



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024

EASTER 7

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 11 May

10.00 Mass at All Saints

Sunday 12 May – Easter 7

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Mark Smith

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 13 May

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 14 May – St Matthias

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 15 May

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 16 May

12.30 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 17 May

10.00 Mass from the BCP – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 18 May

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 19 May – Pentecost

10.00 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 1:15-17. 20-26 (Reader: Alison)

Ps 102

R: The Lord has set his sway in heaven

1 John 4:11-16 (Reader: Gary)

St John 17:11-19

Intercessor – Martin



Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

As I write this we have just said goodbye to the children in the 'Owls' base at the parish school. They enjoyed picnic lunch in the grounds, craft activities in the Hall, an informal service in church during which the school bear was 'baptized', Edward Arthur, and then the children, their parents and carers had tea and cake. It was a lovely time, and a great way of engaging with the School community. Huge thanks to everyone who volunteered - activity helpers, cooks, tea makers, furniture movers. This was a fantastic example of what outreach is. Particular thanks, as ever, to Sarah who masterminded the event.

And yesterday evening was an extraordinary outreach event too, as Aidan Hart had us glued to our seats with his talk! Maurice produced some wonderful snacks, the wine flowed as usual, but the talk was outstanding. And most of the attendees were not known to me, though many introduced themselves.

And Sunday's Mass, Canon Nicola's sermon on St John at the Latin Gate, the gin tasting, and the lunch that followed... Super! I can only remark that we do hospitality rather well here at St John's. One visitor said it was the best church social event she had ever attended. Thanks everyone who was involved.

And the Concert on Saturday was excellent too. So all in all a great festival week.

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And now the Church enters the strange time between Ascension and Pentecost. It's time of waiting, of expectation, of anticipation. For at Pentecost we should expect the Spirit of the Living God to fill our hearts and minds anew, so that we may be made new, formed ever more in the likeness of Christ, who returns to the Father so that our humanity may be found in the God's very being. The vision of God is our destiny and Jesus's promise made real in his Ascension.

Happy Feast Day!

With love and prayers,
Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 11 May	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham and all pilgrims to her shrine that they may find peace and reconciliation
Sunday 12 May	Our Church and parish and residents of Moor Park, Hill Morr, Yeo Moor and Moor Lane
Monday 13 May	All living in squalid circumstances and those living on the streets without the ability to keep themselves clean and fed
Tuesday 14 May	All nations of the world intent on war that the hearts of their leaders may be turned to negotiation and peace
Wednesday 15 May	Social workers and reformers who seek to free men and women forced to live their lives as prostitutes
Thursday 16 May	Market traders and artisans in the Thursday market
Friday 17 May	Those who design and build beautiful stained glass windows
Saturday 18 May	Our school, its pupils, staff, parents and carers
Sunday 19 May	Our Church and parish and the residents of Somerton Road, Ilminster Close and Porlock Close

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

A BIG THANK YOU TO

Stationery House, 15 The Triangle, Clevedon.
A family run, independent business that produced additional copies of our Sunday Mass Service Booklet at short notice.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 19 May	Celebration Sunday – Pentecost
Sunday 19 May	Annual Parochial Church Meeting – after Mass in Church
Saturday 25 May	10.00 – 12.00 - Plant Sale
Sunday 23 June	Celebration Sunday
Saturday 6 July	14.00 – 16.00 – Summer Fayre
Saturday 13 July	Glastonbury Pilgrimage
Sunday 28 July	Celebration Sunday
Sunday 1 September	Parish BBQ
Sunday 8 September	Celebration Sunday – Education Day/King's Accession
Sunday 13 October	Harvest Festival
Saturday 16 November	Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper
Sunday 24 November	Celebration Sunday – Christ the King

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AND VESTRY MEETING **SUNDAY 19 MAY**

The APCM and Vestry Meeting will take place immediately after Mass on Sunday 19 May. This is an important event in the life of our Church and one at which you can be involved. Please see Gary's message over the page – Shine Your Light. A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts can be seen by clicking on this link :

<https://stjohnsclevedonorguk.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/StJohntheEvangelistChurch/EXTllskyEMpNvD6VoreG6ZEB332pXMxBINUlnL00FG7Hlg?e=dtqbj>

Questions should be submitted in advance of the APCM meeting to PCC Secretary@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk by Tuesday this coming week. Any questions asked at the APCM meeting will be answered after the meeting closes.

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/>

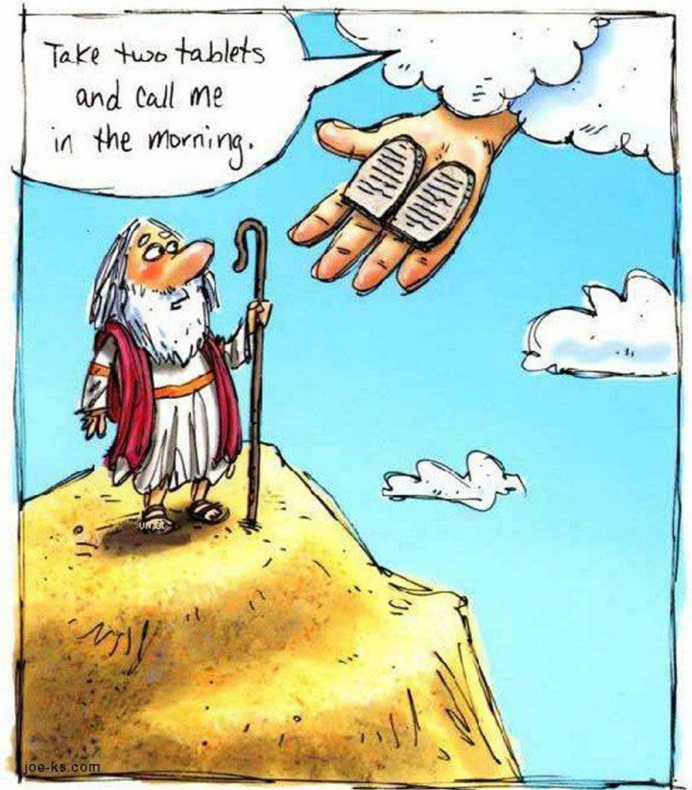
WANTED!

Small plant pots (suitable for an individual seedling) and multi-pot trays (NOT seed trays). Please see picture below. Sarah is collecting these.



AND IF YOU ARE A GARDENER

and are about to sow seeds (flower or vegetable) or divide older plants or take cuttings, please consider doing a few extra to donate to the Parish Plant Sale on 25 May.



SHINE YOUR LIGHT

We all know the bit in the sermon on the Mount where Our Lord cautions us about hiding our lamps under a bushel basket but instead commands us to let our light shine. We have opportunities for shining lights this spring here at St John's Church! Our Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM is coming up on Sunday 19th May and there are some roles that we need to fill.

Nicola has reached the end of the advisory six years' service as churchwarden and is also ready for a break from PCC. She has kindly agreed to remain Chair of our Finance Committee. I am eager to stand again as churchwarden and I hope that there will be someone in the congregation willing to stand too. The role is both demanding and rewarding. I have loved it so far and obviously Father Brendan is an enormous pleasure to work with. If you would like to find out more about the warden's role, please speak to Nicola, Father Brendan or me and we will tell you more.

We also have three PCC vacancies and an additional Deanery Synod Vacancy (that ex officio gives the holder a seat on the PCC). We would love someone from our church to be our representative on churches Together in Clevedon and we have been trying to recruit a Health and Safety Officer for some time. These roles are less of a time commitment than warden but also very important to the running of our parish life. Could you do one of them?

There is a theory of organisations that says if you have 100 members you have enough people to fill all the slots required without burning out the few enthusiasts. With routinely 60 communicants on a Sunday and twice that at festivals I think that we might be nearly at the point of having 100 active church members. I am always struck by the many hands that make light work at any church event, we usually have loads of people moving the chairs and sweeping up. I'm really hoping that spirit of 'getting stuck in' will be seen with people coming forward to take up our vacant leadership roles next month.

Gary



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.

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 Nicola 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.

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



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.



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.

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

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



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 £10

Statue of Mary suggested minimum donation £5

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.



Celia Quiz !!

1. From where does the name Clevedon come?
 1. In which African state was the Rosetta Stone recovered?
 2. In the natural world what are: Foehns, Mistrals and Chinooks?
 3. Who was Pierce Brosnan's James Bond predecessor?
 4. Who in the Bible is Naomi?
5. . Suleiman The Magnificent was the longest reigning monarch of which empire?
 6. A pipstrelle is which kind of animal?
 7. The musical My Fair Lady was based on which book?
 8. What do the French call The English Channel?
9. Which store was originally named Associated Dairies Farm Stores?
 10. Which river runs through the City of Leeds?
 11. In which village is Dove Cottage where Wordsworth lived?
 12. What shape is a honeycomb?
 13. Who was the last King of Wessex?
 14. Howmany countries are there in Africa?
 15. Which football club is nicknamed The Toffees?

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 Nicola Coaker or Gary Lewis. Nicola can 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

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