



# St John the Evangelist Newsletter



SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2024

EASTER DAY IN THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 30 March – Holy Saturday

09.30 Morning Prayer

20.00 Easter Vigil

### Sunday 31 March – Easter Day

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Robert Ward

17.30 Evening Prayer

### Monday 1 April - Monday in Easter Week

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Tuesday 2 April – Tuesday in Easter Week

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

### Wednesday 3 April – Wednesday in Easter Week

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Thursday 4 April - Thursday in Easter Week

12.30 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 5 April - Friday in Easter Week

10.00 Mass from the Book of Common Prayer

### Saturday 6 April – Saturday in Easter Week

10.00 Walsingham Cell Mass at St John's

### Sunday 7 April – Divine Mercy Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer and Benediction

## The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Acts 10:34 & 37-43 (Reader: Jane)

Ps 117

**R: This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad**

Colossians 3:1-4 (Reader: Celia)

St John 20:1-9

Intercessor – Debra

## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

During the Easter Vigil, the church reads the account of creation as a prophesy. In the resurrection of Jesus Christ we see the most sublime fulfilment of what this text describes as the beginning of all things. God says once again; 'Let there be light!' The resurrection of Jesus is an eruption of light. Death is conquered. The tomb is thrown open.

The Risen One himself is Light, the Light that enlightens everyone, 'a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower' as John's Prologue puts it so powerfully. The Risen One is the Light of the world.

With the resurrection, the Lord's day enters the nights of history. Beginning with the Resurrection, God's light spreads throughout the world and throughout history with the joyful song of the Alleluia. Day dawns. The Light alone - Jesus Christ - is the true light, something more than the physical phenomenon of light. He is pure Light; God himself, who causes a new creation to be born in the midst of the old, transforming chaos into cosmos.

This Easter may we welcome the true Light into our hearts and minds, into our parish, and into the community we seek to serve.

Happy Easter!

Fr Brendan

PS... And HUGE THANKS to everyone who has worked so hard over the Triduum and to Fr Julian, our preacher.



## Art Installation

Our mystery artist writes:

Words are no longer needed to describe what it is you see because the art piece speaks for itself. The link between the crucifixion and the act of communion is now strikingly obvious which is why the piece is titled

### THE COMUNIFIXION.

Throughout Lent, the slowly developing art has told the Easter story in a simple way. It spoke of the 3 nails used to crucify Jesus. It showed us the 30 pieces of silver and the bread and wine used for the last supper, along with the palms for Christ's entry into Jerusalem. All the while, above the tiny altar, what started as a simple inconspicuous chain developed into the huge and unmistakable cross which you see today.

The six weeks of storytelling has now finally reached its conclusion ..... "It is finished".

Or is it ?

## PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Saturday 30 March</b>	Holy Saturday
<b>Sunday 31 March</b>	Easter Day – our Church and parish and residents of Oldfield and Claremont Gardens
<b>Monday 1 April</b>	Easter Monday. All children living without clean water and proper sanitation
<b>Tuesday 2 April</b>	All who volunteer for our ambulance and fire services
<b>Wednesday 3 April</b>	The deaf and hard of hearing. All who train dogs to assist them
<b>Thursday 4 April</b>	Clevedon market traders and all visitors to Clevedon
<b>Friday 5 April</b>	We give thanks for those who keep our church garden and grounds looking beautiful
<b>Saturday 6 April</b>	Walsingham Cell Mass. Our Blessed Virgin Mary and all our sister cells
<b>Sunday 7 April</b>	Low Sunday. Our Church and parish and the residents of Newlands Green and Staples Close

John Scammells' Funeral will be held at 12.30pm on Easter Thursday, 4th April in church with refreshments afterwards in the Elton Hall. Jesu, mercy, Mary, pray. RIP

## 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

Good Friday 29 March  
 Easter Sunday 31 March  
 Sunday 7 April  
**Thursday 25 April**  
 28 April to 5 May  
 Sunday 5 May  
 Wednesday 8 May  
 Sunday 19 May  
**Sunday 19 May**  
 Saturday 25 May  
 Sunday 23 June  
 Saturday 6 July  
 Saturday 13 July  
 Sunday 28 July  
 Sunday 1 September  
 Sunday 8 September  
 Sunday 13 October  
 Saturday 16 November  
 Sunday 24 November

Hot Cross Buns in the Church Hall at 15.00  
 Easter Celebration – Prosecco and Cake  
 Celebration Sunday – Octave of Easter  
**19.30 - PCC Meeting in the James Room**  
 St John's Festival Week  
 Bring and Share Lunch  
 19.00 - Talk by Aidan Hart, iconographer  
 Celebration Sunday – Pentecost  
**Annual Parochial Church Meeting – after Mass in Church**  
 Plant Sale – TBC  
 Celebration Sunday  
 14.00 – 16.00 – Summer Fayre  
 Glastonbury Pilgrimage  
 Celebration Sunday  
 Parish BBQ  
 Celebration Sunday – Education Day/King's Accession  
 Harvest Festival  
 Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper  
 Celebration Sunday – Christ the King

### PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



### 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.



### THANK YOU

to those of you who came to Fr Brendan's licensing and who donated money to the Bath & Wells Ordination Fund. £190 was sent to the Diocese and Nicola received the following email from them.

*Dear Nicola*

*Many thanks for providing Gift Aid envelopes and a QR code for the Ordination Fund for the Licensing service and for transferring the money to us.*

*We are very grateful for money received for the Ordination Fund, which goes to support our Ordinands and therefore helps to enable ministry and mission across the diocese in a wide number of parishes. The money your parishioners have given will help ensure our Ordinands continue to receive support during their training, enabling ministry to continue in parishes.*

*Sue Whitehead*

*Deanery and Parish Support Administrator*

*Diocese of Bath & Wells*



### 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 last week, 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](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)

## 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.

### WINNERS!

<b>February (Redraw)</b>	<b>1 - Dilwen M</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>1 - Robert J</b>
	<b>2 - Pauline H</b>
	<b>3 - Bea A</b>

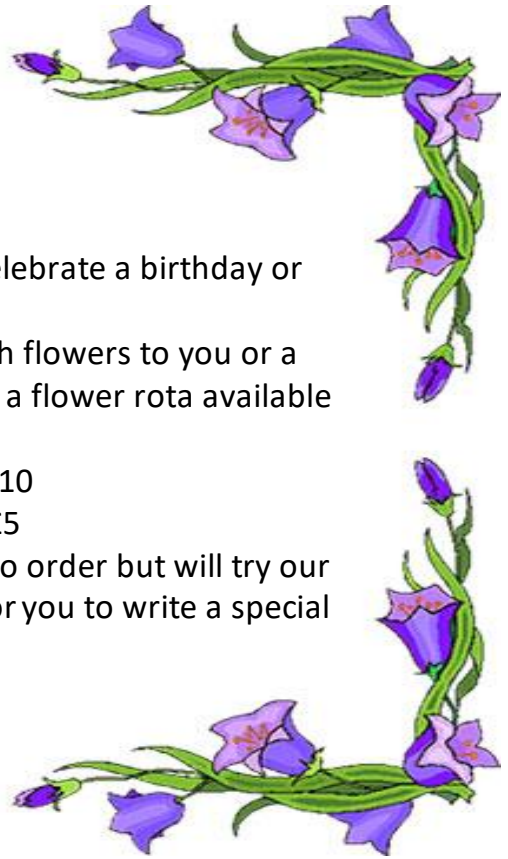
### Chat and Craft Group

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.





## 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.

## 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.

## 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**

**The Office Number is 07522 494 504**

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

1. Where was Cyrene, where Simon, who bore Jesus's cross, came from?
2. Who invented the phonograph in the 1870s?
3. What is the chief river of Ghana?
4. Where does the University Boat Race start from?
5. Clevedon Pier was deemed to be the most beautiful in England by which poet?
6. What replaced the School Certificate in 1951?
7. The robin is part of which bird family?
8. Acton Bell was the pseudonym of which novelist?
9. What is the name of the Premium Bonds computer?
10. In 1664 Britain took over what became New York from which nation?
11. What is the capital of North Korea?
12. Where is the TV drama Beyond Paradise set?
13. If you see two magpies what, according to the old rhyme, will come to you?
14. Who built the wooden horse of Troy?
15. Which are the only four animals that can roar?
16. Who sang the themes for the films Goldfinger, Diamonds Are Forever and Moonraker?

### GORDON'S POSERS

a: face, mug, countenance, visage; b: Which place; c: Dense group of trees