



St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024

EASTER 5

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 27 April

10.00 Mass at All Saints

Sunday 28 April – Easter 5

10.30 Solemn Mass – Rt Revd Michael Langrish

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 29 April – St Catherine of Siena

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 30 April

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 1 May – May Day

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 2 May - St Athanasius

12.30 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 3 May – St Philip and St James

10.00 Mass from the BCP – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 4 May – The English Martyrs

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 5 May – Easter 5

10.00 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer and Benediction

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31 (Reader: Dilwen)

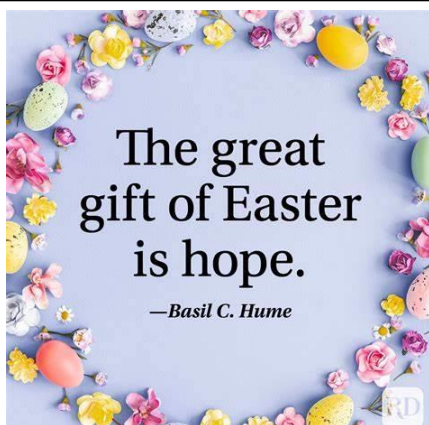
Ps 21

R: You are my praise, O Lord, in the great assembly

1 John 3:18-24 (Reader: Jane)

St John 15:1-8

Intercessor – Judith



Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

Sunday marks the beginning of our Patronal Festival, 2024, with Clevedon Choral singing Evensong for us at 5.30pm. There's a glass of wine to enjoy afterwards.

Next Saturday Clevedon Choral perform their spring concert as part of our festival, and on Sunday 5th May we welcome our friend Canon Nicola Stanley as preacher at our Patronal Festival Mass which, as you know is followed by a parish lunch. Evensong and Benediction ends the day at 5.30pm.

On Wednesday 8th May we welcome the world-renowned icon writer Aidan Hart to give a talk about the Festival Icons in our church and his life as an artist. This is 7 for 7.30pm. The talk will last about an hour, so it should still be light at going home time.

Please do support these events as you are able.

I was delighted to share with the PCC some correspondence I recently received from the Diocese: 'The Bishop and curate matching group have recently met to discuss potential Training Incumbents for curates who will be ordained in 2025. Following that meeting we would like to invite you to attend a group discussion with a view to you being included in the Training Incumbent pool.' This means, dear friends, that our parish has been deemed suitable for a newly ordained person to begin his ministry. This is an exciting development. Whoever comes will work with me across both parishes first as a deacon for one year, and then as a priest. Deo gratias! We should all feel properly encouraged about this development, for it

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is yet another indicator of the trust and confidence the Diocese has in us as a community, and in the Catholic life we are seeking to authentically live out here. I will keep you informed of developments.

There is much to celebrate as we reach our Patronal Festival again this year. It is wonderful to see yet more people attracted to our community, and I am privileged to be your parish priest and Vicar.

With my love and prayers at this special time

Ever,

Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 27 April	Our Blessed Virgin Mary, all shrines dedicated to her and Our Lady Fatima
Sunday 28 April	Our Church and parish and the residents of Corner Croft and Westfield.
Monday 29 April	A positive start to a fresh week
Tuesday 30 April	All who lead a contemplative life style
Wednesday 1 May	May Day and the continuation of our Festival Week
Thursday 2 May	St Athanasius and all Christians living in Egypt. Our Thursday market, its stall holders and customers
Friday 3 May	St Philip and St James and all who accept the call to follow Jesus
Saturday 4 May	St John's Walsingham Cell who meet for Mass today. Our Lady of Walsingham
Sunday 5 May	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

ACS Lent Boxes

If you have one of the Additional Curate Society Lent boxes at home for loose change, please could you return it as soon as possible to Derek Coaker so we can pass on our donation to the Society. Thank you !

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28 April to 5 May	St John's Festival Week
Sunday 5 May	Patronal Festival Bring and Share Lunch - 12.30 – Church Hall
Wednesday 8 May	19.00 - Talk by Aidan Hart, iconographer
Sunday 19 May	Celebration Sunday – Pentecost
Sunday 19 May	Annual Parochial Church Meeting – after Mass in Church
Saturday 25 May	Plant Sale – TBC
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

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

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. Please bring your prepared food, in a cold bag if it needs to be kept cool, to the James Room before Mass on 5 May. 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

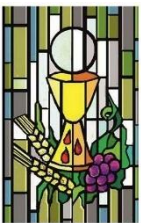
and are about to sow seeds (flower or vegetable) or divide older plants or take cuttings, please consider doing a few extra to donate to the Parish Plant Sale on 25 May.



"TRUE, YOU WERE NEVER A LEADER, AND YOUR CONVICTIONS WERE AS FLEXIBLE AS A RUBBER HOSE, NEVERTHELESS – YOU ALWAYS LOOKED CLASSY AND SOUNDED COOL. COME ON INTO HEAVEN!"



Precisely what some are expecting to happen at Judgment.



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

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

Angela Edgar pctreasurer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Nicola Coaker 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

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.



Church Flowers

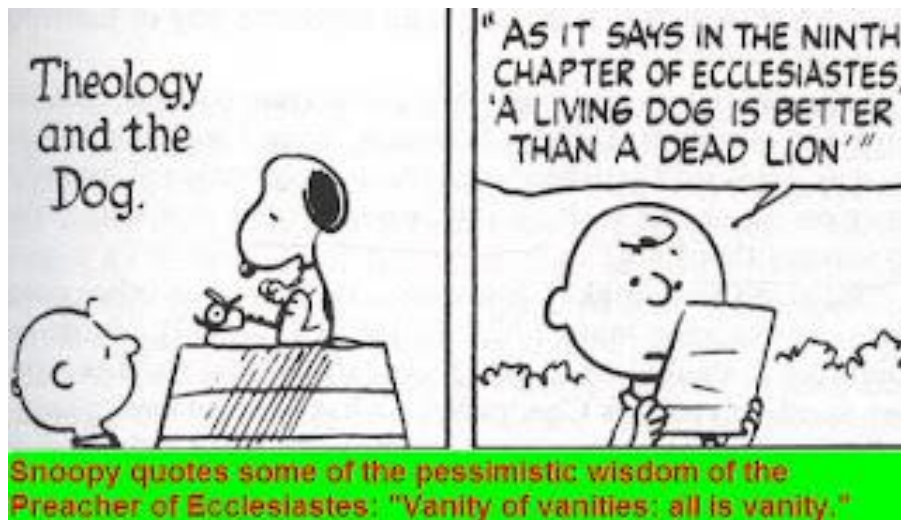
Would you like to sponsor church flowers to celebrate a birthday or commemorate an anniversary?

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.



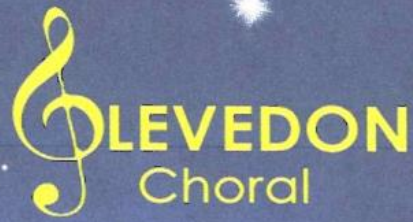


Celia Quiz !!

1. When did the first meeting of Clevedon Urban District Council take place?
2. Which American President's family home was in Northhamptonshire?
3. Latvia lies between which countries?
4. Haydn and Mozart were both tutors of which other composer?
5. Which centurion did Peter baptise in Caesaria?
6. Which Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy negotiated the release of British hostages in Libya in 1985?
7. Which species of wild dog is only found in Australia?
8. Which US actor plays the lead surgeon in TV's MASH?
9. What is the language of North Eastern Spain?
10. In whose rule was the Constitutional monarchy in Britain established?
11. What is the highest point of the Brecon Beacons?
12. What is the meeting place of the pilgrims in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales?
13. In which country did Karl Marx spend most of his life?
14. Between which two cities did the first steam train passengers travel in 1825?
15. Liquorice is made from which type of plant?
16. Who is Somerset County Cricket's captain?

GORDON'S POSERS

a: Reynards place; b: George Bernard's family seat; c: Typo for Warwick?



This Shining Night

The Birth of Venus by Gabriel Fauré and Sea Pictures by Edward Elgar
with other works by Barber, Franck, Vaughan Williams and Saint-Saëns

Musical Director
Matthew Clark

Accompanist
Richard Lennox

Soprano
Charlotte Hardy

Baritone
Lucas Maunder



Saturday 4th May, 7.30pm

at St John the Evangelist Church

Queens Road, Clevedon

Tickets £14

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