



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 16 MAY 2021

SEVENTH 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 15 May

10.00 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 16 May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.30 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Monday 17 May

18.00 Mass in Church - Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 18 May

10.00 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 19 May – St Dunstan

10.00 Mass in Church – Fr Robert Ward

Thursday 20 May

12.30 Market Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 21 May

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

Saturday 22 May

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

Sunday 23 May – Pentecost

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

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Many, many thanks to all of you who supported our patronal Festival in whatever way, and thanks also to Bishop Jonathan, whose presence among us was significant, whose words were inspirational.

You can read the Bishop's sermon at

<http://www.ebbsfleet.org.uk/fullposts.php?id=270>

Next year I hope to extend the festival to include an organ recital, concerts and a garden party...

This coming Sunday represents a strange 'in-between' time. The Lord has ascended, and the apostles are waiting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is important for us all to pray earnestly for the coming of the Spirit, that spirit of change and renewal, of challenge and affirmation, of hope and promise, of comfort and reassurance. To that end here is a prayer for our parish as we wait upon the Spirit. Try and use it once each day.

Glory to you, O Lord our God,

Your love calls us to be your people.

By sharing our many and diverse gifts we share in your mission.

We ask you, Lord, to shape us into a community of faith.

Nourish us by your word and sacraments that we may grow into the image of Jesus.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, heal us that we, in turn, may heal the wounded.

Form us to be instruments of love, justice, and peace in our land, and send us to proclaim your saving work.

Renew us, Lord, that we may renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Ever,
Fr Brendan

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 1:15-17 & 21-26 (Reader: Peter)

1 John 5:9-13 (Reader: Michelle)

St John 17:6-19

Psalms 1

R: Happy are they who trust in the Lord.

(Intercessor: Celia)

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

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



The Vicarage Telephone Number is 01275 879617.

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.

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

We start our monthly event to mark celebrations of the month with a celebration 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 -4pm

In the parish grounds, details to follow.

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.

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

Here are the answers to last week's quiz.

MIND SET

1. Farm House near Coleridge's cottage.
2. 1956
3. North Carolina
4. Serbia
5. Julius Caesar
6. Herculanium, Pompei, Oplontis, Stabai.
7. Osmium.
8. 83
9. 635
10. 1903
11. Snake
12. Sandi Toksvig
13. Ananias
14. Three
15. Cayman
16. Dorothy L. Sayers

And the answers to Gordon's posers

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

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 16 May 2021

Easter 7

Power of Prayer

Bible readings – John 17: 6 - 15

Questions (based on Psalms)

When you pray, are you usually thinking more about yourself or about God?

Do you believe that prayer is powerful? Why or why not?

How can you make the power of prayer a part of your daily life?

Prayer suggestion

Listen, instead of asking God for something

*Lord Jesus,
When you went away your friends were sad,
So they started to meet together,
To remember you and talk about you,
To sing hymns and say prayers just as we do in church.
Thank you that we can be your friends too
And meet together in church.
Amen.*

This week's challenge

Prayer is the powerful gift of talking to the most powerful God. Use it!

Activity suggestions

- Activity sheet for seventh Sunday of Easter (have included the teaching notes to help)
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on John 17: 6 – 15

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)