



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 25 APRIL 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 24 April

10.00 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 25 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Monday 26 April

18.00 Mass in Church - Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 27 April

10.00 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 28 April

10.00 Mass in Church – Revd Preb John Andrews

Thursday 29 April – St Catharine of Sienna

12.30 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 30 April

10.00 BCP Mass in St John's Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 1 May

10.00 Mass in St John's Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 2 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30 Mass in St John's Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

John Andrews, Fr Robert and I met up recently to look forward in the worshipping life of our parish, and it seems appropriate to draw out the themes of that conversation.

We have two midweek Feast days coming up: Ascension Day, 13th May, and Corpus Christi, 3rd June. Both will be observed with a Solemn Mass at 7.30pm, but after Mass on Corpus Christi there will be a Procession of the Sacrament and Benediction, with cheese and wine at the Vicarage (in the garden if necessary). We will still be under the current restrictions on 13th May and therefore cannot have any kind of social gathering then. On these occasions my colleagues will preach.

During August, when I will take some holiday, there will be Mass on Wednesday morning at 10am, and Friday morning at 10am (BCP) only. My colleagues will cover Sunday 8th and 22nd of August, but I will return to celebrate Our Lady's Assumption with you on Sunday 15th August.

We have placed a booking for our pilgrimage to Walsingham on 21st-24th October. Early plans include a stop-off at the exquisite Lady Chapel of Ely Cathedral for Mass on the way... We have twelve places only. Fuller particulars later.

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The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 4:5-12 (Reader: Kevin)

St John 10:11-18

Psalm 23

R: The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not be in want.

(Intercessor: Diane)

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

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And please don't forget the visit of +Jonathan, as assistant Bishop of the Diocese, on Sunday 9th May, for Solemn Mass of the Passion of St John (my reworking of the old Feast of St John before the Latin Gate, as found in the 1928 Prayer Book) at 10.30am. It would be wonderful if we could all make attendance at that a priority, not least because +Jonathan cares about this parish very much indeed. His role in my appointment has been critical.

As we look to the APCM on Sunday I would like to thank you all for being faithful to St John's, to each other and the Lord, and I thank the Wardens and the PCC for their valiant efforts across and extra-ordinary year.

Every blessing,

Fr Brendan

Important message from Fr Brendan

As of Monday 12 April, I shall say Evening Prayer publicly in church every day (except Wednesday, my day off) at 5.30pm. On Sundays, Evening Prayer will be before the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

On the first Sunday of the month there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Evening Prayer.

I shall say Morning Prayer publicly at 9.30am when there is a 10.00am Mass. On other days I will say this office privately ... this is so that I can be at the school on Mondays and have Thursday morning for other things.

It will be good to get the bell back so that I can advertise the fact that these Offices are being celebrated!!!

The first Monday Mass of each month will be a Requiem Mass, with a chance to invite families of those bereaved.

Anyone is welcome to join me as we put back the praying heart of the parish.

St John's Zoom After Church Coffee Meeting – Sunday 2 May 2021 12:15 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73716336772?pwd=azZBS0ZOL1p0M3F5VFRqbKRpRmtlUT09>

Meeting ID: 737 1633 6772

Passcode: Xh7gfV

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 John Andrews and Fr Brendan and names will be added to the sick list.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Clevedon St Johns Annual Parishioners Meeting 2021 will be held in St Johns Church on **Sunday 25 April 2021** at **11.15am** approximately, (immediately after the 10.30am Sunday Mass).

For those on the Electoral Roll at home shielding and unable to return to church, please contact the email address office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk if you wish to take part in the voting.

Nomination forms for the 8 PCC Member and 2 Church Warden positions are available in Church, on front pews by the North Door. Completed forms should be returned to the red post box also located by the North Door before the end of Mass on 25 April 2021.

The intention is to conduct the APCM as we did in October, by keeping the meeting as short as possible so that we are not in church any longer than an hour, combining Mass and the APC meeting. The expectation is that everyone should read the APCM reports in advance of the meeting. If there are any questions arising out of the reports they should be sent in advance of the meeting to office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk Any questions raised at the meeting will be addressed in the meeting minutes when published.

Pilgrimage



One of the victims of the pandemic was our planned Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, England's Nazareth. The shrine opens up again - alleluia - in July and we have tentatively looked at the weekends of 9/10 and 23/24 October this year. We would be very grateful to hear of your preferences if you would like to come with Fr Brendan on pilgrimage. Please let him or Peter Woolf know the dates you prefer ASAP. The costs are modest. Budget for around £150 all in.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Please note, this is a provisional list and all are Covid restriction dependant.

Sunday 2nd May - After Church Zoom Coffee Morning
(See above for invitation to join meeting)

Wednesday 12th May - St John's Social Committee Zoom Meeting

We welcome new members. if you are interested in joining contact Fiona, email: PCCTreasurer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Sunday 23rd May - Celebration Sunday Coffee, Sherry, Wine and Cake in the Church Grounds

We start our monthly event to mark celebrations of the month with a celebration of missed events of the last year e.g. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Licencing.

Sunday 27th June - Parish Picnic in the Church Grounds after 10.30am Mass.

Bring your own picnic, drink and garden, picnic, or deck chair.

Saturday 17th July - Parish BBQ and Musical Entertainment-4pm

In the parish grounds, details to follow.

Saturday 11th September - Murder Mystery in St John's Hall

Details to be confirmed - Who murdered the Verger, in the Hall, with a Church Candle Stick!!



Votive Candles



Following a successful pilot, we will continue to ask for a show of hands at the beginning of the service. This is to indicate how many votives our members and visitors would like lit by a Server and extinguished at the end of the service. This will continue until Covid-19 restrictions change. Thank you. for your co-operation.

Covid-19 Restrictions

Please be reminded the following applies to our worship in church so we can remain open.

- If you have symptoms please stay at home and worship with us on-line (all our services are Livestreamed).
- Masks must be worn (if you cannot wear a mask please consider a visor)
- Please use the hand sanitizer provided on entering the church and when reading at the lectern
- Please provide your contact details for Track and Trace or use the QR code
- Please follow the one-way system using the direction arrows on the aisles
- The government and Church of England Guidelines prevent any socialising in church apart from within your own households or bubbles.
- Please refrain from speaking to anyone before the service.
- Once seated please remain in your seat.
- Please refrain from entering the Vestry, this is for Clergy and Servers only.
- Please be reminded the rule of 6 applies outside the church.

Parish Laptop

Livestreaming our service has become an integral part of our worship at St John's and is here to stay for those who continue to shield at home or who want to join our acts of worship at St John's from home, either locally or further afield. We are currently using a personal computer however, long term this is not always going to be convenient. Therefore, we are appealing to our church community to establish if anyone has a laptop that is a couple of years old that is no longer required and they would be prepared to donate it to the church for Livestreaming. Please contact Fr Brendan.



Donations to Clevedon Food Bank can be put in the Food bank bin at Tesco, taken to the Food Bank in Knowles Road on Mondays or Fridays between 9.30 and 11.30 am, or added to your local street collection.

There is also a basket in the porch at Church for your goods please deposit them when entering the building. Thank you.



Lent Boxes

As Lent is now over please return Christian Aid Lent boxes as soon as possible. Please leave boxes at the back of St. Johns on the west end altar. Please complete the slip inside the box your details if you are a UK taxpayer and are happy to Gift Aid the box contents, this will allow

Christian Aid to claim the tax from the government at no extra cost to you.

Many thanks, Martin

Wellspring Counselling Service continues to offer vital support

Wellspring Counselling has been caring for people across North Somerset since 1994. The service provides affordable, professional counselling for adults as well as donation-based counselling for young people aged 11 to 18.

Wellspring has counsellors available to help adults with a wide range of concerns, including anxiety, depression, relationship issues, abuse and bereavement. All counsellors are professionally trained, have regular clinical supervision and engage in Continued Professional Development.

Since the pandemic hit and the country first went into lockdown in March, Wellspring has adapted its services and is currently working with clients remotely, offering the option of video calls or telephone sessions during the day or evening. The continuation of this much-needed service has been a lifeline for many who have been struggling with their mental health in these difficult and unprecedented times.

If you think counselling could benefit you please call the reception team on 01275 810879 or email

reception@wellspringcounselling.org.uk For more information visit www.wellspringcounselling.org.uk

CELIA'S QUIZ

ANSWER ME THIS:

1. Where is there in Clevedon a Helix in a stone sculpture?
2. Which tea clipper is preserved at Greenwich
3. Paramaribo is the capital of which South American country?
4. Which name does J. K. Rowling now write under?
5. Which of the known planets has the greatest number of moons?
6. How many children did Queen Victoria have?
7. What creature is a Nematode?
8. How many swimmers are there in a Water Polo team?
9. What gem is the Burmese Star of Asia?
10. Who first brought tobacco from the New World into England in 16th century?
11. What Island is the natural habitat of the Duck Billed Platypus?
12. For which latest BBC2 competition is Katherine Ryan the host?
13. What is the name of the slave spoken of in the New Testament epistle Philemon?
14. What has always been the nationality of the Guards of the Pope in Rome?
15. What is the name for a hoard of rhino?
16. Which shop in literature is on the corner of London's Portugal Street?

Answers next week. Good luck!

If you need to contact a Churchwarden please contact Nicola Coaker or Nick Dixon. Nicola can be contacted on 07940759891 or email her at churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk Nick's email address is churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk Thankyou.

If you have any safeguarding questions or issues please email parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk For the technically minded, please follow us 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.

St John's Sunday Club

Sunday 25 April 2021 – 4th Sunday of Easter **The Good Shepherd**

Bible readings **Luke 24 : 36 - 48**

Questions

What do you know about the sheep and the way they behave?

Why is it so important for sheep to know the voice of their shepherd?

What does Jesus mean when he says "I am the gate"

Prayer suggestion

Ask God to help you recognise his voice

God, we thank you for all the brave and courageous people,

For all who rescue and help others in need.

We thank you for Jesus, the Good Shepherd,

As he rescued us from darkness and death

Amen

This week's challenge

Read and reflect of Psalm 23

Activity suggestions

- Activity sheet for fourth Sunday of Easter (paper plate puppet)
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on John 10: 11-18

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)