



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 23 MAY 2021

PENTECOST

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 22 May

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 23 May - Pentecost

10.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Monday 24 May

18.00 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 25 May – St Bede

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 26 May – St Augustine

10.00 Mass – Revd Preb John Andrews

Thursday 27 May

12.30 Market Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 28 May

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 29 May

10.00 Mass in – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 30 May – Trinity Sunday

10.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Happy Birthday! You are going to hear much from me over the next few days about how the Feast of Pentecost is the Birthday of the Church. It's certainly a reason for a party!

Seriously though, this is the time to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, as together we discern the way forward for our parish. The early signs are good, but there is so much we could be doing to engage with our community, the town and the school. So, I am praying that the Spirit will come with the gift of discernment and wisdom for us all.

Come Holy Spirit of God.

Fill the hearts of your faithful people.
And kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

Ever,

Fr Brendan

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 2:1-11 (*Reader: Martin*)

Galatians 5:16-25 (*Reader: Kevin*)

St John 15:26-27 & 16:12-15

Psalm 104

**R: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

(*Intercessor: Celia*)

celebrate!

POSTPONED

If you can, please stay for the first of our resumed Celebration Sundays this week. There will be sherry, wine and cake available in the Church grounds after Mass. You are very welcome to bring a hot drink with you – we can't yet provide this with current restrictions. Hope to see you there!

Due to the bad weather forecast, this event has been postponed until next Sunday, 30th May.

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 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.

DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTION 2021

Now is the time to elect our representatives to the Diocesan Synod for the next three years. If you would like a say in how the diocese moves forward then please consider standing for election. The synod meets three times a year, sometimes in Wells, sometimes in different places round the diocese, but more recently on Zoom.

The next meeting is scheduled for 28 July. Anyone on the electoral roll can stand for election, but they need to be nominated by our Deanery Synod members Kevin and Sue. Speak to them if you feel you could undertake this for us. **Closing date 30 May.**

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

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

Sunday 30th May-Celebration Sunday-Bring your own hot drinks, Wine, Sherry and Cakes will be served

Sunday 20th June – Celebration Sunday Bring your own hot drinks, Wine, Sherry and Cakes will be served

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

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



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

(Updated 17th May)

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, otherwise the two-metre 'rule' applies for communal worship.
- 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 30 applies outside the church.

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



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.

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 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.



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 23 May 2021 – Pentacost

I Will Pour Out my Spirit

Bible readings – Acts 2 : 14-21 (and John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15)

Questions (based on Acts)

Can you think of a time when you've seen the Holy Spirit at work?

Who does the reading say is poured out upon?

In what ways can the Holy Spirit help you to love and serve God?

Prayer suggestion

Sit quietly in prayers and ask to receive the Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit
We wait for you;
Fill us with your power.
Come, Holy Spirit
We wait for you;
Fill us with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit
We wait for you;
Fill us with your peace*

This week's challenge

Each day to ask God to fill you with his Holy Spirit as you serve him

Activity suggestions

- Activity sheet for seventh for Pentecost
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-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)