



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 9 MAY 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 8 May

10.00 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 9 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30 Mass in Church – Bishop Jonathan Goodall

Monday 10 May

18.00 Mass in Church - Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 11 May

10.00 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 12 May

10.00 Mass in Church – Rev. Preb. John Andrews

Thursday 13 May – Ascension Day

12.30 Market Mass in Church – Rev. Preb. John Andrews

19.30 Solemn Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 14 May - St Matthias

10.00 BCP Mass in St John's Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 15 May

10.00 Mass in St John's Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 16 May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.30 Mass in St John's Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

We look forward to having Bishop Jonathan with us on Sunday at the 10.30am Parish Mass when we shall keep the Feast of the Passion of St John the Evangelist, our patron saint.

On this occasion we will solemnly receive the Bishop, so I thought I should tell you about this ceremony.

The Bishop and servers will arrive at the south door, and, on entering the church the Bishop kneels at a *prie deux* (if I can find one!).

He then venerates a crucifix by kissing it and sprinkles himself with holy water. Normally he would then sprinkle all of us with the blessed water, but this is not allowed under COVID restrictions.

Next, he blesses incense and I, as Parish Priest, honour him with incense.

I'm sure you already get the symbolism.

- The crucifix is a reminder of the One whose servants and apostles we all are.
- The water reminds us of our baptism, of the moment we became part of the mystical body of Christ.
- And the incense reminds us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. The Bishop is a particular temple of the Holy Spirit, because he stands in succession with the apostles, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit (symbolised in the mitre, which is the shape of a flame of fire) he consecrates and confirms.

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Wisdom 5:1-5 (Reader: Celia)

1 John 1:1-4 (Reader: Helen)

St Matthew 20:20-23

Psalms 117

R: The Lord spoke to him face to face.

(Intercessor: Kevin)

Please Note:

There will be a PCC meeting (in The Vicarage Garden, weather permitting) after the Solemn Mass on Ascension Day – Thursday 13 May.

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

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Whilst all of this is taking place (if you are allowed by copyright) we hear the anthem 'Ecce sacerdos magnus, qui in diebus suis placuit Deo. Ideo jurejurando fecit illum Dominus crescere in plebem suam. Benedictionem omnium gentium dedit illi et testamentum suum confirmavit super caput ejus.'

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God. Therefore, by an oath, the Lord made him increase among his people. He gave him the blessing of all nations and confirmed his covenant upon his head.

If you don't know it, Anton Bruckner wrote the most amazing setting of these words.

So, it should be a splendid beginning to a special day when we celebrate our Patron Saint as never before... please be at Mass if you possibly can.

Ever,

Fr Brendan

WEBSITE

We now have a new website. Please log into it 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



Vicarage Telephone Number

The expertise of a young female BT engineer has restored the phone line in the Vicarage. It is (01275) 5879617.

Daily Prayer (The Office)

Evening Prayer is said publicly in church every day (except Wednesday) at 5.30pm.

From September on the first Sunday of the month there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Evening Prayer.

Morning Prayer is said at 9.30am when there is a 10.00am Mass.

ON LINE GIVING

Here is the link for our new 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!!!) Thank you to Fiona for implementing this.

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 John Andrews and Fr Brendan and names will be added to the sick list.

Pilgrimage



One of the victims of the pandemic was our planned Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Walsingham, England's Nazareth. The Shrine opens up again - alleluia - in July and we have booked twelve places for the weekend of 22/23/24 October. If you would like to come please let Peter Woolf know. The costs will be confirmed as soon as possible. We will try and stop at Ely on the way there for Mass in the Cathedral's Lady Chapel.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Please note, this is a provisional list and all are Covid restriction dependant.

Wednesday 12th May - St John's Social Committee Zoom Meeting

We welcome new members. if you are interested in joining contact Fiona, email: PCCTreasurer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Sunday 23rd May - Celebration Sunday Coffee, Sherry, Wine and Cake in the Chui

We start our monthly event to mark celebrations of the month with a celebration of missed events of the last year e.g. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Licencing.

Sunday 27th June - Parish Picnic in the Church Grounds after 10.30am Mass.

Bring your own picnic, drink and garden, picnic, or deck chair.

Saturday 17th July - Parish BBQ and Musical Entertainment-4pm

In the parish grounds, details to follow.

Saturday 11th September - Murder Mystery in St John's Hall

Details to be confirmed - Who murdered the Verger, in the Hall, with a Church Candle Stick!!



Votive Candles



We will continue to ask for a show of hands at the beginning of the service. This is to indicate how many votives our members and visitors would like lit by a Server and extinguished at the end of the service. This will continue until Covid-19 restrictions change. Thank you. for your co-operation.

Covid-19 Restrictions

Please be reminded the following applies to our worship in church so we can remain open.

- If you have symptoms please stay at home and worship with us on-line (all our services are Livestreamed).
- Masks must be worn (if you cannot wear a mask please consider a visor)
- Please use the hand sanitizer provided on entering the church and when reading at the lectern
- Please provide your contact details for Track and Trace or use the QR code
- Please follow the one-way system using the direction arrows on the aisles
- The government and Church of England Guidelines prevent any socialising in church apart from within your own households or bubbles.
- Please refrain from speaking to anyone before the service.
- Once seated please remain in your seat.
- At the end of the service please leave via the South Door.
- Please refrain from entering the Vestry, this is for Clergy and Servers only.
- Keep the South doorway clear for others to exit and do not re-enter the church once left.
- Please be reminded the rule of 6 applies outside the church.



Donations to Clevedon Food Bank can be put in the Food bank bin at Tesco, taken to the Food Bank in Knowles Road on Mondays or Fridays between 9.30 and 11.30 am, or added to your local street collection.

There is also a basket in the porch at Church for your goods please deposit them when entering the building. Thank you.

Wellspring Counselling Service continues to offer vital support

Wellspring Counselling has been caring for people across North Somerset since 1994. The service provides affordable, professional counselling for adults as well as donation-based counselling for young people aged 11 to 18.

Wellspring has counsellors available to help adults with a wide range of concerns, including anxiety, depression, relationship issues, abuse and bereavement. All counsellors are professionally trained, have regular clinical supervision and engage in Continued Professional Development.

Since the pandemic hit and the country first went into lockdown in March, Wellspring has adapted its services and is currently working with clients remotely, offering the option of video calls or telephone sessions during the day or evening. The continuation of this much-needed service has been a lifeline for many who have been struggling with their mental health in these difficult and unprecedented times.

If you think counselling could benefit you please call the reception team on 01275 810879 or email

reception@wellspringcounselling.org.uk For more information visit www.wellspringcounselling.org.uk

THE ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S TEASERS – courtesy of Gordon!

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| 1. Crossing for blackbirds | - | Rooks Bridge |
| 2. Giddy folk here | - | Worle |
| 3. Wading place for rooks | - | Blackford |
| 4. Opening for brewing from honey | - | Meadgate |
| 5. Crossing place for old sailors | - | Saltford |
| 6. No place for sinners | - | Puriton |

Here is Celia's latest Quiz. Answers next week. Good luck.

MIND SET

1. In which building were the first C of E services in South Clevedon district held in the 1870s?
2. When were Premium Bonds launched in the UK?
3. Which US state borders Virginia and Tennessee?
4. Where does tennis star Novak Djokovic come from?
5. Who first introduced the idea of Leap Year into the 365 day calendar?
6. Which were the four main towns destroyed by Vesuvius in 79AD?
7. What is the densest naturally occurring element?
8. What age is the recent Oscar winner Sir Anthony Hopkins?
9. How many seats are there for members in the House of Commons?
10. In which decade did the first electric train run in England?
11. What creature is a Fer-De-Lance?
12. Who is QI's Question Master?
13. Who was St. Paul told to go to first after his conversion on his way to Damascus?
14. How many times did Britain apply for EEC membership?
15. George Town is the capital of which Islands?
16. Which author created the detective Sir Peter Wimsey ?

And three more posers from Gordon ...

1. Other three nations don't settle here.
2. Place to be on 4 April 2021
3. They'll sting you to cross here!

If you need to contact a Churchwarden please contact Nicola Coaker or Nick Dixon. Nicola can be contacted on 07940759891 or email her at churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk
Nick's email address is churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk Thank you.

If you have any safeguarding questions or issues please email parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Please follow us on our new 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.

St John's Sunday Club

Sunday 9 May 2021

Easter 6

Sing a New Song

Bible readings – Psalms 98: 1-9 and John 15: 9 - 17

Questions (based on Psalms)

Do you find it easy or hard to praise God?

Psalm 98 is full of praise. What verses do you particularly like?

How can this psalm encourage you to praise God?

Prayer suggestion

List all the things you are thankful for and pray for each one

Lord Jesus, you love us and ask us to love each other

Help us to be more loving in all we say and do

Amen

This week's challenge

Rewrite Psalm 98 as your own song of praise to God

Activity suggestions

- Activity sheet for sixth Sunday of Easter
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on John 15: 9 – 17
- Activity sheet for Ascension day (Thursday 13 May)

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)