



# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2024

THIRTIETH SUNDAY, LAST AFTER TRINITY

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 26 October

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

### Sunday 27 October – 30th Sunday, Last after Trinity

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

### Monday 28 October – St Simon and St Jude

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 29 October

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

### Wednesday 30 October

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Thursday 31 October

12.30 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 1 November – All Saints

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 2 November – All Souls

10.00 Walsingham Cell Mass at St John's

### Sunday 3 November – 31st Sunday, 4th before Advent

NO MASS AT ST JOHN'S IN THE MORNING

11.00 Solemn Pontifical Mass at All Saints  
Rt Revd Michael Langrish

17.30 Mass (Said) at St John's

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Last week from my room in Walsingham I wrote about pilgrimage as an 'intentional journey'. And such it was, and a time of great blessing for all who attended. Many thanks to Peter Woolf for all the behind the scenes organization and to those of you who came along.

Our Christian life too is an 'intentional journey', a desire to grow in our discipleship and the fruits of the Spirit.

Today I am asking you to make an intentional journey to All Saints Weston-super-Mare, our sister Affinity Parish, on All Saints Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, when Bishop Michael Langrish will preside over the Patronal Festival Mass at 11am. The full address is All Saints Church, All Saints Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 2NL. It is just over 12 miles away. Perhaps this Sunday we can sort out transport? The Mass is followed by a Bring and Share Lunch and Solemn Evensong and Benediction at 2.30pm. This is a time for members of our two congregations to get to know each other. Please make it a priority. All Saints will come here for our Patronal Festival the first Sunday in May. If you cannot make it there is a said Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November here at 5.30pm but there is no Mass here in the morning.

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm Clevedon Choral Society will sing Faure's Requiem at our All Souls Eucharist.

'All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary

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## The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Jeremiah 31:7-9 (*Gary*)

Ps 125

***R: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.***

Hebrews 5:1-6 (*Judith*)

St Mark 10:46-52

Intercessor – *Celia*

My *peace*  
I give unto you  
Let not your *heart*  
be troubled,  
*neither* let it be afraid.  
  
John 14:27

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crises, of human living. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy; and this instinct also is expressed in the liturgy of All Souls' Day.' (*Common Worship 'Times and Seasons'*)

In the meanwhile clocks go back this weekend, and winter approaches...

With my love and prayers,

Fr Brendan

## PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Saturday 26 October</b>	Alfred the Great, king of the West Saxons. His whole life was marked by the compassion of Christ. He founded centres of education and cared for the sick and poor.
<b>Sunday 27 October</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Strode Road, Tweed Road and Kimberley Road
<b>Monday 28 October</b>	St Simon and St Jude, apostles of Christ
<b>Tuesday 29 October</b>	All living on the streets and dreading the onset of winter
<b>Wednesday 30 October</b>	The organisations and individuals who help to find accommodation and jobs for those living on the streets of our towns and cities
<b>Thursday 31 October</b>	Martin Luther – a German priest, theologian, author, hymn writer, professor and Augustinian friar, a seminal figure of Protestant reformation
<b>Friday 1 November</b>	All Saints' Day – our sister parish in Weston super Mare as they celebrate their patronal festival
<b>Saturday 2 November</b>	All Souls' Day – all who have died and gone before us. Our Lady of Walsingham and the members of St John's Cell as they meet for Mass today
<b>Sunday 3 November</b>	Martin de Porres, because of his care for all regardless of class or colour, is seen as the patron saint of race relations. Our Church and parish and the residents of Strode Road, Tweed Road and Kimberley Road

## 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

Saturday 16 November

Sunday 24 November

Saturday 30 November

Sunday 15 December

Sunday 12 January

Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper

Celebration Sunday – Christ the King

Christmas Fayre – 10:00 – 12:00 in the Church Hall

Celebration Sunday – Gaudete Sunday

Celebration Sunday – Baptism of Christ



"Amen. Please help me up."

### 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 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.



## CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

If you have alstromeria or dahlias in your garden, and are lifting or splitting plants this autumn, then we would love to have some for the Church allotment.

Please see Sarah.

### Website

The website address is

[www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/](http://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](mailto:fional.dixon@btopenworld.com)

Angela Edgar [pcctreasurer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:pcctreasurer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

Nicola Coaker [churchwarden@st-johns-celvedon.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Being a Christian  
is like being a  
Pumpkin**

God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then He washes all of the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. (Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23)

He puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)

### 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/>

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](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

## **Illustrated Talks on Music at St. John's, Clevedon**

**Sunday November 10th – 4pm: Dr. Martin Firth**

### **Richard Strauss: the 'Four Last Songs'**

In 1948 the composer of some of the greatest Romantic operas, Richard Strauss, was nearing his life's end. The composer who claimed he could describe a tea-spoon in music, set about describing the gradual decline into death having chosen four poems and set them to music. Here is no alarmist depiction of the end which awaits us all, no threats of Judgement, and no Gerontius-type passage over Hell to Purgatory. These are exquisite portrayals of a peaceful end, and the final song, At Dusk, contains the most graphic and intensely moving impression of death – and what follows.

Thought by many to be the finest iteration of all German lieder, Strauss's songs have been described by one music scholar as "perfect music". Here Strauss conveys, with captivating serenity, the acceptance of the inevitable which awaits us all.

In this illustrated talk, Dr Firth will demonstrate just how the composer reflects the texts so convincingly, and how death itself is conveyed in music.

**Sunday December 8th – 4pm: Dr Martin Firth**

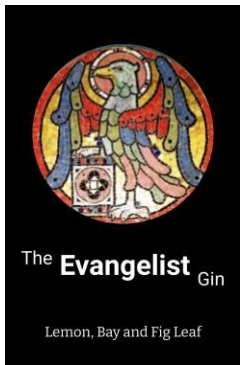
### **Bach and Handel: Happy Christmas!**

Often lumped together, and therefore assumed to be similar in outlook, Bach and Handel inhabited entirely different cultural worlds, even though born in the same year and country. Bach was the serious church musician, and Handel the flamboyant internationally acclaimed composer of operas. Hardly surprising, then, that their celebration of Christmas would be so very different.

Martin Firth illustrates how each composer has contributed music to celebrate the Nativity with excerpts from Handel's 'Messiah' and Bach's 'Christmas Oratorio'.

Each talk will last less than an hour in our newly-warmed church, and followed by refreshments.

These talks are FREE of charge!



## 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

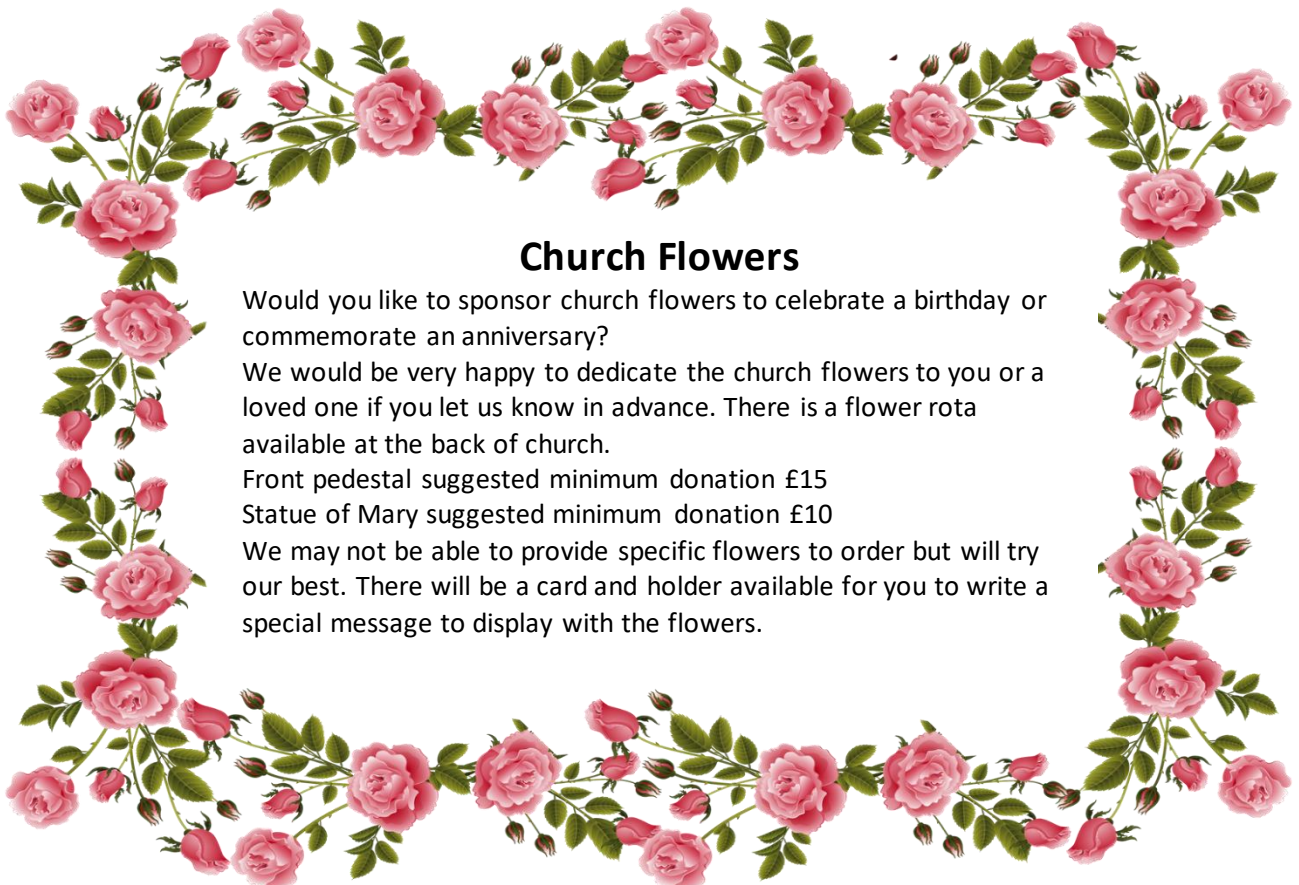
A contemporary gin, inspired by the wild landscape of Patmos, Greece, abode of St. John the Evangelist. Locally foraged fig leaves and bay (from the grounds of the church itself) give a verdant note to this gin. Soaked in fresh lemon peel, it makes for an easy to drink G&T or enjoyed neat with plenty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



### CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

If you would like to pack a Christmas Shoe Box, please see the information at the back of Church. If you have any questions, please speak to Sue at Church or telephone her on 877710.

Filled shoeboxes need to be returned to Church by  
**Sunday 10 November.**



### 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.

## Bell ringer's afternoon out!

St. Johns bell ringers set off last Saturday afternoon, in sunshine, with some ringing friends from Tickenham, on their

Where did we go this year?

First stop was Holy Trinity at Burrington. The bells are twice and the length of unguided rope had us all concentrating hard control. After a good workout we headed just down the road



the church of St. John the Baptist.

Again the 6 bells here are heavier than ours, with the tenor weighing in at 14cwt (711kg) compared to our tenor at 5cwt (300kg). However with a shorter draught (length of unguided rope) these bells went very nicely in spite of their weight. I think we all agreed we would ring them again! The oldest bell here was cast by a Thomas Gefferies around 1500.

Our next two towers are much closer to ours in weight (though lighter than the Tickenham ringers are used to).



glorious annual outing.

as heavy as ours, on our rope to Churchill, to

First in the lighter half of the afternoon was St. Leonards Four of the 6 bells here were cast by Thomas Bilbie of 1733, and they sound very good still. Some of the team the composting loo here!

Our last tower of the afternoon was St. Michael and All Rowberrow where 5 of the 6 bells were cast in 1752 by aforementioned Thomas Bilbie. According to the church

were a bit of a wild bunch and part of the bell hanging service was to stand in the village pond to check the bells were in tune. A summer job we presume! Hannah More had a dim view of the locals of Shipham and Roberrow who she thought were almost as bad as those who inhabited Cheddar! I wonder what she thought of bell ringers?

Time for some well earned food at The Swan at Rowberrow.

Thanks to all who came along, to all those involved in letting us into towers and to the team at the Swan who looked after us so well.

Where will we go next time? We'll let you know when we've been

That's All!



at Shipham. Chew Stoke, in even tried out

Angels in the guide the Bilbies



the different

there!



### 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.



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](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

Gary's email address is [churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

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



**The Vicarage telephone number is 01275 879617**

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



## ***Celia Quiz!!***

1. Who was the father of Jacob and Esau?
2. At the end of which century was the Window Tax introduced in England?
3. What is the capital of Belarus?
4. Which 1978 musical is set at Rydall High?
5. In which decade were Nonconformist Chapels built in Clevedon?
6. Who established the first printing press in England in 1477?
7. To which genus of plant does bell heather belong?
8. In the first Test against Pakistan who was England's highest scorer?
9. Who was known as The Lady Of The Lamp?
10. Which religious institution was guaranteed freedom in the 1st clause of the Magna Carta?
- 11.. Which kingdom in South Africa was once called Basutoland?
12. In which Dickens' novel does Little Nell appear?
13. Where do diamonds come from ?
14. The World Wide Web was invented by which computer scientist?
15. In what home do beavers live?
16. For which role is Leonard Nemoy best known?

Gordons' Posers

a: Are we ready? . . .Yes! b: Loads of cinders c: Home for woollies?



# **All Saints' Festival**

***All Saints Church  
Weston-Super Mare  
1st – 3rd November 2024***

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November @ 7pm**

**Solemn Mass of All Saints' Sung by the Constanzi Consort**

**Mass setting: Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina)**

**Cheese and wine afterwards**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November @ 10.30am**

**Solemn Requiem Mass Sung by Harmonia Sacra**

**Mass setting: Requiem Mass (Victoria)**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November @ 11am**

**Solemn Pontifical Mass of All Saints**

**Celebrant: the Right Reverend Michael Langrish**

**Followed by Parish Lunch and Evensong and Benediction at 2.30pm**



# **Murder Mystery Evening**

**An original 'who dunnit' by Celia.**

**7pm Saturday 16th November 2024**

**St. John's Church Hall.**

**Followed by a small fish and chip  
supper during deliberations and  
decisions.**

**£6.00 per person.**

**Numbers to Sarah by Sunday 10th Nov.**

# Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

In aid of St John's Church Clevedon.

Saturday 7th December

10.00am-12.00pm

St. John's Church Hall,

Queen's Road,

Clevedon.

£30.00 per person.

All materials and tuition provided.

Tea, coffee and homemade cake included.

Contact Sarah Lewis to book a place [SarahLewis@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:SarahLewis@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)



## FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SALE

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

10.00 - 3.00 PM

CHRISTCHURCH, CHAPEL HILL  
CLEVEDON

Wide range of fairly traded gifts & crafts;  
Christmas cards & decorations; Advent  
calendars; chocolate & coffee

**Home-made cakes & refreshments**

Proceeds to Uganda Concern UK & various fair trade suppliers  
Details from Gwen: 07760 415872/Terry: 01275 878049

