



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022

ADVENT 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 26 November

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 27 November – Advent 1

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 'From darkness to light' Advent service

Monday 28 November

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 29 November

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 30 November – St Andrew

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Thursday 1 December

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 2 December

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 3 December – St Francis Xavier

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 4 December – Advent 2

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evensong and Benediction

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

As you know, this coming Sunday is Advent Sunday, the first Sunday of a New Christian Year. Over the past year we have been reflecting on the life and teaching of Jesus as it is presented in Luke's Gospel. From Sunday (Year A) we tackle Matthew's account. If you would like an overview of the Gospel of Matthew here's a link to an interesting article: <https://www.learnreligions.com/introduction-to-the-book-of-matthew-363165>

To mark the season of Advent we have some extra devotions.

This Advent Sunday at 5.30pm is '**From darkness to light**'. This is a mini version of the Advent Sunday evening service at Salisbury Cathedral which begins with the lighting of a single candle and ends with a Cathedral full of light. I've taken the bare bones of that service and made it a little more modest for our situation. Basically, it is an invitation to hear and ponder the Word of God in a gesture of prayerful silence. Why not come along?

Advent 2 at 5.30pm sees our usual BCP Evening Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Advent 3 is the **Christingle Service**, and Advent 4, a **Christmas Procession of Carols and Readings**.

In addition to these opportunities is a **weekly Saturday Holy Hour**, with Mass at 10am and silent prayer before the sacrament until 11am. Those who attend will be rewarded with coffee at the Vicarage! And why not try to attend a weekday service as your Advent discipline and be part of the daily prayer of our community?

Whatever you decide to do the Advent call is to 'watch' and 'keep awake'. Please don't be like those people who turned up at the wedding banquet with no spare oil!

With my love and prayers,
Fr Brendan

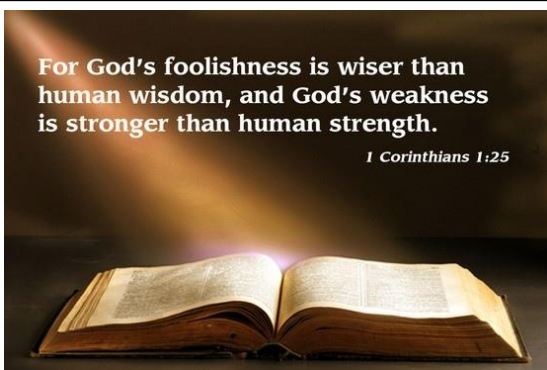
The Mass readings for this Sunday:
Isaiah 2:1-5 (Reader:) Sandra Coaker
Psalm 122

R: I rejoiced when I heard them say, 'Let us go to God's house.'

Romans 13:11-14 (Reader:) Robert Watson
St Matthew 24:37-44
Intercessor – Kevin Coaker

For God's foolishness is wiser than
human wisdom, and God's weakness
is stronger than human strength.

1 Corinthians 1:25



PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Sunday 27 November	Our Church and parish and the residents of Fosseyway
Monday 28 November	Casualties of road traffic accidents, and their rescuers
Tuesday 29 November	All chiropractors
Wednesday 30 November	St Andrew – all residents of Scotland, especially those practicing the Christian faith
Thursday 1 December	The market traders and retail outlets in Clevedon. Charles de Foucauld whose writings inspired the founding of the Little Brothers of Jesus
Friday 2 December	All parents and guardians with concerns as to how they are going to finance and manage the expectations of their children this Christmas
Saturday 3 December	Our Lady of Walsingham, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John's Walsingham Cell
Sunday 4 December	Our Church and parish and the residents of Woodington Road and Braikenridge Close



Free Family Christmas Activities

Children's Christmas trails with dressing up and Christmas crafts

St John's Church, Clevedon

Saturday 3rd Dec 2.00pm-4.00pm

Sunday 11th Dec 2.00pm-4.00pm

(Designed for pre-school and primary school children)

Pop up café serving homemade cakes, tea and coffee.

THANK YOU

to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre last Saturday, especially the children from our local school who sang for us. Thanks also to those who helped with the organisation in any way. Over £880.00 was raised for the Church Hall Oven Fund. See the diagram over the page for our progress!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

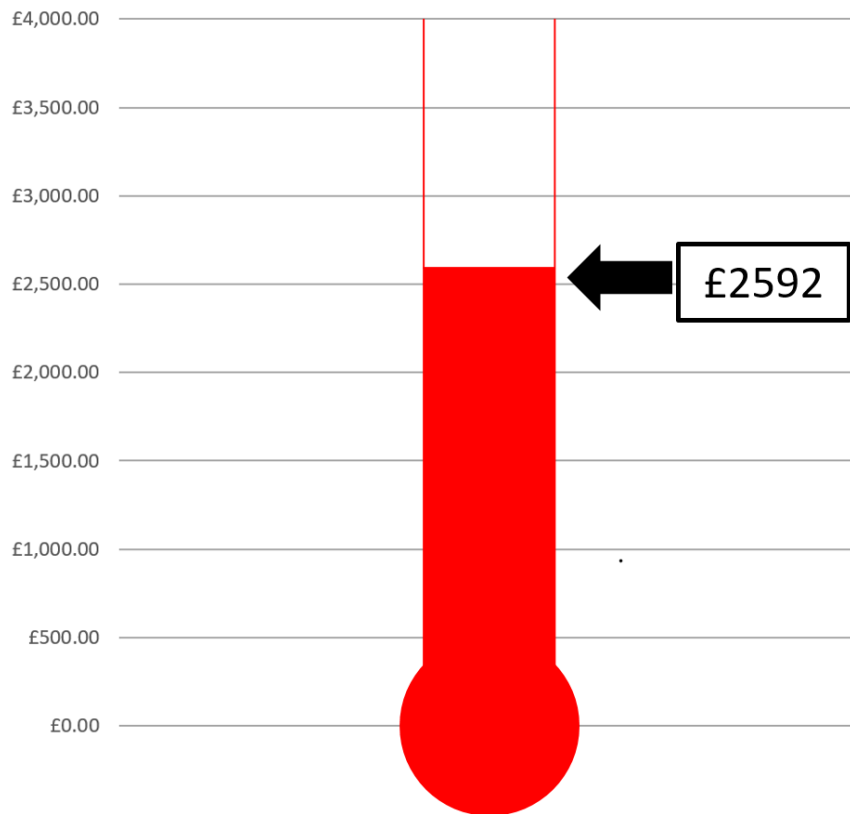
(All subject to there being no changes in Covid restrictions)

Saturday 3 December	Christmas Wreath Making in the Church Hall – 10.00 to 12.00 am.
Saturday 3 December	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm.
Sunday 11 December	Children's Christmas Trail. 2.00 to 4.00 pm.
Friday 6 January	Epiphany Party at the Vicarage after the 19.30 Mass
Sunday 8 January	Baptism of Christ – hot meal in the Church Hall after 10.30 Mass Details to follow
Saturday 18 February	Jumble Sale in the Church Hall – 14.00 to 16.00. Details to follow.

THE ADVENT POLICE



Catering Oven Target: £4000



CLEVEDON FOOD BANK NOTICES

OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS (please note in your diary...)

OPEN:

Clevedon

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd December 2022

Friday 30th December (open normal times thereafter)

Yatton Foodbank Open as normal 9.30am - 11.30am


Nailsea Foodbank - open as normal Fridays 12.30-2.30

Portishead Foodbank - open as normal Fridays 12 pm - 2 pm

CLOSED:

Monday 26th December (Boxing Day)

For emergencies outside those times, our mobile phone (07722 769529) will be monitored and we will endeavor to get back to you as soon as possible.

Donation/activity	Most helpful if with us by
Advent calendars: these mean so much more if they're in children's hands at the right time!	Last two weeks in November, please!
Donations of vouchers: As a change to previous years we will no longer be accepting Christmas gifts- we have asked for vouchers (£5 & £10) High street, Supermarkets. For anyone wishing to donate direct - these are our bank details Clevedon and District Foodbank CIO Account Number: 41477102 Sort Code: 40-17-50	Friday 1st December, please... 
Donations of Christmas food: please check our website and social media for the most-wanted items – this will be regularly updated.	The first week of December, please! (Please check the sell-by/use-by dates are long enough...)



Family Outreach Activities

We are running children's Christmas trails and crafts twice in December - Saturday 3rd December 2-4pm and Sunday 11th December 2-4pm. This is aimed at primary and preschool children and their families as an introduction to our church and the Christmas story.

We need volunteers to help support this event

- Help with setting up church with tables etc (from 1pm)
- Help with serving refreshments
- Manning craft tables (no expertise is needed, all materials, instructions and models will be supplied)
- Welcoming families and helping to 'dress up' children as they come in.
- Help with clearing up.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or speak with Sarah Lewis.

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.



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 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.



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 King) 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.

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

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.



A GENTLE REMINDER

AFTER MASS **THIS SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER** WE ARE GOING TO GIVE OUR CHURCH A PRE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CLEAN. Please come prepared with brushes, dusters, polish and lots of elbow grease. All ages welcome and effort will be rewarded! Thank you from Sandra and Diane.

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/>

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.

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



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

God's heavenly arms are open wide calling us
home to his loving embrace.
Joy fills our heart as we feel God's embrace calling
us home to this heavenly place.
May humanity realize God has breathed life into
us all.
When our last breath comes we leap straight into
his arms.

Jane Carter

CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ

1. In what century was Clevedon Court built?
2. Which city should have hosted the 1944 Summer Olympics?
3. Which body of water is bordered by Africa, Asia and Australia?
4. Which teenager scored in England's World Cup win?
5. How long did Mary stay with her cousin Elizabeth before Jesus's birth?
6. Who was the last Hanoverian monarch?
7. Which predatory fish can be five feet long in European species?
8. Larkin is the surname of characters in which TV drama?
9. Calculated duration of a journey from Earth to Mars?
10. The surname of the brothers who ruled Cuba from 1959-2002?
11. Which French port is accessed by Newhaven ferry?
12. For which Shakespearean play did Mendelssohn write the Wedding March often played at weddings?
13. Where do diamonds come from?
14. Who was the only English Pope?
15. The African animal Equus Quagga we know by which name?
16. The painting The Birth Of Venus is by which artist?

AND GORDON'S POSERS

- a: and pickle sandwich?
2. b: No grazing here for black cows;
3. c: Include 's' for old fashioned dance

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.

12 Hour Prayer and Fasting for inHope

6am – 6pm Tuesday 29th November 2022

Carpenter House, Stapleton Road, Easton BS5 0QY

The Trustees and staff of inHope have called a 12 hour period of prayer and fasting as we corporately seek the Lord.

This time of prayer and fasting will give opportunity to come before God and seek His presence and deep work in our lives, inviting the Lord to reveal His good and perfect will for us, both corporately for inHope, and individually. There will be times for quiet reflective prayer, creative activities, and times of praise and worship during the 12 hours. We will punctuate the day with a 'call to prayer' at the top of each hour; these will be led by different people.

What each individual elects to fast from during this time is a personal decision, guided by God.

We invite you to join us, either in person at any time during the 12 hour period, or from where you are, in this act of worship to the God who established inHope (as Crisis Centre Ministries originally). We will share an outline guide for the period of prayer on or before Monday 28th November.

If you are not able to join us in person but have a picture, scripture or other prophetic word that you are being prompted to share with us please e-mail it to: prayer@inhope.uk during the 12 hour period or in the days which follow.

On 29th November our services and offices will be closed. Alternative food provision is available via other agencies as usual for a Tuesday.

We are sharing this message with supporters, supporters, intercessors and churches that we are connected with to invite others in.

Every Blessing

The Trustees and Staff of in Hope