



# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter



SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 2022

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

If you wish to contribute to the next edition of the newsletter, please email [office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk) marking your email 'Newsletter Article' by **12 noon Thursdays weekly**.

## Church Services (also on-line)

### Sunday 30 January – The Presentation of Christ

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover  
17.30 Said Evening prayer and Benediction

### Monday 31 January – St John Bosco

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 1 February

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 2 February

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

### Thursday 3 February

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 4 February

10.00 Mass from the BCP – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 5 February – St Agatha

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 6 February – Fourth before Lent, Epiphany 5

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover  
17.30 Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Malachi 3:1-5 (Reader: Alison)

Psalm 24

**R: Who is this King of glory? It is the Lord**

Hebrews 2:14-18 (Reader: Robert)

St Luke 2:22-32

Intercessor – Kevin

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

It has always surprised me that St John's does not have a set of the Stations of the Cross. They were apparently lent to a Church in London at the time of the reordering of the sanctuary. People tell me that they were not good quality and that they were too large - so I don't intend to try and get them back!

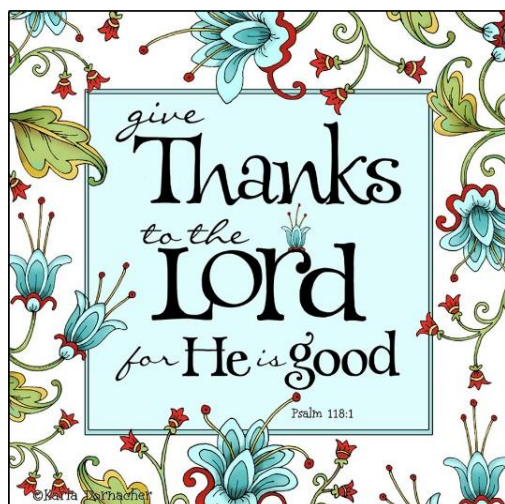
We have the Icons, which are glorious, and are to be at the centre of our Lenten devotions. They are where the stations would have been. But there is space for fourteen Stations of the Cross on the nave pillars if we place them on the two sides of the pillars not exhibiting a banner or facing into the nave. The width of the pillars determines the size the Stations could be.

As it happens there is a set of 14 hand carved Oberammergau limewood Stations of the Cross by the German company of Albl <https://www.albl-oberammergau.com/> on eBay at a cost of £995. You can see them listed on eBay. They are the colour of the pillars, the right size, and are simple and elegant, just having the number of the Station and no text.

Are there fourteen people in the congregation who would like to give a Station of the Cross in memory of a departed loved one? I certainly will and I have two other takers so far. We will put the name of the person remembered on the reverse of each carving. Each Station would cost £71.

It would be lovely to do this in time for Lent. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this development.

Yours ever,  
Fr Brendan





**The Vicarage Telephone Number is 01275 879617.**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

The PCC strategy day in September identified the need for a Parish Administrator to help us as a growing parish.

This is initially offered as a voluntary post with flexible, agreed, hours responding to need.

The post holder will need to be computer literate and personable.

We hope to create an office in the vestry of the church, but it may be necessary initially to work from home or in the Vicarage. Is this you?

Please have a word with Fr Brendan if you are interested and he will share the job description.

## **PRAYER DIARY**

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

**Tuesday 1 February**

**Wednesday 2 February**

**Thursday 3 February**

**Friday 4 February**

**Saturday 6 February**

All who still suffer from leprosy and its stigma

Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple, and all new born children

St John's School, its pupils, teachers and carers

All those who follow a life of quiet contemplation

Our Church and Parish, and this week we pray for the residents of Hurn Road, Wrangle Farm Green and Gulliford's Bank



## **WORKING PARTY - Saturday 12 February (after 10.00 am Mass)**

This involves clearing and bagging rubble, removing old floor tiles and dismantling kitchen units.

Bacon butties provided.

Sign up list at the back of the church.

### **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 at [parishpriest@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:parishpriest@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](mailto: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.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Nailsea Choral Society's next concert will be a performance of **Stainer's Crucifixion**, to be held on **Saturday 26 March at 7.30 pm** in Nailsea Methodist Church. This wonderful piece will be performed by the choir, organ and professional soloists.  
Tickets cost £6.00/£12.00.

Further information will be available on the Society's website soon  
[www.nailseachoral.org.uk](http://www.nailseachoral.org.uk) and Facebook page: Nailsea Choral Society.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

<b>Sunday 30 January</b> <b>Candlemas</b>	<b>THIS WEEK!</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 27 February</b> <b>Last before Lent</b>		Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 27 March</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b>		Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 17 April</b> <b>Easter Day</b>		Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 29 May</b> <b>Ascension Day Festivities</b>		Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 26 June</b>		Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 24 July</b>		Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 21 August</b>		Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass



## 100 Club-December

Here are the 100 club winners

1st prize - No. 75 - Carol R

2nd prize - No. 93 Taylor F

3rd prize - No 34. Mike S

## Christmas Draw



**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. Normally we have the kettle on, but while the electrics in the church hall are being worked on please bring your own drink. I will bring biscuits.  
For more information talk to Sue at church or ring on 01275 877710.

### 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/>

## ANSWERS TO .... FACTS AND SOME FICTION



1. 1880s (1883)
2. 1799
3. Isle of Man
4. Qatar
5. Asher
6. Wat Tyler
7. Rabat
8. Adele
9. Saturn
10. Louis Bleriot
11. Compositae
12. Rembrandt
13. One good deed deserves another.
- 14: 1950s (1958)
- 15: Ten
- 16: Dombey

### AND GORDON'S POSERS

a: James country home; **Sidcot**

b: In which a deed was recorded; **Charterhouse**

c: To keep your doors secure.....; **Latcham**

d: Massive undergarment on the meadow; **Cowslip Green**



## CANDLESTICKS

The observant among you will have noticed a new (to us) set of four candlesticks on the nave altar. When I was seven years of age we moved as a family to Sheffield where I was accepted as a Chorister in the Cathedral Choir. The Canon Precentor at that time was one Denis McKie. He was a larger-than-life character, Irish, a fabulous preacher, a great musician with a penchant for G&T. He was Precentor for the whole of my time at the Cathedral. In my teenage years I would get up early every Saturday and get a bus into town to serve his 8.30am Mass in the crypt. I was a strange boy!

I owe Denis so much. He introduced me to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, and to Catholic life in the Church of England. He taught me about a disciplined spiritual life, and the beauty of holiness. He also supported and encouraged my own vocation to the priesthood which has been with me from a very early age.

After Sheffield Cathedral Fr Denis moved to the parish of St George in Preston as Vicar.

How extraordinary then that, casually glimpsing on EBay, I should come across these four candles which we being offered for sale by St George's Preston. I have bought them in memory of Denis McKie and in thanksgiving for all he meant to me.

I thought you might like to know.

**Fr Brendan**

## Archdeaconry Days 6 to 12 February 2022

Sometimes, even in church, it can feel as if God only calls 'special people'. But God calls us all, because God created us, knows us, and loves us. We are all called daily to live lives that are true to our Christian faith. God also calls us at times in our life to

particular roles - which sounds tidy but is often pretty messy! Often those calls are something we take up for a season only. Sometimes they are for the rest of our lives.

The 2022 Archdeacons Days are running from Sunday 6 to Saturday 12 February. We are going to hear from a range of people from across Bath and Wells about their experience of God's call:

- What has helped people hear their call?
- Have any Bible stories inspired them?
- What about when the call has been far from straightforward?
- Who am I called to be?

### January 2022 – The Calling Podcast

- Devised and hosted by young people in the diocese. [Access the podcasts here](#)

### Sunday 6 February 3pm – Launch Service at Taunton Academy

- We will gather with Bishop Ruth to begin the week in a collective act of worship on the theme of calling

### Monday 7 to Friday 11 February

- On demand content available, exploring calling and including daily videos

### Saturday 12 February – Archdeacons gatherings

- Coming together online to reflect and celebrate
- 10am – hosted by Archdeacon of Bath This is us!!
- 11.30am – hosted by Archdeacon of Wells
- 2pm – hosted by Archdeacon of Taunton

**[Sign up here to attend the service, receive daily content and to attend one of the Archdeacons gatherings](#)**

**Who to contact Email:** Cheryl Govier Go Team Adviser - Wells Archdeacons Email: Julia Hill Deanery & Parish Support

#### 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.

Please follow us on our website at: <https://www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/> or at [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/111185/](http://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.

**For those a bit more 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.**



## **St John's Children's Club**

**Sunday 30 January 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**Love Never Gives UP**

**Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Luke 2: 22-40)**

### **Questions**

What in the world do you love most?

Which word or phrase stands out to you in this passage?

What can you learn from these definitions of love?

### **Prayer suggestion**

Thank God that his love never fails

*Lord Jesus, It is wonderful to know you  
You are our friend and you are the Light  
That chases away the darkness of our world  
Help us to love you every day.  
Amen.*

### **This week's challenge**

Read 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 each day this week

### **Activity suggestions**

- Activity sheet for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Epiphany
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Luke 2: 22-40

**If you do not have access to a printer and would like the activity sheets printed out and delivered to you, please contact me (Fiona) and I'll arrange for you to receive copies.**

**Good Luck from St. John's Sunday Club Team (Sue & Fiona)**