



St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2023

LENT ONE

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 25 February

10.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross
Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 26 February – Lent One

10.30 Solemn Mass– Fr Brendan Clover
17.30 Lent Course and Benediction

Monday 27 February

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 28 February

10.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross
Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 1 March – St David

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

Thursday 2 March

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 3 March

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 4 March

10.00 Mass and Stations of the Cross
Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 5 March – Lent 2

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover
17.30 Lent Course and Benediction

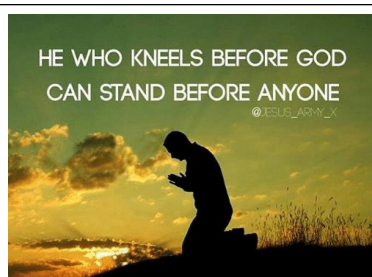
The Mass readings for this Sunday:
Genesis 2:7-9 & 3:1-7 (Reader: Celia)
Psalm 51

R: Have mercy on us Lord, for we have sinned

Romans 5:12 & 17-19 (Reader: Helen)

St Matthew 4:1-11

Intercessor – Martin



Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

At a meeting of the Worship Committee this week we proposed a Congregational Lenten Discipline in respect of our Sunday Mass. It is always wonderful to be together, and the desire to speak to one another, to share good news and sadness, is almost overwhelming to the extent that our preparation for the Divine Liturgy is somewhat compromised.

In my title parish forty years ago, there was a sign on the Church door which could not be avoided. It said this:

Before Mass, talk to God

During Mass, let God talk to you

After Mass, talk to each other.

The Worship Committee want to suggest that we try to make that our Congregational Lenten Discipline this year to seek to recover the calm before the most important duty we can perform as Christians, our attending the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day.

So, we suggest that you might like to come earlier to church so that you can hear the glorious bellringing and say your hellos. The notices will be given at 10.25am sharp, and then silence descends until the Sacristy bell rings. That way, please God, we may be more prepared for all that is to follow. And this Sunday we will be delighted to welcome as our preacher Fr Mark Smith who will be thrilled to sign your copy of his book.

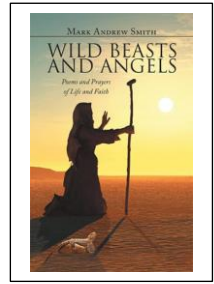
May God grant us a happy and holy Lent.

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Fr Brendan

What's Happening During Lent

- * Stations of the Cross after Mass every **Tuesday** and **Saturday**
- * 5.30pm every **Sunday** our Lent Course: The Aisle Windows - Talk, Lectio Divina, and Benediction
- * Every **Thursday**: Lent lunch (soup and a roll) after Market Mass with proceeds to Clevedon Food Bank
- * Our Lent Book is 'Wild Beasts and Angels' by Mark Andrew Smith. It is available from Blackwells (other retailers are available) for a cost of £11.23
- * Please make it part of your Lenten observance to attend at least one extra service each week.



PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 25 February	Our Blessed Virgin Mary and the Holy Shrine in Walsingham. Fr Kevin, the priest administrator, and all who work at the Shrine
Sunday 26 February	Our Church and parish and the residents of the Chaffins, the Penns and Plumers Close
Monday 27 February	George Herbert, priest, poet and Fellow of Trinity College. He wrote 'The Country Parson' – a great book to read
Tuesday 28 February	All preparing for baptism or confirmation
Wednesday 1 March	St David's Day, all Welsh people, William and Kate, Prince and Princess of Wales
Thursday 2 March	Our market traders and all artisans living and working in Clevedon
Friday 3 March	The hungry and malnourished
Saturday 4 March	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham, the Shrine and the parish church of St Mary's, Fr Harry, priest and our Walsingham Cell
Sunday 5 March	Our Church and parish and the residents of Homeground

LENT LUNCH

Don't forget the Lent lunch in the Vicarage after the Thursday Market Mass. Soup and a bread roll with donations to Clevedon Food Bank.



A massive thank you to all those who helped with last week's jumble sale. £300 was raised for Church funds.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Saturday 18 February	Jumble Sale in the Church Hall – 14.15 to 16.00. This Week!
Sunday 19 February	Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent
Sunday 19 March	Rose Reception for Mothering Sunday Cream tea and prosecco in the Church Hall after Mass Celebration Sunday – Easter Day
Sunday 9 April	
Sunday 7 May	St John's Patronal Festival and Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles Bring and Share Picnic Lunch in the Church grounds (if fine) or Church Hall
Sunday 7 May	Organ Recital at 16.00 with a glass of wine afterwards
Thursday 11 May	Organ Recital by Matthew Clark at 19.30 with a glass of wine afterwards
Friday 12 May	Betjeman evening in the Church Hall at 19.30 with light refreshments
Saturday 13 May	Plant Sale – 10.00 – 12 noon in the Church grounds
Sunday 25 June	Parish Lunch to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Fr Brendan's ordination
Saturday 15 July	St John's Summer Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church grounds
Sunday 13 August	Parish BBQ, after Mass
Saturday 16 September	Quiz Evening, time to be confirmed, in the Church Hall
Sunday 1 October	Harvest Lunch – 12.30 in the Church Hall
Saturday 2 December	Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall



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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.

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.



Plant Sale

10-12noon

A date has now been set for our plant sale to be held in the church grounds.

If you are taking cuttings or splitting plants this winter/spring, please do a few extra for the church plant sale.

COCONUT CAKE

As requested, here is the recipe for the coconut cake served at last week's Celebration Sunday. It's taken from a book called 'Jane's Patisserie' by Jane Dunn.

For the Cake:	For the Buttercream:
175 g baking spread, or unsalted butter	200 g unsalted butter at room temperature
250 g caster sugar	400 g icing sugar
300 g self raising flour	50-75 ml coconut milk
1 tsp baking powder	For the decoration:
4 eggs	25 g coconut flakes or dessicated coconut
275 ml tinned coconut milk	
75 g dessicated coconut	

Line and grease 2 x 20 cm sandwich tins. Preheat the oven to 180°C/160° fan.

Beat butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add the SR flour, baking powder and eggs. Beat again until combined. Gradually add the coconut milk, mixing all the time, then fold through the coconut.

Divide mixture between the two tins and bake for 30 – 35 minutes. Leave in the tins for 10 minutes then cool completely on a rack.

Beat the butter until it is smooth. Add the icing sugar in two batches, beating well after each addition. Add the coconut milk and beat until smooth and fluffy. Use to sandwich the two cakes together and to spread on the top.

Toast the coconut in a dry frying pan then sprinkle over the cake. Serve and enjoy!

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.

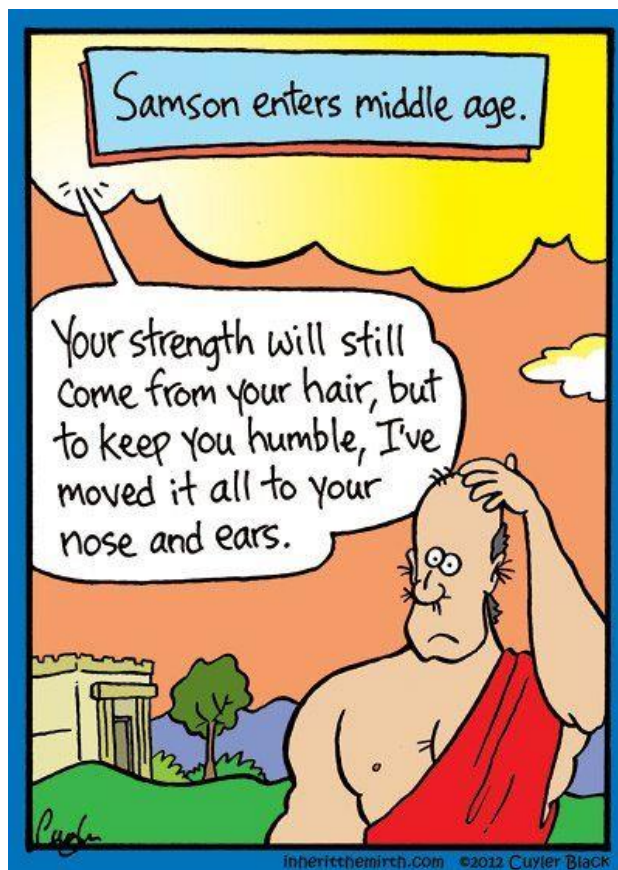
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohntheevangelistclevedon/>

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

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.



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.



Do you have talents and experience to share?

After many years of loyal and dedicated service to this parish and the PCC , with much sadness we are saying farewell to our PCC Secretary, Sue and our Treasurer, Fiona at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in April. Sue and Fiona have done a fabulous job at keeping the PCC on track procedurally and financially. We thank them so much for all they have done for St John's Church.

We are now in search of replacements for Sue and Fiona, who are difficult acts to follow. However, both these roles are supported by the diocese who run an induction programme, regular updates, access to the diocese Finance Department and the Diocesan Secretary's office, plus buddies in similar roles in other parishes, and the support of the Churchwardens, PCC Chair and relevant sub-committees at St John's.

We hope the following provides a brief insight into the roles we are looking to fill:

PCC Secretary

The primary responsibilities of a PCC Secretary are to support the PCC Chair in the preparation and organisation of meetings and to handle all correspondence on behalf of the PCC. The Diocesan Office contacts the parish from time to time to request specific information, every effort is made to keep this to a minimum and all meeting agendas are issued and minutes stored electronically using Microsoft Office.

PCC Treasurer

You do not need to have been a treasurer of an organisation before. In many respects it is not dissimilar from keeping good control of household finances, however, if you have an understanding of some accountancy practice it will be useful but not essential. This role implements decisions made the PCC. This role is also supported with dioceses induction training for new treasurers, updates and continued support throughout the financial year for all financial procedures and processes .

For further information about both roles please speak with Nicola or Gary, Churchwardens.

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

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

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Celia Quiz answers !!

1. 12th
 2. Harold
 3. Dwarf Planets
 4. Jodie Comer
 5. Lydia (purple goods seller in Philippi)
 6. 1920s (1927)
 7. Rocky Mountains
 8. Trafford
 9. Merlin
 10. Edward III (14th. century)
 11. Jill
 12. Robert Burns
 13. Volcanos
 14. Baden Powell's sister
 15. Chlorophyll
 16. Laurie Lee
- GORDON'S
a: Overleigh; b: Thorngrove; c: Beer.



The event above is specifically aimed at young people in Years 7-13.