



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Church and On-line Services

Saturday 17 April

10.00 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 18 April – Third Sunday of Easter

10.30 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Monday 19 April

18.00 Mass in Church - Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 20 April

10.00 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 21 April

10.00 Mass in Church – celebrant tbc

Thursday 22 April

12.30 Mass in Church – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 23 April – St George's Day

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

Saturday 24 April

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

Sunday 25 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

This Sunday's Gospel reading picks up on the events of the first Easter Day. The two disciples have returned from Emmaus confident that they had seen the Lord. *'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?'* St John Henry Newman chose "Heart speaks unto Heart" as the motto to go on his coat of arms when he became a Cardinal in 1879. Inspired by these words spoken by St. Francis de Sales, Newman calls us to hear God speaking to our hearts and to listen for our mission from God. This must be our first priority... to attend to God and to the things of God, to his word and his sacraments, to find our hearts in tune with the heart of God.

From this comes our purpose: to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. We have many ways in which we can do this. I have an aspiration that St John's becomes a beacon of Catholic life in the Church of England not just in Clevedon, but in the South West...

And then there is our mission, to seek out the poor and the underdog, the vulnerable and the marginalized. We have fabulous resources: a significant Victorian church with a perfect acoustic; two church halls; wonderful grounds. How do we place these things as a resource for the community, without of course neglecting our necessary revenue streams? That's a debate we need to begin to enter into.

Thank you so much for the warmth of your greetings as I have moved into the Vicarage, and as I was licensed as your parish priest. Let us pray for one another daily.

Yours ever,
Fr Brendan

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 3:12-19 (Reader: Helen)

1 John 3:1-7 (Reader: Judith)

St Luke 24:36b-48

Psalm 4

R: Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

(Intercessor: Martin)

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

Important message from Fr Brendan

As of Monday 12 April, I shall say Evening Prayer publicly in church every day (except Wednesday, my day off) at 5.30pm. On Sundays, Evening Prayer will be before the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

On the first Sunday of the month there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Evening Prayer.

I shall say Morning Prayer publicly at 9.30am when there is a 10.00am Mass. On other days I will say this office privately ... this is so that I can be at the school on Mondays and have Thursday morning for other things.

It will be good to get the bell back so that I can advertise the fact that these Offices are being celebrated!!!

The first Monday Mass of each month will be a Requiem Mass, with a chance to invite families of those bereaved.

Anyone is welcome to join me as we put back the praying heart of the parish.

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.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Clevedon St Johns Annual Parishioners Meeting 2021 will be held in St Johns Church on **Sunday 25 April 2021** at 11.15am approximately,(immediately after the 10.30am Sunday Mass).

For those on the Electoral Roll at home shielding and unable to return to church, please contact the email address office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk if you wish to take part in the voting. Details will follow.

Nomination forms for the 8 PCC Member and 2 Church Warden positions are available in Church, on the front pews by the North Door. Completed forms should be returned to the red post box also located by the North Door before the end of Mass on 25 April 2021.

The intention is to conduct the APCM as we did in October, by keeping the meeting as short as possible so that we are not in church any longer than an hour, combining the Mass and the APC meeting. The expectation is that everyone should read the APCM reports in advance of the meeting. If there are any questions arising out of the reports please send these in advance of the meeting to office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk . Any questions raised at the meeting will be addressed in the minutes of the meeting and can be viewed when published. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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.

Donation

A donation of £210 has been sent to Christian Aid to help fund vaccinations against Covid-19 in many of the poorer countries of the world.

The money was raised by donations from generous parishioners in both Clevedon and Kenn who gave the money in lieu of cash which would normally have been raised by the annual Lent Lunches in Celia and John's home in Kenn which did not go ahead this year because of the pandemic.

Some of the money was gift aided so the total value of the donation was £237.50.

Many thanks to all those people who contributed.

Celia and John Andrews.

Pilgrimage



One of the victims of the pandemic was our planned Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, England's Nazareth. The shrine opens up again - alleluia - in July and we have tentatively looked at the weekends of 9/10 and 23/24 October this year. We would be very grateful to hear of your preferences if you would like to come with Fr Brendan on pilgrimage. Please let him or Peter Woolf know the dates you prefer ASAP. The costs are modest. Budget for around £150 all in.

Upcoming Social Events

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

Sunday 2nd May - After Church Zoom Coffee Morning

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 Church Grounds

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, Fr. Brendan's 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!!



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 North Door.
- Please refrain from entering the Vestry, this is for Clergy and Servers only.
- Keep the North 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.

At the beginning of Lent Fr. Brendan challenged us all to endeavour to attend at least one extra daily Mass and it was great to see so many folk respond to that request.

When we received last week's newsletter we were excited to see that Fr. Brendan and others will be celebrating Mass and saying morning and evening prayer in church most days. With more gaps than dates in our diaries still, we have decided to try to set ourselves a weekly routine of attending some of the services available. It won't be the same days each week but we will try to keep to our commitment.

As lockdown eases and "normal" things creep back into our lives, we shall feel extremely grateful that we have lived through the bad times, we have had our vaccinations, and a legacy of daily masses has enabled us to stay grounded in all that is important in our spiritual life at St. John's.

It would be so exciting for our refreshed parish life if some of us were in church, day by day, to worship together and to support Fr. Brendan in his new ministry.

Peter and Diane Woolf

**DONATE
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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.



Lent Boxes

As Lent is now over please return Christian Aid Lent boxes as soon as possible. Please leave the boxes at the back of St. Johns on the west end altar. Please complete the slip inside the box your details if you are a UK taxpayer and are happy to Gift Aid the box contents, this will allow claim the tax from the government at no extra cost to you.

Many thanks, Martin

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

Sunday Club resumes this week for the first time in a year for our young people

Meet at 10:30am in the main hall (we will be using the steps outside to the double doors from the church grounds to avoid going in and out of church)

Children will sit with siblings (if they have any) socially distanced from other family groups (i.e. opposite ends of the tables) and each family will share 1 pack of pens etc.

We will aim to finish around 11:05 - 11:10 ish to join the main service before communion (hopefully during the peace).

As always we will have to enter church quietly and children go straight to join their parents

The aim is to run this every fortnight initially and review after a few sessions.

If you are able to confirm (either by Whatsapp or email to Fiona) if your children will be joining us this week that would be helpful with setting out tables.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ.

1. Peter and John
2. John Dryden (1668)
3. Sheep
4. 10
5. Hope
6. 1707
7. Antrim
8. Anna Sewell
9. Willis
10. Jason
11. Sol
12. Kirsty Wark
13. Greymalkin
14. NATO: North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
15. Damask Rose
16. MASH

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
For the technically minded, please follow us 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 18 April 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

When in Doubt

Bible readings – Luke 24: 36 - 48

Questions

When have you doubted something?

How would you feel if Jesus stood here right now? What would you say?

How would you explain Jesus rising from the dead in five words?

Prayer suggestion

Pray that in times of doubt, God draws close to you

Jesus, we are so happy

That you rose again from the dead.

You are alive and with us wherever we go.

Help us to keep in contact with you through our prayers

and so know that you are our friend and Saviour

Amen.

This week's challenge

Ask someone if they think Jesus rose from the dead and share what you believe.

Activity suggestions

- Activity sheet for third Sunday of Easter
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Luke 24 : 36 - 48

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)