

St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 2024

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, EPIPHANY 4

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 27 January

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 28 January – The Presentation of the Lord

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 29 January

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 30 January

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 31 January – St John Bosco

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 1 February

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 2 February – Candlemass

10.00 BCP Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

19.00 – Induction of Fr Brendan as Vicar

Saturday 3 February

10.00 Walsingham Cell Mass at St John's

Sunday 4 February – 5th Sunday, 2 before Lent

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Robert Ward

17.30 Evening Prayer with Benediction

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (Reader: Helen)

Ps 94

**R: O that today you would listen to his voice,
harden not your hearts**

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (Reader: Dilwen)

St Mark 1:21-28

Intercessor – Celia



Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear Friends,

On Sunday the countdown towards Lent begins. This Sunday is called Septuagesima, which is followed by Sexagesima and Quinquagesima. What lovely words!

On Ash Wednesday, 14th February, there is a Mass at 10am with the Imposition of Ashes, and a Solemn Mass with the Imposition of Ashes at 7.30pm.

Our Lent course, led by the Revd Canon Nicola Stanley, entitled 'How to Prayer better' will be offered at 5.30pm each Sunday evening in Lent ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.15pm. I hope you will want to support this course. We all need to learn how to pray better!

There will be Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm after the 6pm Mass.

I am available to hear your confession by appointment.

Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism, but it soon became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship for apostasy or serious faults. This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

Now is the healing time decreed
for sins of heart and word and deed,
when we in humble fear record
the wrong that we have done the Lord.

(Latin, before 12th century)

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As the candidates for baptism were instructed in Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, the extension of which over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.' ('Times and Seasons' introduction to the season of Lent.)

May God grant us all a happy and holy Lent, renewal of body, mind and spirit, and a deeper sense of our calling.

Fr Brendan

FUNERAL OF SANDRA COAKER

Dear friends,

This is to let you know about the funeral arrangements for our dear Sandra Coaker.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday 7th February with a private Cremation in the morning, and a Memorial Service in Church at 2pm, followed by tea in the Elton Hall. Mass at 6pm will be a Requiem Mass for Sandra. These arrangements accord with Sandra's wishes.

Please continue to pray for the repose of her soul, and for Derek and the family as they mourn her passing. Jesu, mercy. Mary, pray.

Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 27 January	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, her shrine in Walsingham and all who work and worship there
Sunday 28 January	Our Church and parish and the residents of Rivermead, Pedder Road and Dawes Close
Monday 29 January	All emergency workers, police, the fire service, ambulance drivers and all paramedics
Tuesday 30 January	Charles 1, King and martyr and ancestor of King Charles 3. We pray for our King and all the royal family
Wednesday 31 January	John Bosco, a priest who promoted vocational training, evening classes and industrial schools. We pray for all teachers in all walks of life
Thursday 1 February	The Thursday market, its traders and customers
Friday 2 February	Candlemass – the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple. Fr Brendan as he is inducted as Vicar of this parish. We pray for all newborn babies and their families
Saturday 3 February	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham, the St John's Walsingham Cell who meet today
Sunday 4 February	Our Church and parish and the residents of Hurn Road, Wrangle Farm Green and Gulliford's Bank

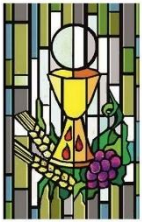
MASS TIMES

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

Friday 2 February

Sunday 11 February

Saturday 2 March

Sunday 10 March

Sunday 7 April

28 April to 5 May

Sunday 5 May

Wednesday 8 May

Sunday 19 May

Saturday 25 May

Sunday 23 June

Saturday 6 July

Saturday 13 July

Sunday 28 July

Sunday 1 September

Sunday 8 September

Sunday 13 October

Saturday 16 November

Sunday 24 November

Fr Brendan's Induction as Vicar of St John's

Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent

**'The Scandalous Duchess' – historical talk by Alison Soars
 with bread and soup supper**

Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday Rose Reception

Celebration Sunday – Octave of Easter

St John's Festival Week

Bring and Share Lunch

19.00 - Talk by Aidan Hart, iconographer

Celebration Sunday – Pentecost

Plant Sale – TBC

Celebration Sunday

14.00 – 16.00 – Summer Fayre

Glastonbury Pilgrimage

Celebration Sunday

Parish BBQ

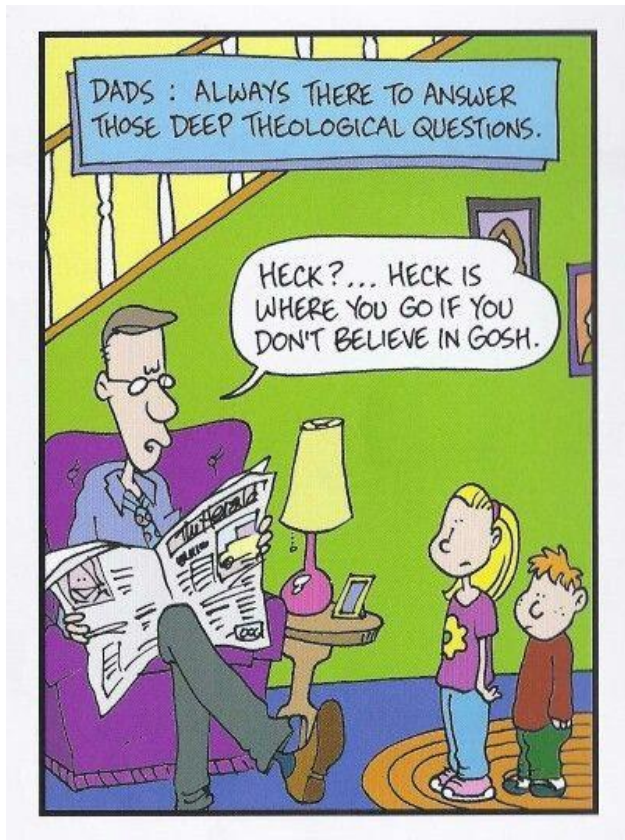
Celebration Sunday – Education Day/King's Accession

Harvest Festival

Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper

Celebration Sunday – Christ the King

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.



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

Chat and Craft Group

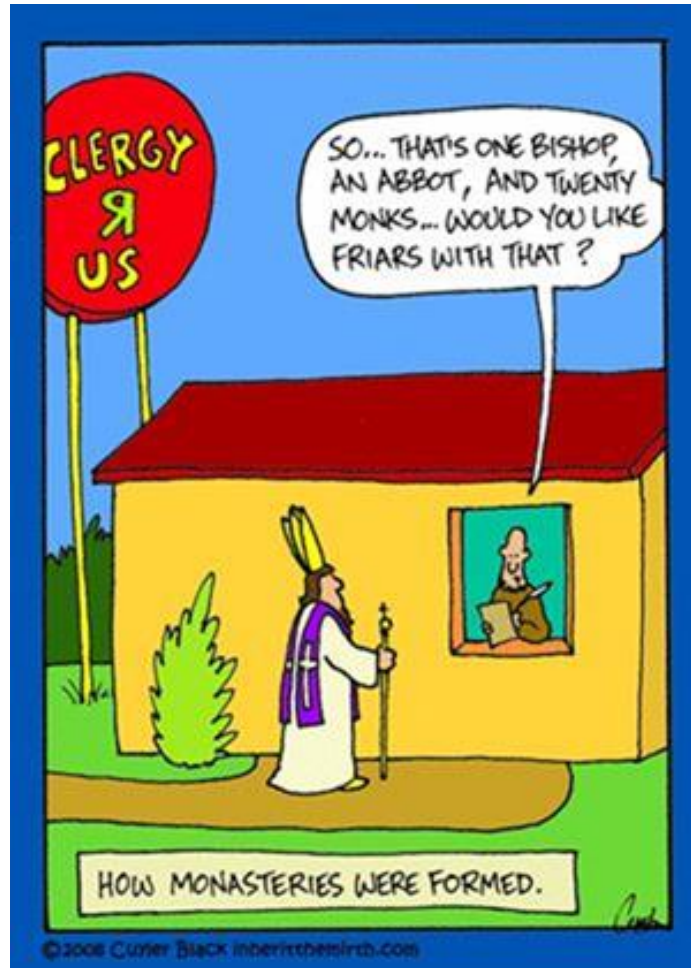
continues to meet every Thursday afternoon in the Church Hall between 2 and 4pm. Bring your own project along to work on, and chat to fellow crafters. A drink and biscuits will be available. For more information, talk to Sue at church or ring on 01275 877710.



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.



Fund Raise as You Shop

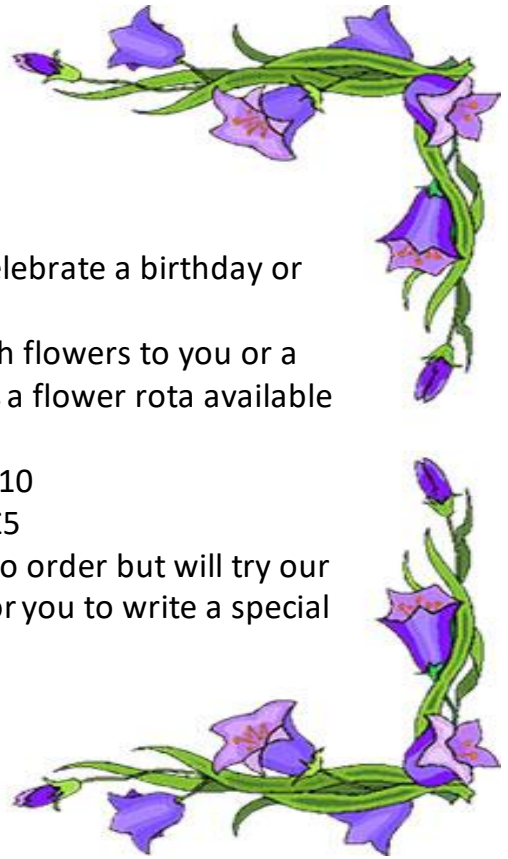
We have registered St John's with easy fundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easy fundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

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/>

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 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.



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.

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.



Celia Quiz!!

1. Deborah
2. 1569
3. Angora Goat
4. Reggae
5. St. Andrew's
6. Harold II
7. Primrose
8. Eight
9. Volcanoes
10. 1946 (London)
11. 4.(New Jersey, New Hampshire, New York, New Mexico)
12. Grit
13. The Pied Piper
14. No music (choirs disbanded, organs broken)
15. Ionian
16. Sir David Attenborough

GORDON'S POSERS

a: Nettleton; b: Codrington; c: Catcott