



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 9 JANUARY 2022

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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**.

Fr Brendan is having a very well deserved break this coming week. Masses will be said in Church on Thursday and Friday. There will be no daily office.

Church Services (also on-line)

Saturday 8 January

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 9 January – Baptism of the Lord

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening prayer from the BCP

Thursday 13 January

10.00 Funeral of Joanne Dodds RIP

12.30 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Friday 14 January

10.30 Mass from the BCP – Revd Preb. John Andrews

Sunday 16 January – Second Sunday, Epiphany 2

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening prayer from the BCP

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 42:1-4 & 6-7 (Reader: Derek)

Psalm 29

R: The Lord will bless his people with peace

Acts 10:35-38 (Reader: Diane)

St Luke 3:15-16 & 21-22

Intercessor – Celia

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

In the Western churches, the Epiphany ('manifestation') became an occasion to celebrate one element in the story of Christ's birth, the visit of the far-travelled magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Matthew's account speaks simply of 'wise men from the east'; later tradition fixed their number at three, made them kings and recalled their resonant names – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. In this perspective, Epiphanytide is an apt season to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, appropriately falls in the Epiphany season, as does the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In the Eastern churches, the Epiphany is, rather, the celebration of Christ's baptism at the hands of John, when the heavens were opened and a voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's beloved Son. The miracle of Cana in Galilee, where Jesus 'first manifested his glory', follows immediately:

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding-guest
in thy Godhead manifest.

(Christopher Wordsworth)

The arrangement of the Sundays of Epiphany in the Revised Common Lectionary deliberately draws out these aspects.

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The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas). The child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognized by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel. He is both 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'. But the redemption he will bring must be won through suffering; the Incarnation is directed to the Passion; and Simeon's final words move our attention away from the celebration of Christmas and towards the mysteries of Easter. Many thanks to all of you who have supported our Christmas services. And with every blessing,

Fr Brendan



The Vicarage Telephone Number is 01275 879617.

Website

Please log into our website 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

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.

BREAD AND SOUP CHARITY ADVENT LUNCHESES



The very successful soup lunches held during Advent raised £205 for the Clevedon Food Bank. Thank you to all those who supported the lunches. We hope to do something similar during Lent.



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. Normally we have the kettle on, but while the electrics in the church hall are being worked on please bring your own drink. I will bring biscuits. For more information talk to Sue at church or ring on 01275 877710.

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/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All subject to there being no changes in Covid restrictions)

Sunday 30 January Candlemas	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 27 February Last before Lent	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 27 March Mothering Sunday	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 17 April Easter Day	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 29 May Ascension Day Festivities	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 26 June	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 24 July	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
Sunday 21 August	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

HAPPY NEW - - -QUIZZING

1. What was the first bird Noah sent out to ‘investigate’ the flood waters?
2. 1918 was a special year for women over 30 - why?
3. Cardigan and Pembroke are breeds of what dog?
4. Who was the first British cyclist to win the Tour de France?
5. Clevedon’s Wain’s Hill is the site of which historic monument?
6. How many times did Gladstone serve as Prime Minister?
7. What is Britain’s smallest falcon?
8. In Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream who is the lover of Hermia?
9. Which is the solar system’s largest planet?
10. In which decade did the Lovell Telescope, Jodrell Bank become operational?
11. Ougadougou is the capital of where?
12. Which composer created 6 Paris and 12 London symphonies?
13. The centenary of which British institution are we celebrating this year?
14. In which decade did electric cars come into use in Britain?
15. What shape are snow crystals?
16. Which actor has starred in Game Of Thrones, Gosford Park and The Jewel In The Crown?

AND GORDON’S POSERS

- a: Keep on putting it on;
- b: What good speakers do?;
- c: Eco upland;
- d: - with a tick or a cross.

Bath & Wells -Archdeaconry Days 6 to 12 February 2022

Sometimes, even in church, it can feel as if God only calls 'special people'. But God calls us all, because God created us, knows us, and loves us. We are all called daily to live lives that are true to our Christian faith. God also calls us at times in our life to particular roles - which sounds tidy but is often pretty messy! Often those calls are something we take up for a season only. Sometimes they are for the rest of our lives.

The 2022 Archdeaconry Days are running from Sunday 6 to Saturday 12 February. We are going to hear from a range of people from across Bath and Wells about their experience of God's call:

- What has helped people hear their call?
- Have any Bible stories inspired them?
- What about when the call has been far from straightforward?
- Who am I called to be?

January 2022 - The Calling Podcast

- Devised and hosted by young people in the diocese. [Access the podcasts here](#)

Sunday 6 February 3pm - Launch Service at Taunton Academy

- We will gather with Bishop Ruth to begin the week in a collective act of worship on the theme of calling

Monday 7 to Friday 11 February

- On demand content available, exploring calling and including daily videos

Saturday 12 February -Archdeaconry gatherings

- Coming together online to reflect and celebrate
- 10am – hosted by Archdeacon of Bath **This is us!!**
- 11.30am – hosted by Archdeacon of Wells
- 2pm – hosted by Archdeacon of Taunton

[Sign up here to attend the service, receive daily content and to attend one of the Archdeaconry gatherings](#)

Who to contact

Email: Cheryl Govier Go Team Adviser - Wells Archdeaconry

Email: Julia Hill Deanery and Parish Support

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.

Please follow us on our 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.

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.



Children's Activities
Sunday 9 January 2022 – 1st Sunday of Epiphany

Baptism

Bible reading: Luke 3: 21-22

Questions

Why do you think baptism is important?
What would it have felt like to be at Jesus' baptism?
Why do you think God chose to speak out loud at that moment?

Prayer suggestion

Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you

O God, we seek you until we find you,
When we find you, help us to know you
For when we know you, then we can love you.
Help us to come before you
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

This week's challenge

Ask some people about their experience of baptism

Activity suggestions:

- Activity sheet for 1st Sunday in Epiphany
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Luke 1: 39 - 45

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)

COULD YOU HELP SOMEONE LEARN TO READ?

Many adults in the UK cannot read. On a practical level, this means that even carrying out everyday tasks can be challenging, if not impossible. For instance, many have never been to the doctor as they're too embarrassed to have to read and fill in forms. Being unable to read and write is often associated with depression, isolation and even higher mortality. Read Easy is a charity providing one to one coaching for adults who cannot read.

There are lots of interesting ways to get involved in a Read Easy group and the local group often have vacancies for volunteers, both on our local Management Team and for Reading Coaches. At the moment we are considering expanding to cover the whole of North Somerset and so are particularly looking to fill the following roles based in the north of the area:

- **Coordinator**
Responsible for meeting and enrolling adults who want to learn to read, matching them with volunteer Reading Coaches and providing them with ongoing support and oversight throughout their reading journey. To be suitable for this demanding but most rewarding voluntary position, you must have strong people and organisational skills and a certain amount of time to spare each week.
- **Literacy Specialist**
Our Literacy Specialists provide support with literacy issues to the Coordinator and Reading Coaches and assist in running the Reading Coach meetings. The person who takes on this role should have a background in teaching reading/literacy (preferably but not necessarily with adults). Our volunteer Literacy Specialists feel a real sense of pride in giving practical solutions to their Coordinators and Reading Coaches.
- **Referrals Networker**
This is a vital and interesting role within our Management Team to create and develop relationships with local agencies, such as Job Centres, social services and many others who may be able to refer potential readers to the group. This voluntary position will suit people who thrive on networking and making new connections. The longevity of our local groups is down to securing a steady stream of Reader referrals, so you will play an instrumental part in making sure your group thrives.

We are also looking to fill the role of IT Support based anywhere in North Somerset:

We now offer coaching online so technology has become key to our delivery for some reading pairs. We are now on the look-out for a volunteer in North Somerset who can offer their IT skills to support others when necessary. It is amazing how much difference you could make to your local group by providing IT support. Even the smallest things like setting up email accounts and creating social media accounts can be a real challenge for some volunteers, so your expertise will make the world of difference to helping adults learn to read in your community.

If there is a role listed here that would suit you, please email Sue Hobson at WsMrecruiter@readeasy.org.uk. If there are no suitable vacancies listed at the moment, you can still get in touch if you would like to, and we can keep a note of your interest, if you are happy for us to keep your details.

Important Public Notice

Statutory School Admissions Arrangement Consultation

Proposals to Alter The Admission Arrangements Applying For St John the Evangelist Church School

The Consultation:

In accordance with the requirements of the 2021 School Admissions Code, the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust is proposing to remove the designated catchment area for St John the Evangelist Church School which is currently used to prioritise admission applications in the event of oversubscription (Criterion 3).

This proposal is subject to public school admission arrangements consultation according to the timeframe and arrangements set out below. It is proposed that the catchment area will be officially removed on 1 September 2023.

The reason for removing the catchment area is to generally improve the level of fairness for all children. It will no longer be the case that admission applications for children living within a defined catchment line on a map will be prioritised over those applications for children who live more locally when measured by straight line distance. Proximity of the home address to school will determine the application priority whereby those living closest to the school by straight line measurement will be given the higher priority. This also helps to support the principle of a wider school choice for parents and children.

You may view the proposed School Admission Arrangements and changes here:

[North Somerset Admissions – BWMAT](#)

The consultation will open on **3rd December 2021** and will close on **21st January 2022**.

During this period, you are invited to submit any comments concerning the proposals by letter or email:

Please e-mail: AdmissionsNSom@bwmat.org

Please write to: Admission Arrangement Consultation (North Somerset)
Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust
Flourish House
Cathedral Park
Wells
BA5 1FD

What happens next?

Following closure of the consultation, the Admission Authority will meet to consider any comments returned during the consultation period. Within eight calendar weeks of the consultation ending, a response will be published on the school website and consultees will be informed of this.

Once agreed in final form the Admission Authority will publish the 2023/24 Admission Arrangements on the school website by 15th March **2022**.