



# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter



SUNDAY 29 MAY 2022

EASTER 7

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 28 May

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 29 May – Easter 7

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Robert Ward

17.30 Evening Prayer

### Monday 30 May

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 31 May – Visitation of the BVM

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Wednesday 1 June – St Justin

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

### Thursday 2 June

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 3 June – St Charles Lwanga and companions

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 4 June

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Sunday 5 June - Pentecost

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover  
Preacher – Fr M Smith

17.30 Evening Prayer with Benediction

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear Friends,

We are looking forward to two significant events in the life of the Church and of our nation. Pentecost (from the Greek *pentekoste*, 'fiftieth' of fifty days of celebration) has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sends his Holy Spirit to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it; and he inaugurates the messianic community of perfect communication. Pentecost celebrates both the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church. It was originally the crown and completion of the Easter season; only later, in the medieval West, did it become a new festival season of its own. After the Easter Vigil, the time of Pentecost was a preferred occasion for baptism in early Christian centuries, and the services of Pentecost also reflect this baptismal theme. Christ's disciples are born again of water and the spirit. There is some evidence that the ascension was first celebrated on the fiftieth day of Easter, but it was soon moved to the fortieth day in faithfulness to Luke's chronology. Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit. The concept of a jubilee began in biblical times when God instructed Moses that every 50th year was to be a time of celebration, rejoicing and rest – rest for the land and rest for the people. The word 'jubilee' literally means 'ram's horn' in Hebrew, which was blown on the tenth day of the seventh month to start a year dedicated to rest, to restoration of property and to freeing people from slavery and debts. We all acknowledge and must celebrate the depth of gratitude we have for the faithful and selfless service of Her Majesty the Queen. As we await these events let us pray that the Spirit of God will breathe new life, new hope and new confidence into our lives, into our church and nation, and into our parish.

Ever,  
Fr Brendan

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 7:55-60 (*Reader: Robert*)

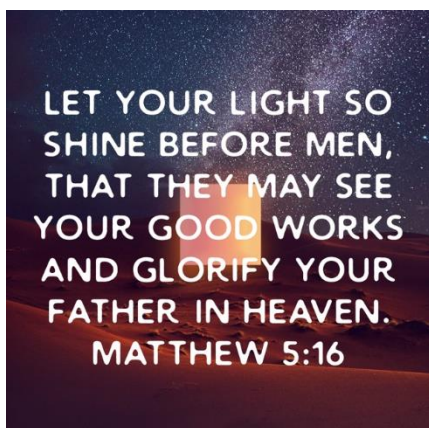
Psalm 97

**R: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth**

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17 & 20 (*Reader: Alison*)

St John 17:20-26

*Intercessor – Fr Robert*



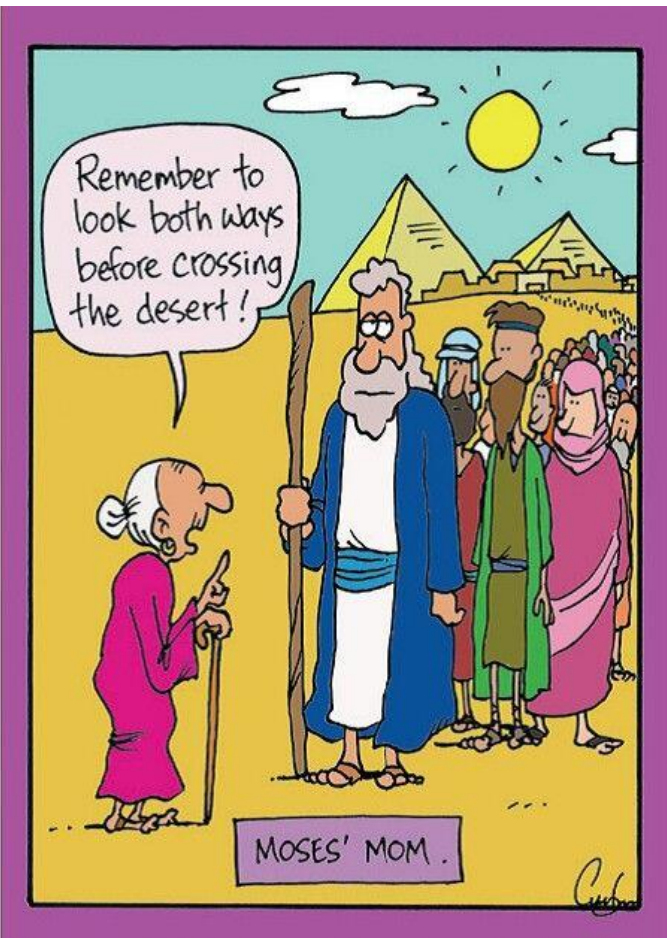
# PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Sunday 29 May</b>	Our Church and parish and the residents of Otter Road, Dart Road and Tone Road
<b>Monday 30 May</b>	All social reformers and those who seek to help women and men forced into a life of prostitution
<b>Tuesday 31 May</b>	The visitation of our Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth and all who hope and pray for a child
<b>Wednesday 1 June</b>	A new month and new opportunities for service to our church, our families and our community
<b>Thursday 2 June</b>	Queen Elizabeth, that we may follow the example of her lifelong dedication to her faith and to her country. We pray for all the royal family.
<b>Friday 3 June</b>	We remember the martyrs of Uganda in 1886 and 1978
<b>Saturday 4 June</b>	The Blessed Virgin Mary and the members of our Walsingham Cell
<b>Sunday 5 June</b>	Our church and parish and the residents of Halswell Road

## 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 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.



## JUBILEE PICNIC SUNDAY 5 JUNE

### Important Information

Please bring your food contributions in a cool bag (if appropriate) and deliver them to the

**Upper Church Hall by  
10.15 am on Sunday 5 June.**

Drinks and a slice of celebratory cake will be provided.

Games for children (young and old) will be available.

Feel free to dress in red, white and blue (or a combination) and wear a hat.

For those unable to bring their own garden chairs, church tables and chairs will be available.

APPEAL for small (and quiet) children's toys or jigsaws to go into the play sacks we are planning to place at the back of the Church. Please speak to Nicola if you think you may be able to help and/or have something suitable.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

<b>Sunday 5 June</b> <b>HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee</b>	Parish Picnic/Bring and Share Lunch in the Church grounds
<b>Sunday 26 June</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Saturday 16 July</b>	Summer Fête in the Church grounds
<b>Sunday 24 July</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass
<b>Sunday 21 August</b>	Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

Fr Brendan and the members of the PCC are appealing for folk with enthusiasm to share their talents, and experience to join one of our four sub committees :

<b>Finance</b>	Increasing parish income, grant applications
<b>Fabric</b>	Maintenance, Repair and upkeep of our church building and hall
<b>Worship</b>	
<b>Community</b>	(formerly Social) Out reach within our community and outside the parish, including Children's School Holiday activities and parish celebrations and fund raising events

**Please give very serious consideration to offering your time  
in God's service on one of these committees**



### Queen's Garden Party

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 3pm – 5pm, at Clevedon Court**

Ticket £10 to include special cream tea and privileged 'open doors' entry to Clevedon Court in aid of All Saints Church Funds.

Tickets available from the Parish Office (873257 or [eastcleveub@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:eastcleveub@blueyonder.co.uk))

### SAFEGUARDING COURSE

*My name is Christine Hamilton, and I am the Safeguarding Officer at St Andrew's Backwell. We are hoping to hold a Safeguarding Leadership course at Backwell, and have been asked by Ben Goodhind, Safeguarding Manager at Wells to advertise this around neighbouring Churches, who may have people needing to do this course also. We are hoping that the course will take place in early July so it would be good to know the availability of people before we set the date. Cameron McConnell will be taking the course. I would be grateful if you could circulate this around the Parishes for me. I would appreciate all replies by 30th May.*

*Many thanks*

*Christine Hamilton 01275463125*

# PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION



We are having a 'bring and share'  
picnic in the church gardens.

Sunday 5th June 12pm

Sign up for contributions of food on the list  
at the back of church.

Sparkling wine and cake provided. Outdoor  
games for children.

Bring your own chairs rugs etc.





## ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE SATURDAY 16 JULY

For the first time since 2019, the Summer Fete will be going ahead in the Church grounds on Saturday 16 July between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. There will be a bottle tombola, raffle, book stall, tea and cake for refreshments, a Pimms stall, home made cakes for sale, jewellery, plants and toiletries stalls. More details will follow, but please search your cupboards for any items which may be useful for donating to any of the above stalls.



### Offertory Collection

A recent review has resulted in a decision to continue with a retiring collection for all services, the collection plate is located just inside the church entrance, as is our Electronic Payment Card Reader for those of you who prefer not to carry cash (very much like the Queen) and wish to donate to the work of St John's.

Thank you to all the members of our church community near and far, who regularly make generous donations to the work of our church through the Planned Giving Scheme and have consented to gift aiding their donations to increase the amount we can receive into our church funds.

Planned Giving Scheme standing order forms are available inside the south door entrance. If you wish to join this scheme, please ask for more details from Nicola or Gary, Churchwardens or Fiona, PCC Treasurer. Thank you.



**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.



**Clevedon Literary Festival** are holding a poetry event and writing competition at St John's on **Saturday June 11th** with readings from 2-4 pm. Feel free to attend.



### 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

**Clevedon Foodbank** is still in of donations to support people in need in Clevedon and the surrounding area. Rising prices for electricity, gas, petrol and food add to the difficulties of those affected by illness, disability, bereavement, unemployment or low wages.

The foodbank would appreciate donations of the following:

<b>Tinned fruit</b>	<b>Instant Coffee</b>	<b>Instant Mash Potato</b>
<b>Toilet Rolls</b>	<b>Microwavable Rice</b>	<b>Jam</b>
<b>Long Life Milk</b>	<b>Cat food</b>	<b>Tinned pasta</b>
<b>Toiletries</b>	<b>Laundry Powder/ Liquid</b>	

Donations of food may be brought to church and put into the purple bin in the porch, taken to the Food Bank depot in Knowles Road on Monday or Friday mornings, or put into the collection bin at Tesco's in Clevedon (Sainsbury's in Portishead, Waitrose in Nailsea). Tesco's add 20% to the value of donations.

For more information and how to ask for help if you need it, see their website at [clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk](http://clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk), or contact them on [info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk) or tel. 07722 769529

## ANSWERS TO CELIA'S QUIZ - JUST A FEW MORE - - -

1. Constance Spry
2. Londinium
3. Dar es Salaam
4. Anne Of Green Gables
5. Salome
6. May 1994
7. Snow Leopard
8. Martina Navratilova
9. May 1889
10. William Penn
11. Pool Shark
12. Benjamin Britten
13. Anthony Trollope
14. 1581
15. St. Lawrence
16. Julian Fellowes

### GORDON'S

- a: Look out!!!! ; **Watchet**  
b: Wiltings pig meat; **Lympsham**  
c: Opposite south under; **North Over**  
d: Does Somerset look like the South Atlantic? **Faulkland**

### 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/>

### 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.

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 contacted on 07940759891 or email her 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) Thank you.

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**

Please follow us on our website at: <https://www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/> or at [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/111185/](http://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.



Churches Together in Clevedon

# Midsummer Picnic



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 5pm

On the green between the  
Walton Park Hotel and St Mary's Church

A time for food and fellowship overlooking the sea. All are welcome, just bring your own picnic, something to sit on and enjoy the chance to meet socially with friends from the other churches in the town.

There will be the option of going to St Mary's Church if it's wet and toilets will also be available there. We look forward to seeing you.

## Exploring your Calling

Continuing our Series of Portishead Deanery Meetings

Tuesday June 7th 7.30 p.m.

With Helen Weld, Vocations Adviser, Bath & Wells Diocese & a local panel

At St Andrew Church, Backwell, Church Lane BS48 3JJ

God created each of us with unique gifts and when we use those gifts in the service of God and others we feel most fully alive. Callings come in all shapes and forms so what is God calling you to? Come along to this event for a chance to further explore vocations in general, and to hear more about specific opportunities.

We stress that this event is NOT just for those considering ordination, but anyone who feels the call of God to serve.

Listen to encouraging speakers who are already serving in ways you may have considered, and some you may not! Come with expectancy, leave inspired, and listen for that still, small voice which beckons you forward.

Portishead Deanery would like to help everyone find their vocation from God.

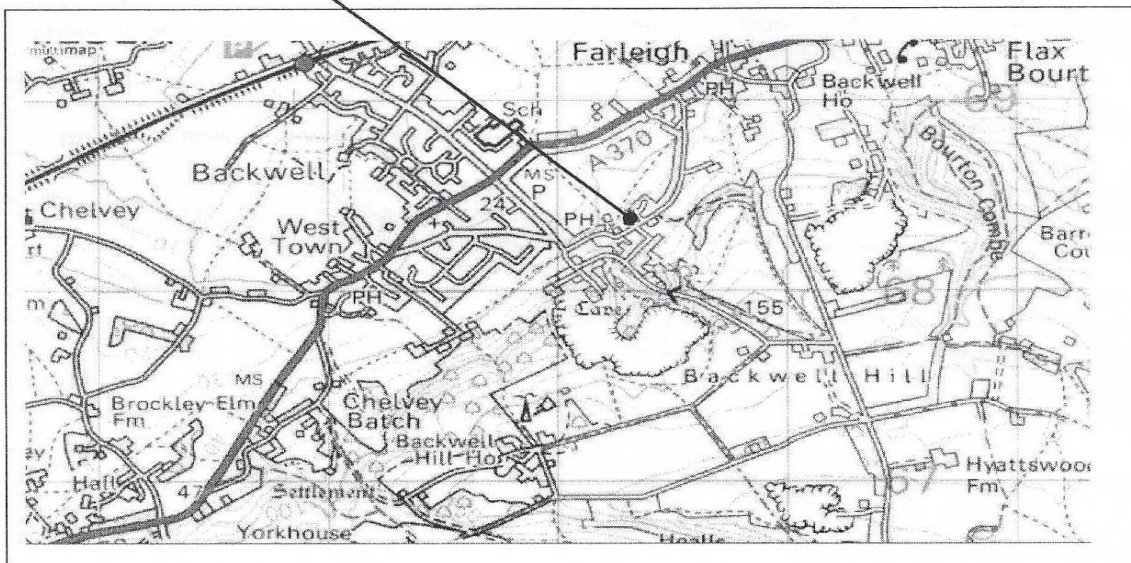
There will be some input from Helen and interviews with the local panel, which includes pioneers, a reader, a churchwarden, an ordained person, a lay worship assistant, and a lay pastoral assistant. You will also have the chance to ask questions and chat informally.

This evening is for all who might be interested, not only Synod members. Please share this notice with any who might be interested from your church.

**Please note that the evening will start with light refreshments from 7.00pm and that there is limited parking available so shared transport is recommended. The map below shows the location of St Andrew Backwell and the address is St Andrew, Church Lane, Backwell BS48 3JJ**

**Backwell St Andrew**

***Please note:  
Not a huge amount of parking available  
so shared transport is encouraged***





The Chapter of  
Wells Cathedral and  
Churches Together in  
Somerset



have pleasure in inviting you to

**Choral Evensong on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm followed by tea and a  
commemorative lecture by**

**Bishop Rowan Williams (Lord Williams of Oystermouth) Former Archbishop of Canterbury**

**“A Blind Date? The beginnings of Anglican/Roman Catholic Dialogue, 1921-1925”**

The lecture (at 4pm) marks the centenary of the Malines Conversations which began the modern dialogue between the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church. Those conversations were in large part inspired by the friendship between Dr Armitage Robinson, Dean of Wells, and two Abbots of Downside, Cuthbert Butler and Leander Ramsey. Those early discussions have led in part to the significant process in reconciliation and closer cooperation seen today between the churches.

There will be an opportunity to put questions to Bishop Rowan and to have conversations with him during the afternoon.

To help us prepare, if you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to [office@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:office@wellscathedral.org.uk) by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

With all best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Davies".

**The Very Reverend Dr John Davies,  
Dean of Wells**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Lloyd".

**Canon Jonathan LLoyd  
County Ecumenical Officer**

## Sunday 29 May 2022 – Easter 7

### Midnight Praise

Bible reading: Acts 16: 16-34

#### Questions

If you were a song, what song would you be?

What is most surprising to you about this story?

How can focusing on praise help you in tough situations?

Prayer suggestion: - Pray for those who are imprisoned for their faith

*Dear Lord, for these three things I pray:  
That I may know you more clearly,  
Love you more dearly,  
And follow you more nearly day by day  
Amen*

This week's challenge: Memorise a song of praise you can sing when things are tough

#### Activity suggestions:

- Activity sheets for 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter and Accession day (Thursday 26 May)
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on John 17: 20 to end

Good Luck from St. John's Sunday Club Team (Sue & Fiona)