spring).

We have also received a generous and kind gift as a parish from Hugh. Two sets of vestments one purple, one green. So this coming Sunday we will bless the purple vestments at the beginning of Mass. This is a timely and lovely present to us all. Thank you Hugh.

And next Sunday we welcome as Celebrant and Preacher our friend Bishop Mike Hill, assistant bishop in the Diocese and former Bishop of Bristol. It will be great to have him among us.

So my prayers for you during Lent continue. It's easy to fall by the wayside as I did yesterday when at a meeting in Flourish House I tucked into some cheese and bread at lunchtime only to remember as the afternoon meeting began that I have given up cheese for Lent!!!

Fr Brendan

## Art Installation

Our mystery artist writes:

The cloth has now been unfurled. It hangs loosely from the chains. It doesn't look like there is anything inside it. Perhaps something will be placed in it later?

Upon the altar the ash has disappeared. In its place there are three rusty nails. This could be the nails used to crucify Jesus. Surely it is. But what is the connection between the nails and the unfurled length of cloth hanging above them? Is there any?

There is still a mystery about this story, but, like any story, things develop and unfold and everything becomes clear in the end.

## PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Saturday 24 February</b>	Our blessed Virgin Mary and all parishes dedicated to her name
<b>Sunday 25 February</b>	Our Church and parish and residents of Homeground
<b>Monday 26 February</b>	All carers, and those who care for carers
<b>Tuesday 27 February</b>	George Herbert, priest, poet and Fellow of Trinity College. He wrote 'The Country Parson', a great read
<b>Wednesday 28 February</b>	All preparing for marriage
<b>Thursday 29 February</b>	Our Clevedon market, its traders and customers
<b>Friday 1 March</b>	St David's Day, all Welsh people, William and Kate – Prince and Princess of Wales
<b>Saturday 2 March</b>	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, the Shrine that bears her name in Walsingham and all who worship there. St John's Walsingham Cell which will meet today for Mass.
<b>Sunday 3 March</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Yeoward Road in our 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



## 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

Sunday 10 March	Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday Rose Reception
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



The West of England Music and Arts Alliance are holding a concert in St John's Church on **Saturday 2 March at 19.30.**

A variety of youth ensembles will be performing.  
Entry is FREE! Please support this worthwhile organisation.

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.



### 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.



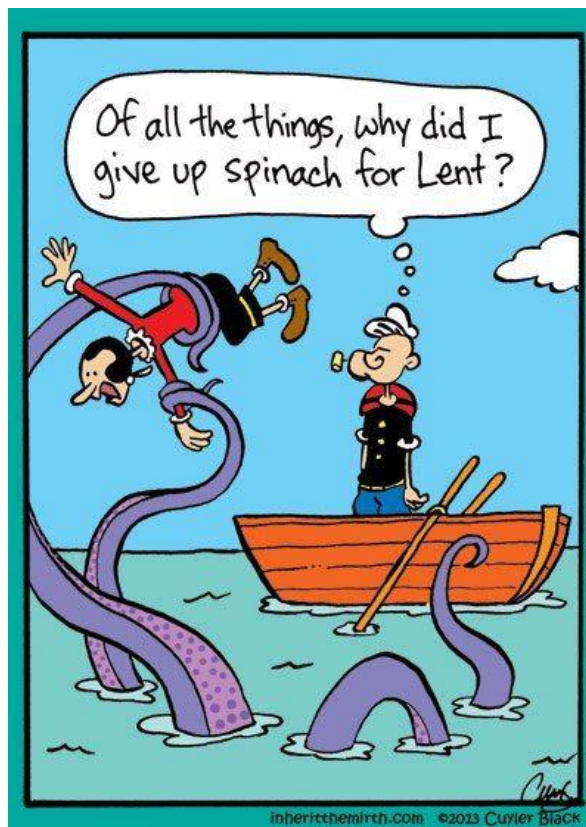
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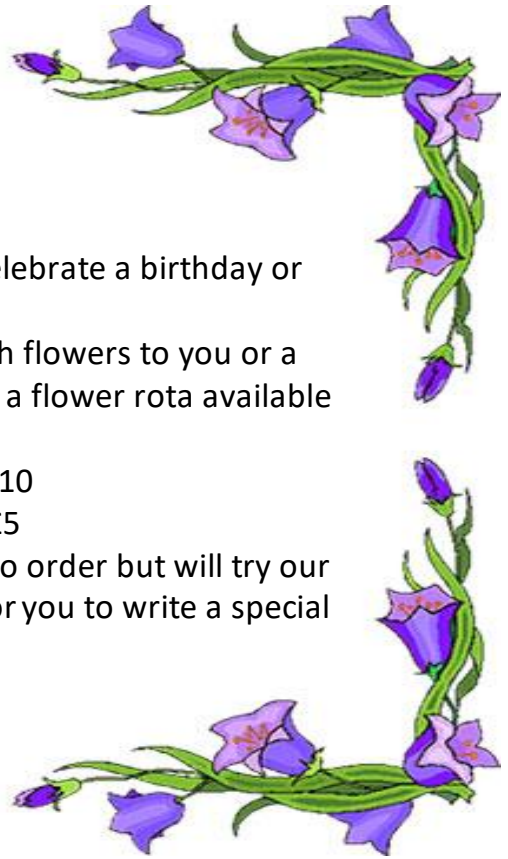
Please log into our website with as much frequency as you are able in order to bring it up the Google ratings...

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

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](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)





## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.



## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who invite people to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. The theme for the 2024 World Day of Prayer is *"I beg you, bear with one another in love."*

We have been invited to attend a service for Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 1 March at 10.00 at Kenn Road Methodist Church. This year's focus is especially important and timely as the service has been prepared by the women of Palestine.

## 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/>

### PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO DO WHAT YOU KNOW IS RIGHT, BUT IT'S ALWAYS WORTH TRYING.

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](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

Gary's email address is [churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

If you have any safeguarding questions or issues, please email [parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)



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## ***Celia Quiz !!***

1. 1883
2. 70
3. Forties
4. Juan Peron (Peru)
5. Stones into bread; leap from the temple; worship the devil
6. William III
7. Agra (Taj Mahal)
8. The Traitors
9. Soy Sauce
10. 1802
11. Queen, drone, worker
12. Laurie Lee.
13. Liechtenstein
14. Gladstone
15. Ice cap
16. Leeds United

## **GORDON'S POSERS**

**a: Williton; b: Bathpool; c: Woodhill**