

# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter



SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2023

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 28 October – St Simon and St Jude

10.00 Mass at All Saints, WsM

### Sunday 29 October – 30th Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Robert Ward

17.30 Evening Prayer

### Monday 30 October

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 31 October

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

### Wednesday 1 November

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Thursday 2 November – All Souls Day

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 3 November

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 4 November – St Charles Borromeo

10.00 Walsingham Cell Mass at St John's

### Sunday 5 November – All Saints

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer with Benediction

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death. All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging.

All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy; and this instinct also is expressed in the liturgy of All Souls' Day.

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The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Exodus 22:21-27 (Reader: Helen)

Psalms 18

**R: I love you, Lord O God, my strength**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (Reader: Jane)

St Matthew 22:32-40

Intercessor - Debra

THEN HE SAID TO HIS  
DISCIPLES, "THE  
HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL  
BUT THE WORKERS  
ARE FEW."

Matthew 9:37

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Our sister parish of All Saints Weston super Mare is celebrating the Feast of Title and Patronal Festival this coming Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, with a Procession and Solemn Mass at 10.30am. The preacher is the Revd. Canon Nicola Stanley, Vice Dean of Bristol Cathedral. Here at St John's we will keep the Feast on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November when we shall hear the Gospel - the Beatitudes - read in Aramaic, the language of Jesus. How amazing to hear the words Our Lord would have used. In both parishes All Saints Day and All Souls will be marked on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November with Masses at the usual times. If you have names to add to the list for All Soul's Day please do so this weekend.

With every good wish,

Fr Brendan

## ALL SOULS' DAY

If you would like to remember a departed loved one on All Souls' Day, please add their name to the list which is at the back of the Church. The names will be read aloud at the Mass at 12.30 on Thursday. Please make every effort to attend.

## PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Saturday 28 October</b>	<b>St Simon and St Jude</b> , apostles of Jesus. Our Lady of Walsingham – the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Sunday 29 October</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Butterfield Park
<b>Monday 30 October</b>	All suffering from dyslexia and those developing ways to help them overcome their difficulties
<b>Tuesday 31 October</b>	<b>Martin Luther</b> , reformer. May we show our faith actively.
<b>Wednesday 1 November</b>	<b>All Saints Day</b>
<b>Thursday 2 November</b>	<b>All Souls Day</b> , commemoration of the faithful departed
<b>Friday 3 November</b>	<b>Martin de Porres</b> , patron saint of race relations. All who suffer racial abuse. Let us pray for a greater understanding of other nations, races and cultures
<b>Saturday 4 November</b>	St John's Walsingham Cell Mass, Our Lady of Walsingham and all pilgrims to her shrine
<b>Sunday 5 November</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Wickfield and Hayward Close

## 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

<b>Sunday 5 November</b>	<b>Celebration Sunday - All Saints</b>
<b>Saturday 2 December</b>	Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall
<b>Saturday 9 December</b>	<b>Christmas Wreath Workshop – 10.00-12.30 and 2.00-4.30</b>
<b>Sunday 17 December</b>	<b>Celebration Sunday - St John the Evangelist</b>
<b>Sunday 7 January</b>	<b>Celebration Sunday - Epiphany</b>
<b>Sunday 11 February</b>	<b>Celebration Sunday – Sunday before Lent</b>
<b>Sunday 10 March</b>	<b>Celebration Sunday – Mothering Sunday</b>

### 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](mailto: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.

## Christmas Wreath Workshop

Saturday 9th Dec 2023

10.00am-12.30pm and

2.00pm-4.30pm.

St John's Church Hall, Queen's Road,  
Clevedon.

All materials and tuition provided  
£25.00

Includes light refreshments.

All proceeds to St John's Church Hall  
Restoration Fund.

To book email:

[SarahLewis@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:SarahLewis@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)



## Could you represent St Johns on the council of Churches Together in Clevedon?

There are 12 Clevedon Churches in CtiC, and together we are able to achieve things which would not be possible alone. For instance it was Churches Together which set up the Food Bank, and before that Clevedon Care, although both are now independent charities. Currently the biggest project is the chaplains. You may see them in the town centre or in the Hill Road area, wearing their grey sweatshirts. They are members of local churches who have been trained to offer support to local businesses and market stall holders. We also support Changing Lives and YMCA, and refugees in Clevedon.

CtiC organises united events such as the Good Friday service in Queens Square.

The council meets 6 times a year, when representatives from all the member churches get together to share what is happening in the town and discuss the way forward. It is always interesting and sometimes inspirational to meet representatives from the other churches and hear what they are doing. I have been representing St Johns for a number of years, and have loved doing it, but find I can no longer manage the meetings.

If you feel this could be for you, speak to Gary, Nicola or Fr. Brendan or Judith.

Sue Rossiter

### Clevedon Children Sing for Christmas!

is a choral outreach project for children aged 7-11, starting on Thursday 9 November from 4-5pm in St John's Church Hall BS21 7TH and continuing weekly until 14 December when there will be a performance in St John's Church at 4pm, to which all are welcome. Andrew Kirk will be leading this with support from Fr Brendan and other church helpers. Free Entry! For a registration form, please contact [andrewkirkmusic@gmail.com](mailto:andrewkirkmusic@gmail.com) or see the church website [www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](http://www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk) Please encourage any children of family members, friends or neighbours to come along to sing a wide selection of popular festive songs and carols at this special time of year! See the poster at the end of this newsletter.

## FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ADVENT READINGS 5.30 ON Sunday 3 December in St John's Church

The programme will contain a selection of sacred music and Advent hymns with Bible readings and poems. The conductor will be Andrew Kirk with members of the Henbury Singers and oboist Jennifer Mears. Further details to follow.

### 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.





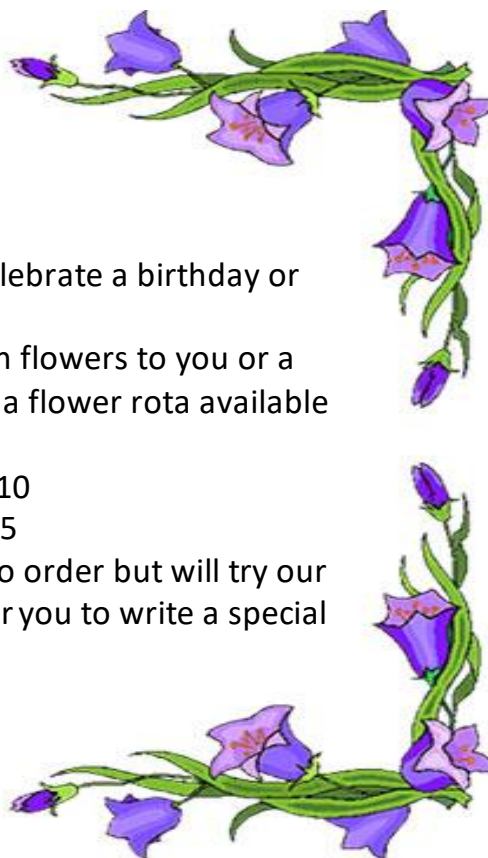


Calling all bakers! If you would like to provide a cake(s) for one of our regular Celebration Sundays, please add your name to the list at the back of Church. Alternatively, if you would like to celebrate a special occasion (perhaps an anniversary, birthday or exam success) please put your name against 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.



### 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.





Thanks to David Wilson (See Exodus 14)

03-22-1999

"VERILY", THOUGHT MOSES, "THESE GENERIC  
DEODORANTS ARE NOT TO BE TRUSTED"



PARISHGIVINGSCHEME

at St John the Evangelist, Clevedon

One-off gift or give monthly, quarterly, or annually

Your generosity is vital to enabling St John's, Clevedon to continue and grow in the way we serve our whole community. We would therefore like to invite you to consider supporting our work by joining the Parish Giving Scheme. It is quick and easy to join online or by telephone and all regular gifts given through the scheme are covered by the direct debit guarantee. You can make a one-off gift or give monthly, quarterly, or annually, whichever is most convenient and if you are a UK taxpayer you can also gift-aid this to enable us to recover a further 25% of the value of your gift from HMRC. The financial details of what is given will be confidential to our Treasurer, but I will be aware of the overall response and will write to thank all those who respond.

To start giving to Clevedon St John by PGS you can sign up online by visiting [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) or by scanning the QR code below. Use the search tool to find our church and then select 'Regular Giving.' Alternatively you can setup your gift by telephoning 0333 002 1271 and quote our unique PGS Parish Code - **010601377** or you can request a paper registration form by emailing [pgsregistrations@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:pgsregistrations@bathwells.anglican.org) or by calling 01749 670777

If you need further information or want to talk this through with someone, please do not hesitate to contact Nicola Coaker, Chair of St John's Finance Committee, Angela Edgar, Treasurer or Fr. Brendan Clover, whose contact details can be found at the top and bottom of this newsletter.



## Some news from Martin.....

### Replacement boiler works and Ukrainian visitors ....

If you have wondered what has gone on at the south west corner of the church over the last few weeks, then please read on.

A mains water supply (the blue pipe) has been installed into the boiler room by local Clevedon company, TP Services Limited, see photo opposite. The new water supply is needed for a replacement boiler which is due to be installed in November as the existing boiler (the red item in the photo) has more than reached the end of its life being made in 1991. A hole was "core" drilled into the boiler room / bell tower for the blue pipe in the photo, originally it was thought that the thickness of wall to be drilled was about 600mm (2' in imperial units), it turned out that the actual thickness was 1650mm (5' 6") which must have been the foundation.



By total chance whilst waiting for the core driller to arrive one Friday morning, three women approached the church looking to enter and admire the inside. I opened the church for them learning who they were, a British host, a young Ukrainian woman (who was staying in the UK away from war) and her mother who was visiting at the time. They were really engaged by our church building, its history, and its windows. The candle with the Ukrainian flag colours adjacent to the statue of Our Lady was not lost upon our visitors which goes to show that by supporting others far away or nearby really does make a difference.



## *It's Shoebox Time! Operation Christmas Child .....*

is once again collecting shoeboxes full of small gifts to send to children in need around the world. Suggestions for gifts include toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hat, gloves, scarf - but no toothpaste or sweets, no liquids or glass. Parcel labels and instructions available in church or from Sue Rossiter (tel. 877710). Please bring your filled boxes to church on or before **Sunday 12 November**. Alternatively you can pack a shoebox online at [shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk). Last year's boxes went to seven countries - Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, Central Asia, Moldova, Nigeria and Ukraine



### ***Celia Quiz Time !!***

***Although Celia and John are away for a couple of weeks (in Venice, naturally), Celia has left me the answers and another Quiz so do not despair ! We, of course, wish them well and hope they have a relaxing stay in La Serinissima....***

1. Who in the Bible is Moses's brother?
2. Youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
3. World's largest fish?
4. Gary Strang and Tony Smart star as flatmates in which TV sitcom?
5. In what decade was Clevedon's Cottage Hospital opened?
6. The earliest still existent part of Stonehenge was built in which period of history?
7. What is the world's tallest grass plant?
8. How many novels - to within ten - did W. D. Wodehouse write?
9. Whistle And Flute is rhyming slang for what?
10. Which country ceded Florida to the USA in 1819?
11. Shanklin is a resort on which British island?
12. For which king did Handel write The Water Music?
13. What was the name of King Arthur's magical sword?
14. In which year did the first Parliament of Great Britain meet?
15. In which city are the Spanish Steps situated?
16. Who created the Sunflowers painting?

### **GORDON'S POSERS**

a; Not quite where Uncle Tom Cobley and co. wanted to go; b: Smooth out this act?; c: Angry.



## 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.

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](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

## 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/>

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](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

Gary's email address is [churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

If you have any safeguarding questions or issues, please email [parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)



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The Office Number is 07522 494 504

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# CLEVEDON CHILDREN SING FOR CHRISTMAS!



THURSDAYS  
9 NOV TO 14 DEC

ST JOHN'S  
CHURCH HALL,  
BS21 7TH

4-5PM

FREE ENTRY  
FESTIVE SONGS FOR AGES 7-11  
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