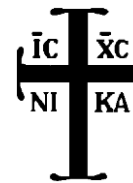




St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2022

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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 September

10.30 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 25 September – Twenty sixth Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 26 September

18.30 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Tuesday 27 September – St Vincent de Paul

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Wednesday 28 September

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Thursday 29 September - Michaelmas

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 30 September – St Jerome

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 1 October – St Teresa of the Child Jesus

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 2 October – Twenty seventh Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear Friends,

We had a very positive PCC Strategy Day last Saturday and it seems right to share with you some of our thinking. The context for this is that we are half of the way through my time here as Interim Parish Priest, and we need to keep looking forward. One big heading for the PCC was improving our visibility as the Town Church. I've often referred to St John's as 'Clevedon's best kept secret' and despite recent exhibitions and concerts we need to continue to develop our visibility in the various communities of this town.

Our relationship with the school was discussed, as was the need to build on 'Church in the School', which has not functioned since COVID arrived. Several initiatives are being planned. The building works at the Lower Hall and Kitchen continue at a welcome pace, though sadly we only have enough money to pay the builders, and the kitchen will then need to be funded and installed. You'll be hearing more about this over the coming weeks. Once we have a functioning kitchen and small meeting room the opportunities for our engagement with the community and town increase. Again, various ideas were discussed but we are keen to develop links with Andrew House and the Library as a priority.

Works in the church, some required by the last quinquennial survey, were discussed: repairs to the masonry (especially around the west window) and replacing the lighting with more efficient and brighter, bulbs.

And not least, with Kevin beginning his priestly formation, our need to recruit an Organist. So, lots to do, and great enthusiasm for continuing our growth as a parish community and reaching out to the town. I am full of excitement.

Your priest and pastor,
Fr Brendan

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Amos 6: 1 & 4-7 (*Reader: Sandra*)

Psalms 146

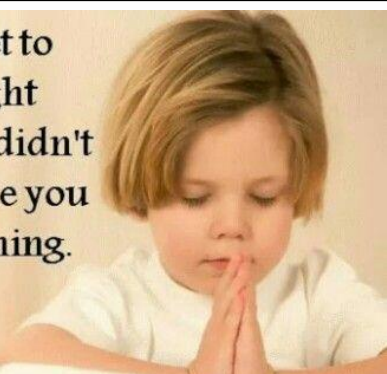
R: My soul, give praise, give praise to the Lord

1 Timothy 6:11-16 (*Reader: Alison*)

St Luke 16:19-31

Intercessor – Debra

Don't forget to
pray tonight
because God didn't
forget to wake you
up this morning.



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HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND CLEVEDON FOODBANK

In addition to supporting our Harvest Lunch by attending, please bring your Harvest gifts to Church on Sunday 2 October. Gifts of long life food offered at that service will be donated to Clevedon Foodbank. Any long life food or toiletries are welcome, but there are particular needs for the following :-

- INSTANT MASHED POTATO
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD
- JAM
- TOOTHPASTE
- SOAP
- TOILET ROLLS

If you would rather give a money donation, please bring your offering in an envelope and give it to one of the churchwardens on Sunday 2 October.

PRAYER DIARY

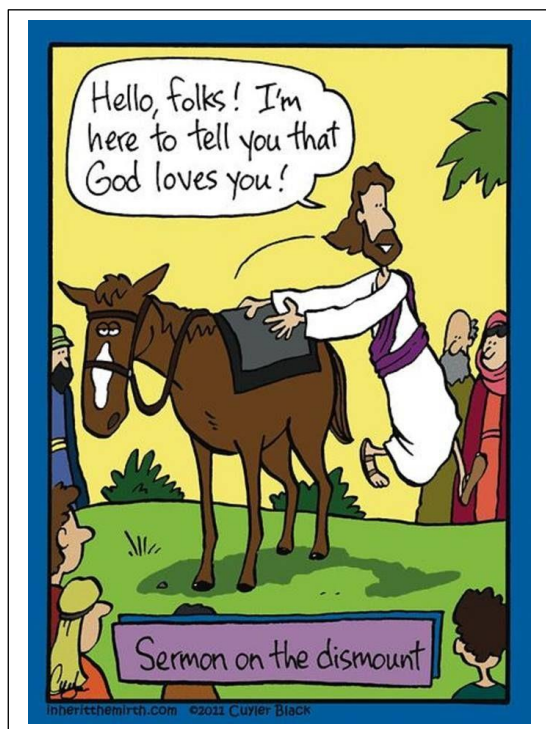
Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Sunday 25 September	Our Church and parish. All who live in Strode Road, Tweed Road and Kimberley Road
Monday 26 September	Wilson Carlile – founder of the Church Army and today's members
Tuesday 27 September	Vincent de Paul and all who care for the poor and sick, victims of war and all needy people
Wednesday 28 September	All who work in the Mental Health Service
Thursday 29 September	St Michael and All Angels. All parishes that bear this name. Market day traders and all charity shop volunteers
Friday 30 September	We pray for all corporate decision makers, that they may be fair and honest
Saturday 1 October	Our Lady of Walsingham, all members of the St John's Cell and St Teresa of Lisieux
Sunday 2 October	Our Church and parish and all residents of Churchill Avenue. Our Harvest celebration and all who will benefit from our donations of food and money.

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

(All subject to there being no changes in Covid restrictions)

Sunday 2 October	Harvest Lunch – hot food in the Church Hall at 12.30. Tickets are £7.50 per person, children under 16 go free.
Saturday 15 October	Australian Evening – an entertaining talk with cheese, Aussie wine and extras. Tickets available for £7.50 per person
Sunday 30 October	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Saturday 19 November	Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall – 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow.
Sunday 20 November	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Saturday 3 December	Christmas Wreath Making in the Church Hall – 10.00 to 12.00 am. Details to follow.
Saturday 3 December	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow.
Saturday 10 December	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Details to follow

FUND RAISING EVENTS

Two fund raising events are due to take place in the next few weeks – our Harvest Lunch (2 October) and an Australian evening (15 October). Details of both dates appear in this newsletter.

Donations of raffle prizes will be most welcome for both events.

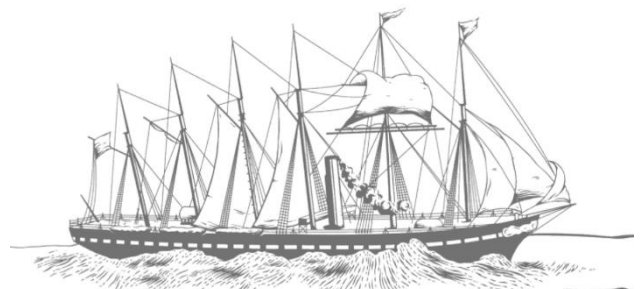
Both events are raising money to help equip the hall kitchen. We have set ourselves a target of £4,000 by Christmas to pay for the catering oven and hob that we need. Please support us! For further details, please speak to one of the Church Wardens – Nicola or Gary.

A voyage to Australia in the 1850s: the story of Mrs Margaret Lambton

Alison Soars will provide us with an evening of social history with the fascinating story of Margaret Lambton's voyage to a new life in Australia on the SS Great Britain. Accompanied with a selection of cheese, paté and Australian wines.

Saturday 15 October
6.45pm for 7pm start.

This is a fundraising event for St. John's Church. Please support us.
Tickets (£7.50) available from the back of the Church



Plant Sale May/June 2023

Please start thinking about this. If you are taking cuttings or splitting plants this autumn, please do a few extra for the church plant sale.



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

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.



Volunteers needed for Church clean – THIS SATURDAY!

There will be a working party to clean the Church on Saturday 24th September at 10.30am in preparation for Harvest Festival on 2nd October. If you are able to spare some time, please join us. Please bring a cloth or two and tea/coffee and biscuits (perhaps even a doughnut) will be provided! Thank you! Sandra Coaker

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.

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.





Jam jars

We are looking for jam jars (no lids necessary) to make preserves for the Church Christmas Fayre. Please leave at the back of church.

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:

<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.

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/>

ANSWERS TO CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ

1. Enoch
2. 12th
3. Indus
4. Sara Pascoe
5. Salthouse Park
6. 1783 (Treaty of Paris)
7. Magnesium
8. George Gershwin
9. Spades: David; Clubs: Alexander the Great; Hearts: Charlemagna; Diamonds: Julius Caesar
10. 1929
11. Fish
12. Norwich City
13. One good deed deserves another
14. 1961
15. Antirim
16. Anthony Trollope

Gordon's Posers

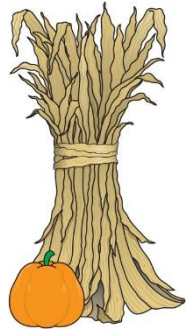
- a: Autumnal field activity with ditching; **Hedging**
b: Not quite enough, give me a **Little Moor**
c: Church or college dignitary; **Dean**
d: no place in these trees for hens **Cockwood**

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.





Harvest Lunch



Sunday 2 October

12.30 pm in the Church Hall

*Menu: Sausage Casserole (with Vegetarian option)
served with French bread and Green Salad
Fruit Crumble or Trifle*

*Sign-up sheet and tickets (£7.50 – please see Sarah) available from the
back of the Church (under 16's free)*

Please bring your own drinks.

*If you have already bought a ticket, please ensure Sarah knows what your choice of
main meal is.*

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

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.



DEATH OF H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH II

AND PROCLAMATION OF KING CHARLES III

Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Balmoral, at the age of 96, on Thursday 8th September 2022, the Government's directive "Operation London Bridge" came into effect. Amongst many other things, this required bells to be rung at different times and in different ways: tolling, half-muffled, and open.

Our bells were rung half-muffled at noon for 45 minutes on Friday 9th September to mark the death of Her Majesty. We then rang the bells open at noon for 45 minutes on Saturday 10th September to mark the Proclamation of King Charles III. We also rang the bells half-muffled for 30 minutes followed by tolling of the tenor for 15 minutes immediately prior to the Queen's Funeral Service at 11:00 am at Westminster Abbey on Monday 19th September 2022.

The ringers taking part were: Helen Callow, Mark Callow, Margaret James, David James, Gary Lewis, Vera Ostrehan, Bless Robertson, Cameron Stannard, and Robert Watson. Nick and Fiona Dixon were on holiday in Portugal at the time but were with the rest of the band "in spirit".

Over the course of the late Queen's long reign the bells at St John the Evangelist, Clevedon, have been rung to mark many Royal events but we have only recorded those occasions when a quarter-peal was rung, viz:

6th February 1977 25th anniversary of the Queen's Accession to the Throne.

7th June 1977 Queen's Silver Jubilee.

29th June 1981 Wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer.

16th September 1984 Birth of Prince Harry.

6th September 1997 Princess Diana's funeral.

28th July 2000 100th birthday of Queen Mother.

4th August 2001 101st birthday of Queen Mother.

9th April 2002 Funeral of Queen Mother.

3rd June 2002 Queen's Golden Jubilee.

22 April 2006 Queen's 80th birthday.

29th April 2011 Wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton.

2nd June 2012 Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

23rd July 2013 Birth of Prince George.

3rd May 2015 Birth of Princess Charlotte.

23rd April 2016 Queen's 90th birthday.

2nd June 2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

HARVEST APPEAL

HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOOD BANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.



DONATE MONEY

help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



SHOPPING LIST TOP FIVE ITEMS

Tinned Tuna
Tinned Custard
Savoury Biscuits
Cleaning Products
Toiletries

*Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives
with a financial donation too.*

