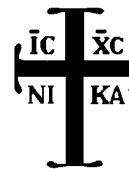




St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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 20 November

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 21 November – Christ the King

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover
Preacher – Rev'd Nicola Stanley

17.30 Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

Monday 22 November – St Cecilia

18.00 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 23 November

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Wednesday 24 November

10.00 Mass – Fr Robert Ward

Thursday 25 November

12.30 Requiem Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

14.00 Funeral of Dennis Essex

Friday 26 November

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 27 November

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 28 November – Advent Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover
Preacher – Fr Noel Hector

17.30 Said Evening Prayer from the BCP

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

It will be very good to welcome the Revd Canon Nicola Stanley as our preacher this Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King. Nicola is Canon Precentor of Bristol Cathedral, my successor but one. As is the custom Mass will end with a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, brings the Church's year to a close, and calls us to celebrate again Jesus's victory over suffering and death. As the Lord's servants, we offer to him all that we are, and invite him to reign within our hearts, so that we can play our part in bringing God's truth, love, justice and peace to the world. During Advent we have a succession of visiting preachers: the Revd Prebendary Noel Hector, Rector of All Saints Clevedon; Fr Mark Smith, Chaplain of Kings College Taunton; Revd Anthony Wareham, Senior Minister at Clevedon Baptist Church; and the Rt Revd Mike Hill, formerly Bishop of Bristol. On Advent Sunday, 28th November at 5.30pm, there will be a reflective service built around the Advent 'O' Antiphons - a chance to enter into the mystery of the season.

These are the services leading up to the Feast of the Epiphany for your diaries:

Sunday 12th December

3pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE with St John's School

Sunday 19th December

5.30pm LESSONS AND CAROLS

24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm FAMILY CRIB/CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

6pm Vigil Mass

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10.30am SOLEMN MASS

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The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Daniel 7:13-24 (*Reader: Helen*)

Psalms 93

R: The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.

Revelation 1:5-8 (*Reader: Celia*)

St John 18:33-37

Intercessor – *Martin*

Daily Prayer (The Office)

Evening Prayer is said publicly in church every day (except Wednesday) at 5.30pm.

Morning Prayer is said at 9.30am when there is a 10.00am Mass.

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27th December - FEAST OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

6pm MASS WITH CAROLS

28th - 31st December

Mass at the usual times

1st January 2022 – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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6th January – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

19.30pm SOLEMN MASS and Vicarage Party

So, plenty to be looking forward to!

Ever

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.

It would be very good if we had a prayer theme for each day of the week that we could all focus on, to help unite us as a parish.

Your parish priest has been trying to make time to create one but to no avail.

We are therefore looking for a volunteer.

Would you be able to look at the days of a month with the Ordo (which gives you all the liturgical detail, saints days etc.) at your side, and think of a prayer theme for each day other than Sundays when the prayer theme is 'Parish and People'? It's a relatively simple task. It just needs someone with the time to do it.

If this might be you, please have a word with Fr Brendan.

WANTED!



St John's Church urgently needs to put in place a "meet & greet" team to be available for Sunday services and also for other special services. A smile and a friendly greeting go a long way towards making a visitor feel welcome and indeed our regular worshipers too. If you are willing to be part of a team please talk with me or email me on dianemw@blueyonder.co.uk and I will set up a rota.

It would also be good if more folk were willing to read a lesson on Sunday mornings, or indeed a weekday. If you would like to lead the Sunday intercessions Fr. Brendan is willing to run a workshop to enable that. Please contact me or Fr. Brendan if you are willing to help with any of these requests. Thank you, Diane.

Advent Saturday Church Opening - Volunteers Please

We are planning to open the Church on Saturday 4th, 11th and 18th December between 10.30 am and 1.00 pm (Mass is from 10 till half past) to show off our beautiful building with light refreshments available. We are looking for volunteers to help for an hour or so to either serve hot drinks, make a cake or welcome visitors. We also plan to sell our draw tickets, the remains of the items from our church shop and indeed any other Christmassy things. It's an opportunity to raise some much needed funds as well. So, if you feel able to volunteer for an hour, feel like channelling your inner Mary to bake a cake or two, there is a list at the back of the Church to pop your name on. Please speak to Nicola or Kevin. Thank you.

BREAD AND SOUP CHARITY ADVENT LUNCHES



Please consider joining Fr Brendan for a charity lunch every Thursday during Advent. Lunches will be held in the Vicarage at 1.00 pm (after the Market Mass, which begins at 12.30. Donations please, all proceeds will be sent to Clevedon Food Bank. There is no need to book a place, though it would be useful for catering purposes to know how many people to expect! Please let Fr Brendan know of any special dietary requirements.



Chat and Craft Group is meeting every Thursday afternoon drop-in 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- 4th Sunday of the month (not December) – Celebration Sunday – join us for a glass of wine / sherry and cake to celebrate any birthdays or anniversaries during the month

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL EVENING



David Green is going to sing some Christmas songs and carols in the Church Hall at **7.00 pm on Friday 10 December**. This event will be free, but ticketed. Mince pies and mulled wine (or tea/coffee) will be available in the interval. Donations can be made to the Trussell Trust. Please let David know as soon as possible if you would like tickets – 07798 522918 or dmewin44@gmail.com

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/>

CHRISTMAS FUND RAISING



Please continue to support our Christmas fund raising by taking raffle tickets to sell to your friends, work colleagues, neighbours and relatives, not forgetting to buy some for yourself! Already people have been very generous with their promises of prizes. Please bring these to Church and give them to Debra, or to Judith. It would be very helpful if you would place a tick by your gift once you have delivered it to us. Similarly, please return the raffle ticket counterfoils with the corresponding amount of money and give them both to Judith.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES

Any donations of prizes towards the Christmas Raffle will be gratefully received. If you have already marked something off on the list in Church – THANK YOU! Please give your gift(s) to Judith or Debra as soon as possible. There are still a few items on the list in Church if you would like to give something specific or feel free to supply any other prize.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

All materials and tuition provided.

£25 per person includes coffee and homemade cake.

St John's Church Hall,
Clevedon.
Saturday 27th November
2021. 10am-12.30pm.

Limited places. To book
please contact
pcctreasurer@stjohns-
clevedon.org.uk





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Many of you will know that we sponsor a child through the charity Embrace – her details are in the Church porch. If you would like to further support the work of Embrace in the Middle East, please take a moment to look at their online brochure, which is full of beautiful cards and alternative gifts.

The link is <https://shop.embraceme.org> or call 01227 811646

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 new 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.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS CHRISTMAS

In the week leading up to Christmas Clevedon, Nailsea, Portishead and Yatton foodbanks will be giving out Christmas hampers, and parcels to local individuals and families in crisis. Please support us by purchasing an item from the shopping list

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Christmas Cake
Savoury Biscuits
Hot Chocolate
Chocolate/ Sweets
Toiletries
Long Life Squirty Cream
Long Life Juice
Pringles
Soft Drinks
Tinned Salmon

Don't forget...

You can help transform
more lives with a
financial donation too.



www.clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk
info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1163153

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2021

The Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady Walsingham October 2021.

The 14 pilgrims at the end of our stay at the Shrine agreed that they were going home uplifted having benefited in several ways from the spiritual experience. There were several memorable "Walsingham happenings" including the parish Masses in the Holy house, The Stations of the Cross both lead by Father Brendon with many of us also participating. All 14 completing the Pilgrim mile to & returning from the Roman Slipper Chapel with Cameron showing us they way it should be walked. We all ate in the refectory; had refreshments in the Norton Room and kept up the Pilgrims obligation to ensure the local hostelry received sufficient trade during our stay to ensure its survival until next time!

Some of us were already Members of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham and sufficient of the group joined making it possible to have a Cell based at St John the Evangelist Clevedon. Duties of cell members, remember the several Mary Festivals and attend where possible a monthly Mass, Our Lady of Walsingham being the Intention. The first Saturday of the Month being the day set aside, beginning this December.

We were impressed by the standard of accommodation in the Milner Wing.

Preparations are beginning to make another Parish Pilgrimage next October. Details will be available soon.

We also agreed to fund a St John the Evangelist Clevedon Light within the Shrine, this will be around the Holy House.

We also wish to financially assist the PCC to obtain a cashless giving access point in St John's, thereby helping to increase the funds of the Church.

The best wishes and prayers of our good friend & past worshipper at St John's, Fred, were very much appreciated & are warmly returned.

Peter.



Sunday 21 November 2021 – Christ the King, Sunday before Advent

Alpha and Omega

Bible readings – Revelation 1: 8 – 8 (John 18: 33 – 37)

Questions

Revelation is the last book in the bible. What are your favourite books?

What have you started to do and struggled to finish?

What do you think “who is and who was, and who is to come” means?

Prayer suggestion: - Thank God that he is interested in you and all you do.

Father God,
I Pray for those men and women,
Past and present,
Who served and serve for us nobly and bravely
Amen

This week’s challenge: - Keep going when you find things hard

Activity suggestions:

- Activity sheet for Christ the King
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on remembrance Sunday and John 18: 33 – 37

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)