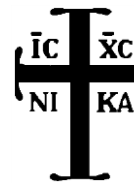




# St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2021

24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - TRINITY 15

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 11 September

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 12 September – Twenty-fourth Sunday/Trinity 1

10.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

### Monday 13 September – St John Chrysostom

18.00 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 14 September – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 15 September

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Thursday 16 September – Ss Cornelius and Cyprian

12.30 Market Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 17 September

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 18 September

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

### Sunday 19 September – Twenty fifth Sunday/Trinity 16

10.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

This is to be a busy week in the parish.

On **Tuesday**, the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross, we welcome clergy from the locality to the Chapter meeting of the Society of the Holy Cross. After the 10am Mass there will be the opportunity for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. At noon the brethren celebrate the Chapter Mass. This is followed by lunch and a meeting.

The Society of the Holy Cross - or SSC from the Latin Societas Sanctae Crucis - is a Congregation of priests in the Anglican Communion, who live and minister under a common Rule of Life. There are currently over 750 members around the world in parishes, missions, chaplaincies, schools and other areas of pastoral ministry, committed to witnessing to the Cross of Christ by their lives and ministry.

The Society of the Holy Cross (SSC) was founded in London in 1855 by a small group of Anglo-Catholic priests led by Father Charles Lowder. At a time when the Catholic Revival in the Church of England was threatened by persecution and misunderstanding, these priests came together for support, mutual prayer and encouragement. Fr Lowder spelled out the objects of SSC: "**To defend and strengthen the spiritual life of the clergy, to defend the faith of the Church, and to carry on and aid Mission work both at home and abroad**".

The members of this society, meeting together as they did in prayer and conference, were deeply impressed with the tensions existing in the Church, and saw also, in the remedies adopted by St Vincent de Paul, the hope of lessening them. SSC is not a devotional guild but takes its stance upon a shared vision of: '**a disciplined priestly life fashioned after a definite spiritual rule.**'

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The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 50:5-9a (*Reader: Michelle*)

James 2:14-18 (*Reader: Judith*)

St Mark 8:27-35

Psalms 116

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living**

(*Intercessor: Kevin*)

## Daily Prayer (The Office)

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

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

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On **Thursday, Friday and Saturday** next week we are hosting an Exhibition of Art by the Clevedon Art Club. This is part of the North Somerset Arts Week. The Exhibition is on 10.30am to 4.30pm each day. There will be a little disruption, I'm afraid, at the west end of the nave, but this seemed a fabulous opportunity to get members of the community into our church. Do come and see the exhibition.

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Fr Brendan



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

### 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.

### Votive Candles



Following a review of votive lighting, this Sunday will be the final week that a show of hands will be requested 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. With effect from next Sunday we return to congregation members lighting their own votive, however, it would be appreciated if this is done before or after Mass to avoid congestion in our one-way system when moving around the church. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Volunteers needed!

Can you help serve coffee/tea once a month after the Sunday Mass? It's not a difficult task – no training is required – even Kevin can do it! If you think you can help, please speak to Fiona or Nicola.



**Chat and Craft Group** is starting up again, every Thursday afternoon drop-in between 2 and 4pm. First meeting will be on 16 September. 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 me on 01275 877710.

## Are you a chatty, sociable soul?

If so, you could be just the person the Church is looking for to 'Meet and Greet' (another term for Sides persons) on a Sunday morning. This is an important role within our Church family, a visible sign of our warm welcome. For an explanation of what is involved, please chat to Nick or Nicola.

## Committees at St John's

As the National Lottery tells us, you 'have to be in it to win it!' Similarly, if you want to influence the future of our lovely Church, you need to join one of our committees. There's no training involved, you don't need to be on the PCC or have experience of sitting on other committees. The commitment is unlikely to be more than 3 or 4 meetings a year and you will have a year's notice of the dates. We have vacancies on our Worship Committee, Fabric Committee and Social Committee. (Please see the separate appeal for Social Committee members below). For further information, please talk to Fr Brendan, Nicola or Nick.

## Social Committee Appeal

The Social Committee is a small group of individuals who organise the major fund raising and social activities in the Parish. We are always looking for more volunteers to spread the load. You do not need to be a member of the PCC or even commit to attend meetings. If you are able to just help with one or two events, that would also be very welcome and if you have a food handing certificate or are prepared to do an online course that would be fantastic. Please speak to Fiona, Betty or Nicola for further information.

## ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

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

- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (not December) – Celebration Sunday – join us for a glass of wine / sherry and cake to celebrate any birthdays or anniversaries during the month
- Saturday 2 October – HARVEST SUPPER starting at 5:30pm – Tickets to go on sale Sunday 12 September (Adults £6; Children >11 = £3, under 11 free) Maximum number 60 places, first come first served - (tickets must be purchased in advance)
- Saturday 13 November – MURDER MYSTERY Evening with Ploughman's supper starting at 7pm. Further details to follow and if you are interested in reading a part, please let Fiona know.



Many of you will know that we sponsor a child through the charity Embrace – her details are in the Church porch. If you would like to further support the work of Embrace in the Middle East, please take a moment to look at their online brochure, which is full of beautiful cards and alternative gifts.

The link is <https://shop.embraceme.org> or call 01227 811646



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. Sue**

## **St John's Repairs and Maintenance Programme**

No doubt you have seen the scaffolding around the church since the end of July and the progress the painters and roofers have made during this time. This work has been outstanding since our 2014 Quinquennial i.e. 5 Year Building Survey and well over due. The PCC have been endeavouring to get this work done since in 2019, (another victim of the Covid lockdown), however, the renovation and painting of the gutters, rain water goods and replacement of lost slates is nearly complete. The PCC are sure you will agree the church looks so much better for this work.

Thank you to Martin who managed the tendering process and for liaising with the contractors.

You will also have notice a trench has been dug along the path on the west-side of the church. This is to provide access for the repair of a leaking gas pipe that was assessed by Wales and West Utilities and deemed the responsibility of the PCC to fund the repair.

Thank you to Nick for digging out the trench and to both Nick and Fiona for providing the digger. The repair is due to take place on Monday.

More scaffolding! Next week you will see the erection of scaffolding around the church hall, to address the problem we have experienced over the last few years. Squirrels have taken a liking to chewing the lead on the roof, lifting it and gaining access to the hall electrics. In so doing, they have caused considerable damage to the electric cabling in the roof space.

You will also have noticed that our church doors, benches and gates are looking as good as new. Thank you to Derek Coaker for the time he has taken to revive and repaint our woodwork and ironmongery.

Thank you to Sam and Nick Dixon for the voluntary work they have undertaken over the last couple of years and in advance of the work planned for next week to make our hall compliant and safe.

If you have knowledge, experience of building repairs or have a willing pair of hands to help with maintenance of the church and hall please speak with Nick Dixon, Chair of the Fabric committee, who will be only too pleased to accept offers of help.

## **CELIA'S QUIZ**

1. Which two islands in the Bristol Channel can be seen from Clevedon seafront?
2. Which ancient measurement was based on the length of a forearm?
3. Which South American river rises in Venezuela?
4. Which film won the Academy Award for the Best Motion Picture this year?
5. Who in the Bible was the first king of Israel?
6. Which British politician first adopted the title Prime Minister?
7. Which is the coldest planet in the solar system?
8. Which TV personality wrote the recently published The Thursday Murder Club?
9. What career did Norman Tebbit have before becoming a politician?

10. In which year was the social media Twitter launched?
11. What other than a measurement of weight is an Ounce?
12. Who will take over from Bruno Tonioli on the panel for the new series of Strictly Come Dancing?
13. The Sunday Express was the first paper to introduce what still popular feature in 1918?
14. In which year did the British Royal Family decide to rename as Windsor?
15. Where does the Painted Lady butterfly migrate from?
16. Which countries were the top 3 Paralympic medal winners this year?

### **AND GORDON'S POSERS (More places)**

- a: No place for monk-ey's;  
b: Blood on the road? Poor pussy!  
c: Way ahead for little geese;  
d: Upright, or just fat!

**St. John's 100 Club - winners for August:** 14. Edward 41. Judy 64. Debra

#### **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 new 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.**



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](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)  
Nick's email address is [churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk) Thank you.

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

## **St John's Sunday Club – Trinity 15**

**Sunday 12 September 2021 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)**

### **Taming the Tongue**

**Bible readings – James 3: 1-12**

#### **Questions**

Can you think of something embarrassing you said, that you regretted?

How does James describe the tongue and the power of speech?

How do you think God wants us to speak to one another?

#### **Prayer suggestion**

Ask God to forgive you when you have hurt others with your words

*Jesus Christ, you are the son of God  
We love you and want you to be a friend of yours  
Amen*

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

Think about how you use words to bless others in person or online

#### **Activity suggestions:**

- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Mark 8: 27

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)**