

St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023

PENTECOST

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 May – St Augustine

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Sunday 28 May – Pentecost

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

16.00 Solemn Evensong and Benediction, Weston Super Mare

Monday 29 May

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 30 May

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 31 May – Visitation of the BVM

18.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Thursday 1 June – St Justin

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 2 June

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 3 June – St Charles Lwanga & Companions

10.00 Mass for the St John's Walsingham Cell

Sunday 4 June – Trinity Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

15.30 Evensong and Benediction

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 2:1-11 (*Reader: Helen*)

Psalms 104:1,24,29-31 & 34

R: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7 & 12-13 (*Reader: Alison*)

St John 20:19-23

Intercessor – Judith

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

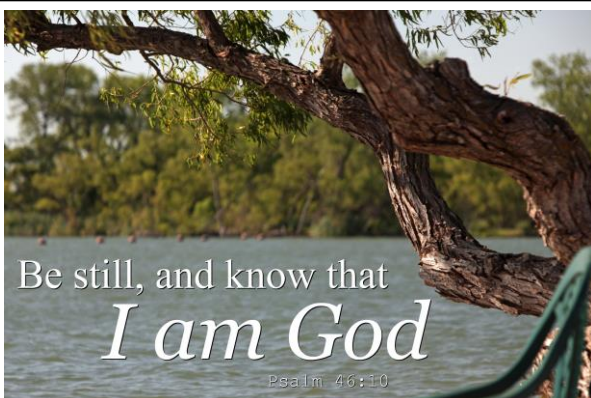
Dear friends,

Thank you so much for your good wishes following the announcement last Sunday that, at some point in the future, I am to be instituted as Vicar of St John's. You have all played a part in this decision, and I thank you for all the support you have given me.

Please don't forget that we have our first Affinity Parishes service at 4pm on Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost, at All Saints Weston-super-Mare, BS23 2NL. There is plenty of parking on the streets around the church and if you intend to be there and have free seats in your car, please offer them to others. We could do this by WhatsApp. The service is followed by a chance to get to know one another over refreshments as we look to the future as one benefice.

The Holy Spirit is first and foremost a Creator Spirit, hence Pentecost is also a feast of creation. For us Christians the world is the fruit of an act of love by God who has made all things and in which he rejoices to call it 'good', it is 'very good' as the creation narrative in Genesis One tells us. Consequently, God is not totally Other, unnamable and obscure. God reveals himself; he has a face. God is reason, God is will, God is joy, God is love, God is beauty. Faith in the Creator Spirit, and faith in the Spirit whom the Risen Christ gave to the Apostles and gives to each one of us, are therefore inseparably united. Sunday's Gospel offers us a marvelous image to clarify the connection between Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Father; the Holy Spirit is portrayed as the breath of the Risen Jesus Christ. Here the Evangelist takes up an image of the creation story, where it says that God breathed into the nostrils of man the breath of life. The breath of God is life. Now the Lord breathes into our souls the new breath of life, the Holy Spirit, his most intimate essence, and by this welcomes us into God's family. That's why some call Pentecost the 'Birthday of the Church'.

Happy Birthday one and all,
Fr Brendan



PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 27 May	Our Lady of Walsingham, Fr Kevin, the priest/administrator and all who work and minister at the Shrine
Sunday 28 May	Our Church and parish and the residents of Otter Road, Dart Road and Tone Road
Monday 29 May	All social reformers and those who seek to help women and men forced into a life of prostitution
Tuesday 30 May	All who are exploring a calling to the priesthood
Wednesday 31 May	The visitation of our Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth and all who hope and pray for a child
Thursday 1 June	Market day traders, local businesses and visitors to Clevedon
Friday 2 June	Peoples of Ukraine and Russia living with the deprivations and horrors of a war they don't want. The loss of life and livelihoods
Saturday 3 June	Our Blessed Virgin Mary and her Shrine in Walsingham. The St John's cell of Our Lady of Walsingham. The Martyrs of Uganda 1886 and 1978
Sunday 4 June	TRINITY SUNDAY. Our Church and parish and the residents of Halswell Road

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all supported the plant sale last Saturday. We raised £275 for Church funds.

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Below are the new Mass times for St John's. These will take effect from Monday 10 April.



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY JOINT SERVICE – **THIS SUNDAY!**

The good folk at All Saints, Weston-super-Mare have invited us to join them for
SOLEMN EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION
on the Feast of Pentecost, 28 May at 4.00 pm.
WINE RECEPTION AFTERWARDS!



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

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

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

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SIRI ... SAY GRACE

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.



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/>

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

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 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.

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.

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.



CELIA'S LATEST QUIZ

Answers next week – Good luck!

1. The disciples drew lots between which two men to find a new disciple?
2. In which decade did Samuel Morse send the first ever telegraph message (Washington to Baltimore?)
3. Which birds gather in murmurations in the early evening?
4. Who was eight times singles champion at Wimbledon?
5. What new innovation lightened the night life of Clevedon in 1863?
6. What went down in 1545 and came up in 1982?
7. On which European country is the world's longest road tunnel?
8. Which comedian formed a double act with her best friend Jennifer Saunders?
9. How many different letters are used in Roman numerals?
10. Who was UK Prime Minister between 1970 and 1974?
11. The flowers of which tree are used to make cordial?
12. Where was the first Eurovision Song Contest held in 1956?
13. What was the name given to the old British sixpence?
14. Which statement of Christian belief was adopted in AD 325?
15. After the ostrich which is the world's largest bird?
16. Which is the first of Anthony Trollope's Chronicles of Barsetshire series?

AND GORDON'S POSERS

- a: fasten you papers together in this wood;
- b: eggs usually are;
- c: natural cold tub

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.

3 KINGS CALLED CHARLES



A selection of stately music for a milestone royal year with music
by Handel, Tomkins, Parry and Child

James Gough Organist

SATURDAY 3rd June 2023 | 7.30pm
Holy Trinity Church, Nailsea

Tickets £10
(u18s £5)

including post-concert buffet supper



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Volunteers needed in Clevedon!

Help asylum seekers in temporary
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We're looking for sensitive, friendly, proactive people to
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More information:

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Chaplaincy, Mission and the Local Church

Continuing our Series of Portishead Deanery Meetings

7.30pm Thursday 8th June 2023

With Rev Mike Haslam, Chaplaincy Adviser, Bath and Wells Diocese, and a Panel of Local Chaplains at St Peter's Church, Portishead
and live streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEP1gSgbFI8>

There have been over 60 new chaplaincies created in Bath and Wells over the last 6 years. The evening will give opportunities to explore the missional theology and qualities of chaplaincy that has led to this growth, and how chaplaincy can be developed within the context of, and in partnership with, the local church and be a vibrant part of God's mission in our communities. There will be space for you to bring your questions and contribute your reflections.

Mike Haslam is animated by faith, family, friends [including furry ones] and fell-running. He is Chaplaincy Adviser and Acting Mission Development Team Leader for the Diocese of Bath and Wells and Co-Chair of the Church of England Diocesan Chaplaincy Leads Group. He will be joined by a panel of chaplains from the Portishead Deanery and surrounding area.

This evening is for all who might be interested, not only Synod members. The evening will start with light refreshments from 7.00pm. St Peter's Church is located between Church Road North and Church Road South, Portishead BS20 6PS. Some parking is available on the streets around the church and the nearest public car park is in Roath Road.