



St John the Evangelist

Newsletter

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2024

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY, 2 BEFORE ADVENT

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 16 November

10.30 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 17 November – 33rd Sunday, 2 before Advent

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Mark Smith

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 18 November – St Elizabeth

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 19 November – St Hilda

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 20 November – St Edmund

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 21 November

12.30 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 22 November – St Cecilia

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 23 November

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 24 November – Solemnity of Christ the King

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer and Benediction

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Daniel 12:1-3 (*Jane*)

Ps 15

R: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you

Hebrews 10:11-14 (*Alison*)

St Mark 13:24-32

Intercessor –*Martin*

» Be «
joyful in hope
patient in affliction
faithful in prayer
Romans 12:12

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

We are planning some changes in our parish communications beginning on Advent Sunday 1st December.

On that day we move to a new version of the Sunday readings, from the Jerusalem Bible to the English Standard version. We have decided to produce the readings for you to take away and refer to during the week and we will use a publication from the Redemptorist Press. On the reverse of that weekly readings sheet will be the day-to-day information about services, the sick and departed, and church events.

Four times each year an Affinity Supplement will be produced for both of our parishes. The four times are:

Advent and Christmas

Lent and Holy Week

Easter to Pentecost

Pentecost to All Saints

These publications will contain information about the liturgical seasons and the way in which we, as Affinity Parishes, will observe them.

Our WhatsApp group remains as it is with the opportunity I so value of being able to communicate with many of you at the touch of a button. This I did on Wednesday, and I so much appreciate it.

On Wednesday, for the sake of those of you who are not connected via WhatsApp, I wrote:

I'm sure that you all are feeling a sense of despair about the events of recent days. It seems to me that we need to do three things.

To pray for all who are the victims of abuse.

To pray for Archbishop Justin and our leadership as they seek to respond to the current crisis.

And our third task is to pray that all we are seeking to do to draw others into the reality of the love of God will not be undermined by recent revelations. Never let it be said that it ended with us...

Fr B

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

- Saturday 16 November** Margaret of Scotland – Queen and reformer of the Church 1093. She was known for her care of needy children. Our Blessed Virgin Mary, her Shrine in Walsingham and all who work and worship there. Fr Ben Eadon as he is licensed as Priest Administrator of the Shrine by the Bishop of Norwich
- Sunday 17 November** Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln who ensured that sufferers of leprosy were cared for and Jews were not persecuted. We pray for our parish and the residents of Wordsworth Road, Hansons Way and Wains Close
- Monday 18 November** Premature babies, their parents and families and the medical teams who care for them and counsel them
- Tuesday 19 November** All anticipating surgery or chemotherapy and who are concerned about its outcome
- Wednesday 20 November** Our friends and relatives who we have not spoken to for a while – maybe we can call them or send a card to say that we are thinking of them, as well as remembering them in our prayers
- Thursday 21 November** Clevedon market, its stall holders, customers and all visitors to Clevedon
- Friday 22 November** Cecilia – patron saint of musicians and church organists – all whose musical contribution enhances our services
- Saturday 23 November** Our blessed Virgin Mary, her shrine in Walsingham, all who work and pray there
- Sunday 24 November** Christ the King. Our Church and parish and the residents of Jubilee Place, Blackthorn Square and Closemead

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** **THIS WEEK!** Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper
- Sunday 24 November** Celebration Sunday – Christ the King
- Sunday 30 November** Christmas Fayre – **10.00 – 12.00** in the Church Hall
- Sunday 15 December** Celebration Sunday – Gaudete Sunday
- Sunday 12 January** Celebration Sunday – Baptism of Christ

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.



Christmas Fayre

30 November 2024

10.00 to 12.00

in the Church Hall

We need helpers for all stalls as there are a number of 'key' people who are not able to be there this year. Please sign up at the back of church.

Set up is 3pm on Friday 29th Nov, we need help to move tables and chairs etc.

We need donations of

1. Cakes
2. Jewellery
3. Chocolate
4. Bottles
5. Handicrafts
6. Unwanted 'gifts'
7. Xmas paraphernalia
8. Raffle Hampers- please see a separate list to sign up at the back of church.

Please leave all donations in the bags at the back of church or bring on the morning of the fayre e.g. cakes.





Thanks to Doug Ferrell (See Genesis 37:3-36) 02-11-2005

**DURING AN EARLY MISUNDERSTANDING,
JOSEPH WAS GIVEN A GOAT OF MANY
COLORS**



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/

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:

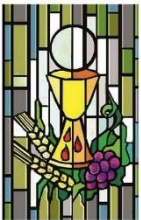
- 1 st Prize - £25
- 2 nd Prize - £10
- 3 rd Prize - £5

*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 pcctreasurer@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.

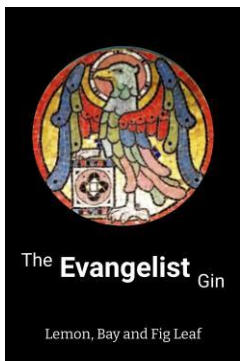
Fund Raise as You Shop

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



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.

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

Sunday December 8th – 4pm: Dr Martin Firth

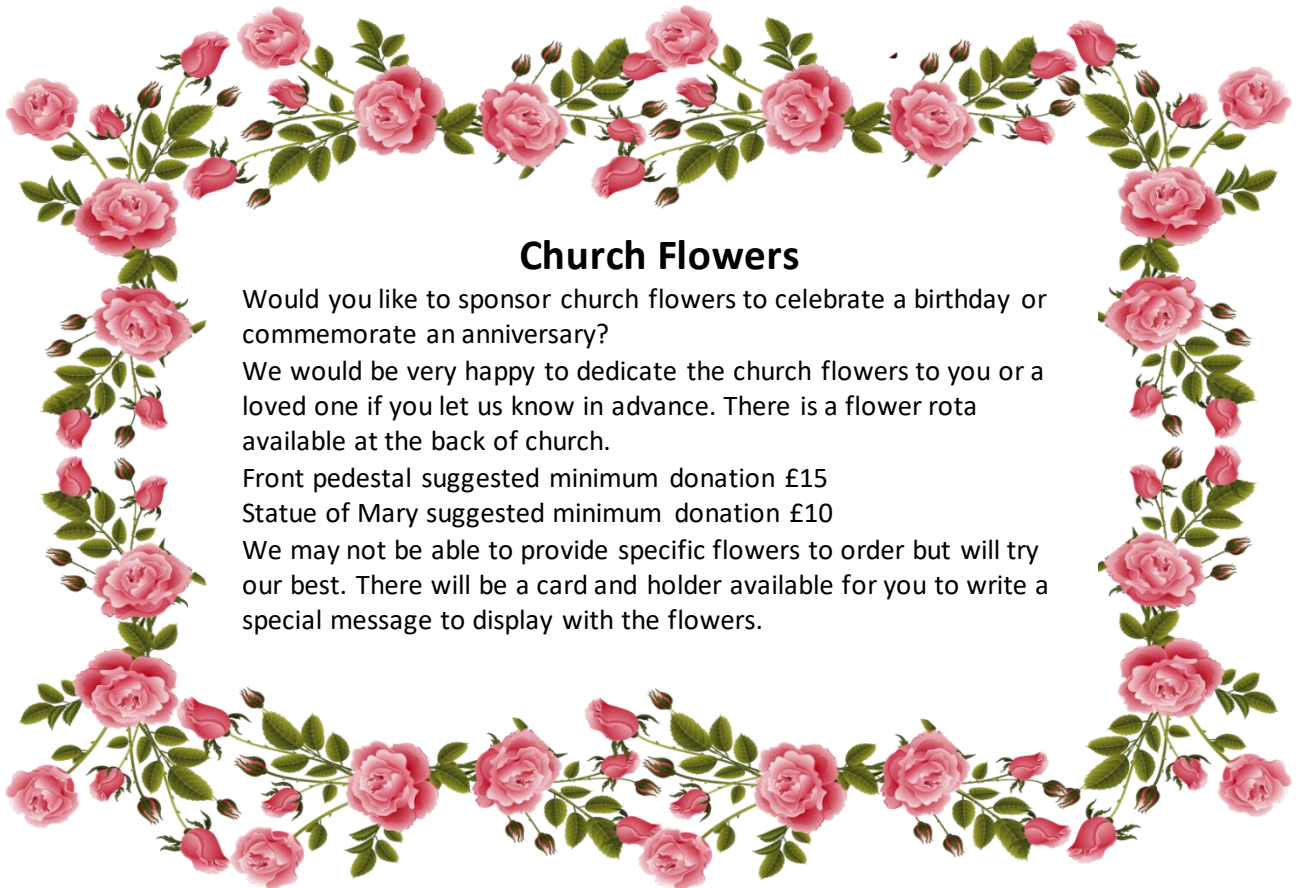
Bach and Handel: Happy Christmas!

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'.

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

This talk is FREE of charge!



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.



Some thoughts on Hymnody from our Organist Dr Martin Firth

“Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord” (Ps150). Well, the congregation at St. John’s certainly seem to do that. Even sitting on the organ stool far removed from the congregation, I hear you all singing – ‘lustily’ is perhaps an inappropriate term, but you get the idea. But why do we sing hymns at all, and what is a hymn anyway? The word is derived from both Latin and Greek – both meaning a song of praise, and the psalms in particular encourage us to ‘Sing to the Lord’.

A hymn enriches our liturgy in many ways: it enables us to join in fellowship with a common purpose – a corporate act, a coming together of individuals. Hymns are, in a sense, a way of praying aloud together. Of course, we do this in those parts of the Mass in which we all sing, but the hymns reflect the tenor of the service, and the texts put the flesh on the bones of the Ordinary of the Mass.

The texts will serve to structure the service – processional, offertory, communion, etc., and will celebrate the readings or special occasion as necessary. And the tunes which we use: where are these from? Many are hymn specific – we could hardly use the tune for ‘O God our help in ages past’ for any other set of words, or ‘O come all ye faithful’ for that matter, though their metres would quite happily fit any number of other texts. Other tunes are more utilitarian and are used interchangeably with different texts.

The tunes themselves are largely post Reformation, and many hundreds written in the 19th Century. Martin Luther was clearly of the school of thought that “Why should the Devil have all the best tune?” and happily pressed into service any number of secular tunes of the time. You may be shocked to learn that the Passion Chorale (‘O sacred head, sore wounded’), which we sing most reverentially in Passiontide, is known to have been adapted from a love song, and there is strong evidence that it was a bawdy drinking song in Hamburg long before that. (And how interesting that it forms the basis of Paul Simon’s famous song ‘Bridge over Troubled Water’.)

More thoughts next week

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

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.

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Queens Road, Clevedon, North Somerset, BS21 7TH



Celia Quiz!!

1. 600
2. Income Tax
3. Moose
4. Thomas Tu
5. January 1895
6. 15 March
7. Taff
8. Evans
9. Jack and Jill
10. November 1946
11. East Indies
12. Britain's Got Talent
13. Tenzing Norgay
14. William III (with Mary) (1689)
15. Motherwell
16. L. S. Lowry

Gordon's

a:Bruton;b:FarleighHungerford; c: Draycot

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



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



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, CLEVEDON

Happy
Christmas:
Bach and
Handel

With Christmas almost upon us, Dr. Martin Firth presents an illustrated talk on how these two great composer s marked the occasion, with excerpts from 'Messiah' and 'Christmas Oratorio'.

*Sunday 8th December 4.00pm
With Refreshments*

FREE ENTRY





Community Carol Singalong

**Wednesday 11th December 2024
2.30pm - 3.20pm**

**Everyone welcome - please join in this happy
occasion as we celebrate the
reason for the season
followed by cuppa and chance to chat until
3.50pm**

No charge, no collection, no 'catch', no need to book

**In the comfortable upstairs auditorium of Clevedon Baptist,
Queens Square (has accessible facilities)**

