



St John the Evangelist

Newsletter

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTYFOURTH SUNDAY, TRINITY 16

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 14 September – Holy Cross Day

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 15 September – 24th Sunday, Trinity 16

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Jeremy Hellier

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 16 September – St Cornelius and St Cyprian

18.00 Mass

Tuesday 17 September

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 18 September

18.00 Requiem Mass

Thursday 19 September

12.30 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 20 September – St Andrew Kim Taegon and all martyrs of Korea and the Pacific

10.00 BCP Mass– Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 21 September – St Matthew

12.00 Walsingham Festival Pontifical Mass

Sunday 22 September – 25th Sunday, Trinity 17

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 50:5-9 (Reader: Jane)

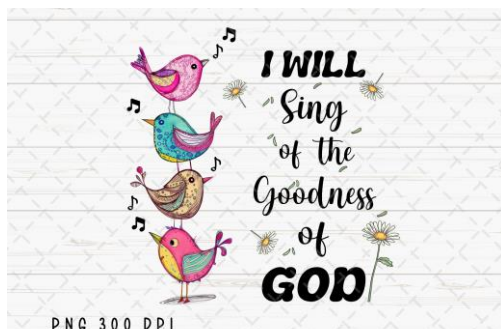
Ps 114

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

James 2:14-18 (Reader: Alison)

St Mark 8:27-35

Intercessor – Martin



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Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

First of all, many thanks to those who have covered the services while I have been out of the country. We have a great team of visitors and volunteers.

In Pula, Croatia, we came across the oldest building in the country, the Temple of the Emperor Cæsar Augustus. It predates the birth of Jesus, and Cæsar Augustus was the Emperor behind the census which took Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. Touching its stones was a remarkable feeling.

And then, on Sunday, Solemn Mass in the Basilica of S Marco in Venice. The choir altar is constructed over a simple stone sarcophagus which contains the mortal remains of Mark, Apostle and Evangelist. As we have returned to reading Mark's Gospel, written in Rome around 65AD, at this time in Year B, it was another extraordinary thought that the one who accompanied Jesus, who witnessed the miracles, his passion, death and resurrection, was lying there but one hundred yards away.

But should I be surprised at these feelings, because the Christian religion teaches us that at a particular point in time, among a particular people, the second person of the Trinity, the Logos or Word of God, was incarnate of the Virgin Mary. The Word became flesh for us and for our salvation.

And so how fabulous that the last ecclesiastical visit was to the Basilica of the Assumption of Our Lady on the island of Torcello, honouring the Mother of God. This remarkable 11th

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century Cathedral is one of the oldest churches in Europe, and it is Byzantine in style, with an iconostasis and numerous mosaics. It has an utter simplicity that brings one to one's knees.

The word 'holiday' comes from the corruption of 'holy' and 'day', and so it was that we enjoyed several holydays where the wonder and beauty of God was but a breath away.

With renewed love and prayers,

Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 14 September	Our blessed Virgin Mary and the Feast of the Holy Cross
Sunday 15 September	Our Church and parish and the residents of Queens Road, St John's Road, St John's Avenue and Hillside Road
Monday 16 September	Edward Pusey, a leader of the Oxford movement and his contemporaries who founded Pusey House and a library in his name
Tuesday 17 September	All who work with mental health patients and those with behaviour difficulties
Wednesday 18 September	All corporate decision makers that their dealings may be honest and fair
Thursday 19 September	Theodore of Tarsus who taught the Christian way of life. The market traders and chaplains
Friday 20 September	Civil servants and all who work in government departments
Saturday 21 September	Our blessed Virgin Mary. St Matthew the apostle and evangelist
Sunday 22 September	Our Oswestry Marion Festival. Our Church and parish

MASS TIMES

Below are the Mass times for St John's.



Sunday – 10.30 am
Monday – 6.00 pm
Wednesday – 6.00 pm
Thursday – 12.30 pm
Friday – 10.00 (Book of Common Prayer)

On Tuesdays at 10.00 am and Saturdays at 10.00 am
Mass will be said at All Saints, Weston Super Mare, BS23 2NL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16 September	Allotment initial working party – 10.00-11.00 Church Allotment (behind the Church Hall)
Saturday 21 September	Walsingham Festival of Our Lady – Elton Hall, St John's Church 11.00 – Refreshments; Noon – Pontifical Mass; 14.15 - Procession
Sunday 13 October	Harvest Festival followed by lunch
Saturday 16 November	Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper
Sunday 24 November	Celebration Sunday – Christ the King
Sunday 30 November	Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall
Sunday 15 December	Celebration Sunday -
Sunday 12 January	Celebration Sunday – Baptism of Christ

Christmas Event Vote

Thank you to everyone for voting. Most people voted to continue with the traditional Christmas Fayre so this will happen on November 30th between 2-4pm in the church hall.

We will need help to set up e.g. move tables, man stalls and clear away on the day.

I will put a list at the back of church asking for help and for donations in October. We will also need help to publicise the event nearer the time e.g. display posters, invite friends etc.

Some people did suggest amalgamating a festival of angels and a Christmas Fayre but we do not have the capacity to organize this currently. If anyone feels that they could join the community committee and take on some organizing of activities/events then please see Sarah or Father Brendan.



Fund Raise as You Shop

We have registered St John's with easy fundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easy fundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

Although you may only raise a few pence with every purchase, these donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohntheevangelistclevedon/>

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 Betty, our Sickness Point of Contact (SPOC), 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.

Website

The website address is www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/
The website is a dynamic tool, full of information, photo galleries and other facts about our Church and the people in it. Please send any comments or ideas to Fr Brendan

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.

St John's 100 Club

The 100 club is an easy way you can help raise money for St. Johns. It only costs £12 per year (equivalent to £1 / month) and you will be entered into a drawer every month with a chance to win a prize. Over the last 15 years the 100 club, has raised over £12,000 for the church and has paid out almost £8,000 in prizes. Providing we have more than 80* people join we will pay out £40 in prizes each month and any profit over £510 will be paid to the Church but there is no upper limit, the more the merrier and the more money that will be raised for the church.

The three prizes are:

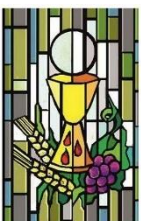
- 1 st Prize - £25
- 2 nd Prize - £10
- 3 rd Prize - £5

*If there are less than 80 members, there will be no 3rd prize.

If you join the Club, please contact any of the organisers to enquire about joining, application forms can be located at the back of the church on the leaflet table. Talk to any of us in church or by emailing using one of the email addresses below.

Fiona Dixon fional.dixon@btopenworld.com
Angela Edgar pctreasurer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk
Nicola Coaker churchwarden@st_johns-celvedon.org.uk

There are spare numbers available to buy. Please contact one of the organisers Details above.



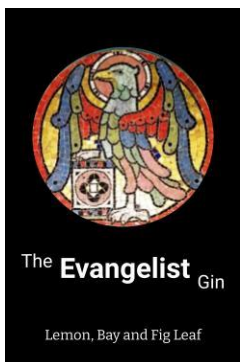
VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

If you would like to take one of the Communion elements to the altar during the offertory hymn, please let one of the sidespeople know when you come into Church on Sunday morning.

Wells Cathedral Parish Pass

You may have seen in the news, that Wells Cathedral has announced changes to its admission guidelines with free passes for parishioners in the Diocese of Bath and Wells and local people, and a new entry charge for tourists.

Entry remains free to enter for worship, prayer, and to light a candle and free passes are available for parishioners in the diocese. Information about the Parish Pass and how to apply for it is available from the Wells passes section of the Wells Cathedral website. You will note that the application form for a Parish Pass does require a signature from a churchwarden or incumbent.



The **Evangelist** Gin

Our fund-raising gin is now ready to buy!

Developed in conjunction with The Clevedon Distillery, made and bottled for St John the Evangelist Church.

Available to buy from The Clevedon Distillery, Market Hall, 5 Alexandra Road, Clevedon.

The Evangelist Gin, 50cl £31.00

A contemporary gin, inspired by the wild landscape of Patmos, Greece, abode of St. John the Evangelist. Locally foraged fig leaves and bay (from the grounds of the church itself) give a verdant note to this gin. Soaked in fresh lemon peel, it makes for an easy to drink G&T or enjoyed neat with plenty of ice.

Sustainable church flowers

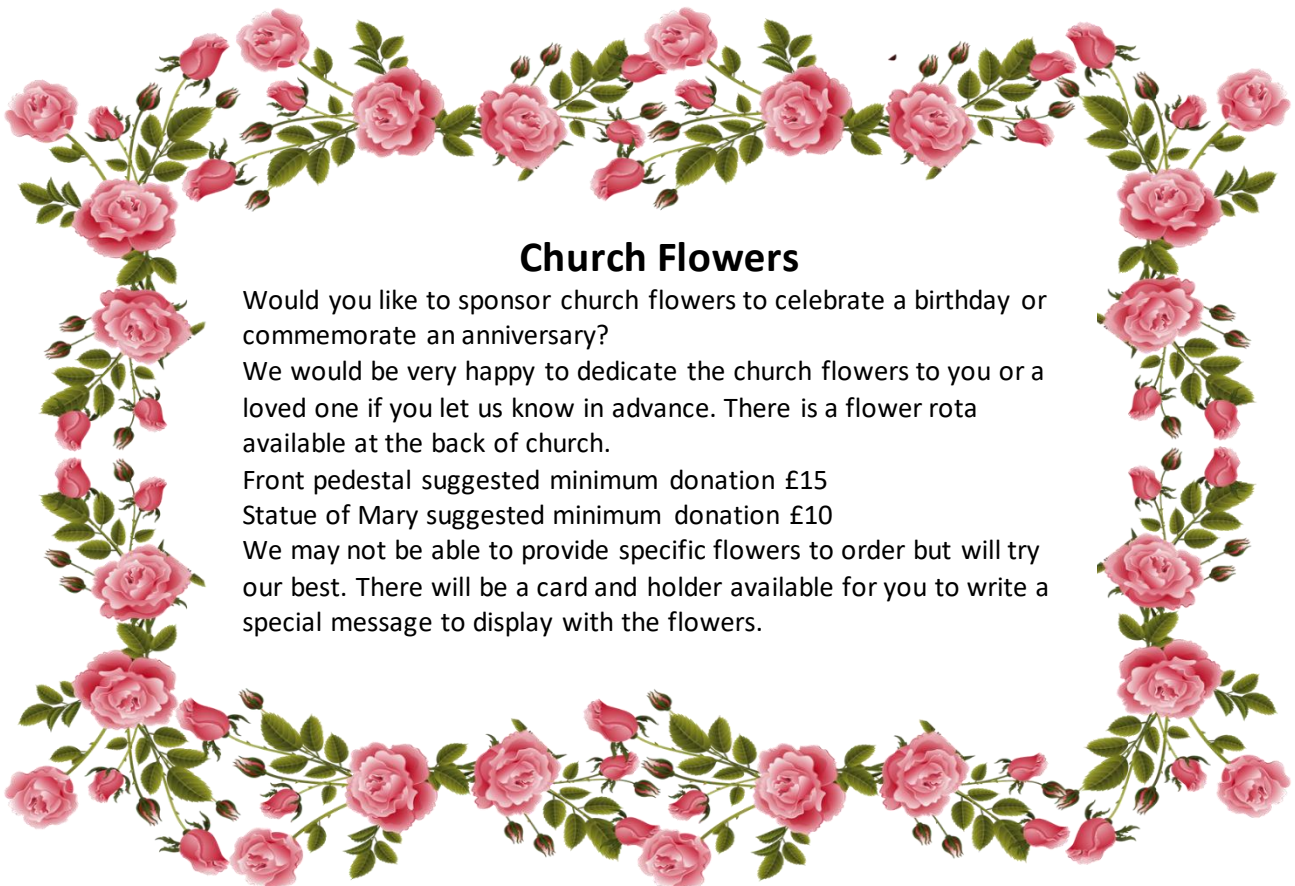
There is a drive within many church communities in the UK, and further afield, to try and reduce the impact that church flowers have on the environment. This includes avoiding the use of floral foam/oasis which releases microplastics into waterways as a 'mechanic' behind arrangements. We are currently trying to use alternative 'mechanics' e.g. chicken wire, urns and vases for some arrangements.

Sustainability also means growing and using 'home grown' flowers wherever possible to reduce our carbon footprint. In order to try and do our bit to save the environment, the PCC has agreed that we can use one of the church's allotment plots to grow flowers for church. We will try and grow flowers that can be cut and brought into church from April through to October. This will hopefully reduce our reliance on imported flowers.

The plot needs some initial work, and I would like to have a small working party on Monday 16th September 10-11am (weather permitting) to do an initial assessment. If anyone can help and has gardening experience, then please let me know.

Ultimately, we would like to stage a sustainable flower festival in St. John's in July 2025 involving members of the congregation, children from our school and other community groups. Watch this space!

Many thanks, Sarah



Church Flowers

Would you like to sponsor church flowers to celebrate a birthday or commemorate an anniversary?

We would be very happy to dedicate the church flowers to you or a loved one if you let us know in advance. There is a flower rota available at the back of church.

Front pedestal suggested minimum donation £15

Statue of Mary suggested minimum donation £10

We may not be able to provide specific flowers to order but will try our best. There will be a card and holder available for you to write a special message to display with the flowers.

Chat and Craft Group

continues to meet every Thursday afternoon in the Church Hall between 2 and 4pm. Bring your own project along to work on, and chat to fellow crafters. A drink and biscuits will be available. For more information, talk to Sue at church or ring on 01275 877710.



Do you have any pearls of wisdom which could be used in the newsletter? They don't need to be religious; perhaps a special gardening tip, favourite recipe or an interesting story you'd like to share with your Church family. You can even remain anonymous if you wish. If so, please speak to Dilwen or Gary or email office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

For those 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 Dilwen Miller or Gary Lewis.

Dilwen can be emailed at churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Gary's email address is churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

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



The Vicarage telephone number is 01275 879617

Please follow us on our website at: www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/ or at www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11185/ or on YouTube 'St John's Clevedon' or on Facebook: St John the Evangelist Church, Clevedon or join our WhatsApp group.

The postal address for St John the Evangelist Church is
Queens Road, Clevedon, North Somerset, BS21 7TH



Celia Quiz!!

1. Of which denomination was Copse Road Chapel when it opened in 1851?
2. Who was President of Uganda 1971-79?
3. Midway Island is midway in which Ocean?
4. Which TV sitcom stars Graham Crowdon and Stephanie Cole?
5. Of which Tribe was St. Paul?
6. How many children did Henry VIII's children have?
7. Which is the commonest type of plant in the world?
8. How many medals did TeamGB win in the Paralympics?
9. Daguerrotype was an early form of what?
10. Which theatre was burnt down in 1613 during a performance of a play?
11. The Greylag and Canada are what sort of creature?
12. What is the name of the gentleman in P.G. Woodhouse's Jeeves novels?
13. Which tea cake was created by, and named after, a Bath based pastry chef?
14. In which month of 1215 did King John sign the Magna Carta?
15. What is the northernmost town on the British mainland?
16. Salvador Dali was part of which early art movement?

Gordon's Posers

a: High road for old farm carts; b: Badgers field; c: Calming entrance



REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Saturday 21 September 2024

St John the Evangelist, Clevedon, BS21 7TG

In the presence of the Rt. Revd. Michael Langrish

Noon Angelus and Concelebrated Pontifical Mass

Picnic lunch (Drinks in the Elton Hall)

2.15pm Magnificat, Sermon, Outdoor Procession of Our Lady of Walsingham and Pontifical Benediction

Refreshments available in the Elton Hall from 11am
Plenty of on street parking





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Musical Director: Matthew Clark
Accompanist: Richard Lennox

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Fauré's Requiem

Saturday 19 October
10.30am to 4.30pm

at St John the Evangelist Church,
Queen's Road, Clevedon BS21 7TH

To register, visit www.clevedonchoralsociety.org.uk
or use the QR Code

Scores will be supplied on loan
Cost: £20 per singer



Family and friends welcome
for a free, informal concert: 3.30-4.30pm

Soloists:

Soprano - Livvie Beynon
(BBC Chorister of the Year Semi-finalist)

Baritone - Robert Pritchard

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