



# St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024

EASTER 4

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 20 April

10.00 Walsingham Cell Mass at All Saints

### Sunday 21 April – Easter 4

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer

### Monday 22 April

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 23 April – St George

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

### Wednesday 24 April

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Thursday 25 April - St Mark

12.30 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 26 April

10.00 Mass from the Book of Common Prayer –  
Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 27 April

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

### Sunday 28 April – Easter 5

## Words from Kevin Coaker

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, the fourth of Easter, is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday as the readings in all three years of the lectionary cycle are about sheep and shepherds. The gospel reading this year presents the shepherd as the one who lays down his life for the sheep and takes it up again. The Good Shepherd is thus the Crucified **and** Risen One, the paschal Christ of the Easter season.

In preparation for this Sunday's reading and Fr Brendan's teaching, I thought it might be worthwhile to remind ourselves of the verses that come immediately before our Gospel reading that we heard last year. Jesus says "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture".

Malcolm Guite, Priest and Poet, reflects on these words in this wonderful and evocative poem which leads us to this Sunday's (and every day's!) Good News that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who knows us and laid down his life for us, that he may live in us and meet us in bread and wine.

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## The Mass readings for this Sunday:

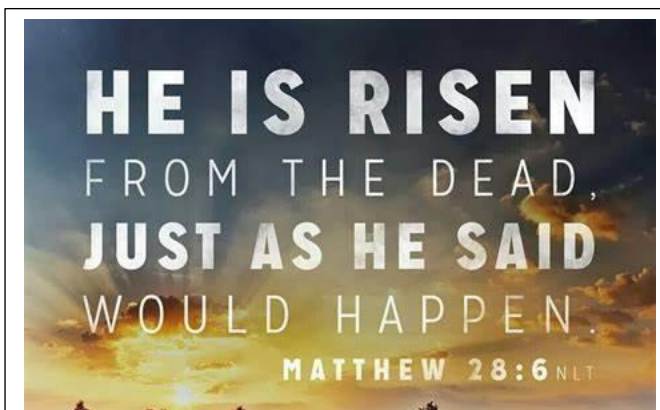
Acts 4:8-12 (Reader: Gary)

Ps 117

**R: The Stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone**

1 John 3:1-2 (Reader: Peter)

St John 10:11-18



### **I Am the Door of the Sheepfold**

Not one that's gently hinged or deftly hung,  
Not like the ones you planed at Joseph's place,  
Not like the well-oiled openings that swung  
So easily for Pilate's practiced pace,  
Not like the ones that closed in Mary's face  
From house to house in brimming Bethlehem,  
Not like the one that no man may assail,  
The dreadful curtain, the forbidding veil  
That waits your breaking in Jerusalem.  
Not one you made but one you have become:  
Load-bearing, balancing, a weighted beam  
To bridge the gap, to bring us within reach  
Of your high pasture. Calling us by name,  
You lay your body down across the breach,  
Yourself the door that opens into home.

## **PRAYER DIARY**

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Saturday 20 April</b>	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, her shrine in Walsingham, Fr Kevin, priest administrator and all who work and worship there
<b>Sunday 21 April</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Banks Close and Carice Gardens
<b>Monday 22 April</b>	Our Church school, its head teacher and staff, pupils, parents and guardians
<b>Tuesday 23 April</b>	St George – our patron saint
<b>Wednesday 24 April</b>	All members of St John's congregation that they may be a strong Christian presence in Clevedon
<b>Thursday 25 April</b>	St Mark the Evangelist and all parishes under his patronage. Clevedon market and its customers
<b>Friday 26 April</b>	All travellers, pilgrims and those needing a break from daily routine
<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, all shrines dedicated to her and Our Lady Fatima
<b>Sunday 28 April</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Corner Croft and Westfield.

## **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**

<b>Thursday 25 April</b>	<b>19.30 - PCC Meeting in the James Room</b>
<b>28 April to 5 May</b>	<b>St John's Festival Week</b>
<b>Sunday 5 May</b>	<b>Bring and Share Lunch</b>
<b>Wednesday 8 May</b>	<b>19.00 - Talk by Aidan Hart, iconographer</b>
<b>Sunday 19 May</b>	<b>Celebration Sunday – Pentecost</b>
<b>Sunday 19 May</b>	<b>Annual Parochial Church Meeting – after Mass in Church</b>
<b>Saturday 25 May</b>	<b>Plant Sale – TBC</b>
<b>Sunday 23 June</b>	<b>Celebration Sunday</b>
<b>Saturday 6 July</b>	<b>14.00 – 16.00 – Summer Fayre</b>
<b>Saturday 13 July</b>	<b>Glastonbury Pilgrimage</b>
<b>Sunday 28 July</b>	<b>Celebration Sunday</b>
<b>Sunday 1 September</b>	<b>Parish BBQ</b>
<b>Sunday 8 September</b>	<b>Celebration Sunday – Education Day/King's Accession</b>
<b>Sunday 13 October</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>
<b>Saturday 16 November</b>	<b>Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper</b>
<b>Sunday 24 November</b>	<b>Celebration Sunday – Christ the King</b>

## **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.

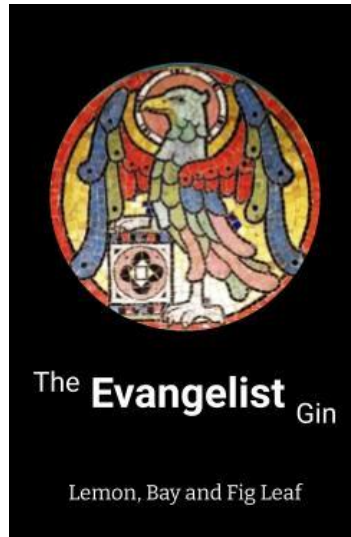
We also have three PCC vacancies and an additional Deanery Synod Vacancy (that ex officio gives the holder a seat on the PCC). We would love someone from our church to be our representative on churches Together in Clevedon and we have been trying to recruit a Health and Safety Officer for some time. 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

# 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.

## **Where and when you can try The Evangelist Gin**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Tasting at St John's Patronal Festival Lunch

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Evangelist Gin Tasting Evening at The Clevedon Distillery

19:00 - 20:30.

We will taste and compare The Evangelist Gin with three others, discuss the genesis of gin and how different gins are designed to be drunk in different ways.

The bar will be open afterwards. To book use the link below

<https://square.link/u/rz8AYA95> or QR Code for the events



## BRING AND SHARE LUNCH SUNDAY 5 MAY

As part of our Festival Week celebrations, there will be a Bring and Share lunch at 12.30 on Sunday 5 May. We hope as many people as possible will join us. There is a list at the back of Church with suggestions for food donations – do please sign up, remembering to tell us how many people will be attending with you and what food you will be bringing. Any questions, please speak to Sarah or Debra.

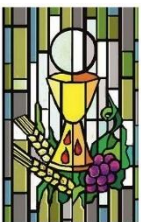
### WANTED!

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.



### 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.

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

## 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.

## 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 [pctreasurer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:pctreasurer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

Nicola Coaker [churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.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.



Calling all bakers! If you would like to provide a cake(s) for one of our regular Celebration Sundays, please add your name to the list at the back of Church. Alternatively, if you would like to celebrate a special occasion (perhaps an anniversary, birthday or exam success) please put your name against the relevant date and bring along your cake (it doesn't have to be homemade) on the day. Any questions, please speak to Sarah or Debra.



### 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

### 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.

### 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.



### Church Flowers

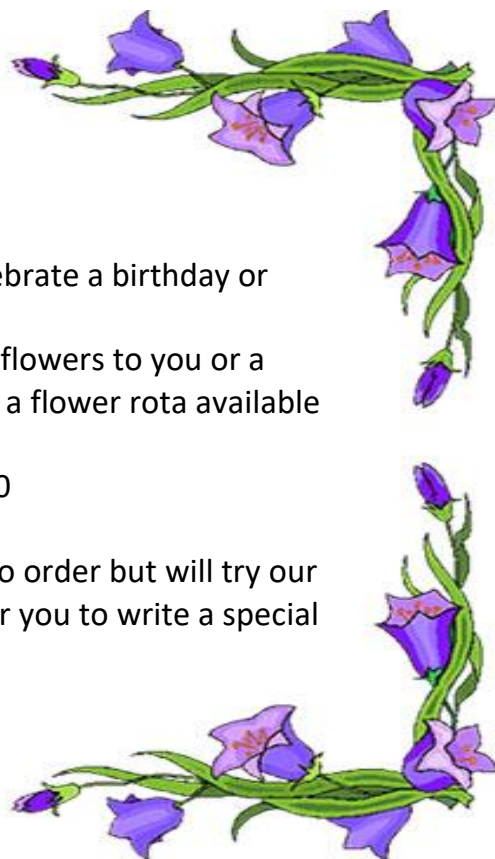
Would you like to sponsor church flowers to celebrate a birthday or commemorate an anniversary?

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.





### 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/>

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

- 1. Matthias**
- 2. 1960**
- 3. Power**
- 4. The King And I (Rodgers and Hammersteen)**
- 5. Turner**
- 6. Marconi**
- 7. Ethiopia**
- 8. Steven Spielberg**
- 9. Hawaii**
- 10. 1701(Norwich Post)**
- 11.Oakham**
- 12. Dropped from the Olympics**
- 13. Henry VIII**
- 14. David Lloyd George**
- 15. Chlorophyll**
- 16. The Apprentice**

**GORDON'S**

**a: Crosskeys; b: Codrington; c: Little Badminton**