



St John the Evangelist

Newsletter

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTYTHIRD SUNDAY, TRINITY 15

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 7 September

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 8 September – 23rd Sunday, Trinity 15

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Mark Smith

17.30 Evening Prayer

Monday 9 September

NO MASS

Tuesday 10 September

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 11 September

NO MASS

Thursday 12 September

12.30 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 13 September

10.00 BCP Mass– Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 14 September – Holy Cross Day

11.30 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 15 September – 24th Sunday, Trinity 16

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Jeremy Hellier

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Isaiah 35:4-7 (Reader: Robert)

Ps 145

R: My soul, give praise, give praise to the Lord

James 2:1-5 (Reader: Debra)

St Mark 7:31-37

Intercessor – Dilwyn



Words from Kevin our ordinand

If you were asked to think about the best way of 'doing' mission in the Church, I've no doubt that there would be many different answers to that question. It's a question the Church has asked itself from the beginning and still does as, if there were a simple answer, we would have found it by now. But, at its very heart is the telling of the good news of Jesus Christ and creating new lives from old, meeting people at their point of need, building them up and sending them out to do the same. However, to tell the good news, we must hear it and enable others to do so, not just once but every day and this Sunday's Gospel can show us a way.

The miraculous healing of the deaf man from the noisy, bustling Decapolis occurs after the man is taken away from the town by Jesus to somewhere quiet. The Decapolis in many ways is like our culture, noisy, secular, telling us we can create our own truths to fit our own stories, that almost anything can be labelled 'spiritual' and it's not surprising that many can't hear God and are spiritually deaf. If we're to show that there's another way of living, one of hope and eternal truths found in Jesus, we too must 'step outside', away from the noise and tune back into God through prayer, scripture and the sacraments so we can lead others to hear and experience him too.

And experiencing Jesus is the key. The healing of our friend in the Gospel was physical, intimate even with spittle on the tongue and placing fingers in his ears. It's as though he was being plugged back into God, Jesus was completing the circuit so to speak.

Scholars suggest that these acts were part of a cultural healing practice and was the way Jesus 'told' him what he was doing. And he did it and that's the point. Jesus did what he said he would, he always did and still does now, through you and me. Yes, we must hear the word, but we must also 'do' the word so others hear it, see it lived out in our lives and then do it too. That's mission.

It's not easy, Mark does use a miracle to tell us this after all, but when we live authentic lives without division between what we say and what we do, when we hear God and act upon his word, then we can lead others to God and we'll create miracles too, everywhere we go. Take care.

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions: -

Saturday 7 September	Our blessed Virgin Mary, her shrine in Walsingham and the members of St John's Walsingham Cell.
Sunday 8 September	Our Church and parish and the residents of Marson Road, Madeira Road and Lower Queens Road
Monday 9 September	All farmers preparing for the harvest, that the weather may be kind to them
Tuesday 10 September	All in the food processing industry as they work to bring fresh food to our stores quickly and efficiently
Wednesday 11 September	All those greatly concerned with the probability of increasing fuel bills this coming winter
Thursday 12 September	Market traders, artisans, customers and the market chaplains
Friday 13 September	All facing a cancer diagnosis and gruelling rounds of treatment
Saturday 14 September	Our blessed Virgin Mary and the Feast of the Holy Cross
Sunday 15 September	Our Church and parish and the residents of Queens Road, St John's Road, St John's Avenue and Hillside Road

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

Sunday 8 September	Celebration Sunday – Education Day/King's Accession
Monday 16 September	Allotment initial working party – 10.00-11.00 Church Allotment (behind the Church Hall)
Sunday 13 October	Harvest Festival
Saturday 16 November	Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper
Sunday 24 November	Celebration Sunday – Christ the King
Sunday 30 November	Christmas Fayre – 14.00 – 16.00 in the Church Hall
Sunday 15 December	Celebration Sunday -
Sunday 12 January	Celebration Sunday – Baptism of Christ



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, 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.

CHURCH BARBECUE

**Thank you to all those who supported the barbecue.
Despite the weather, we had a good time.**

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 Dilwen or Gary or email office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

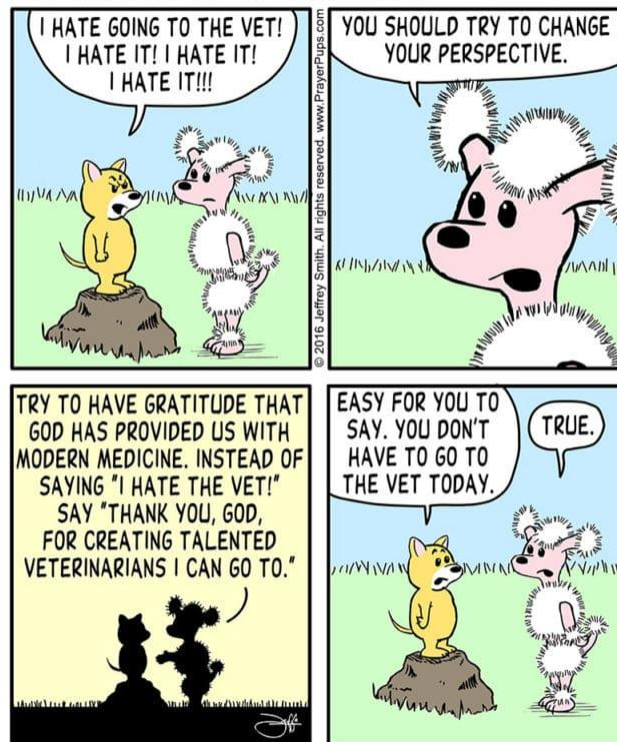
Christmas Event Vote

Thank you to everyone for voting. Most people voted to continue with the traditional Christmas Fayre so this will happen on November 30th between 2-4pm in the church hall. We will need help to set up e.g. move tables, man stalls and clear away on the day.

I will put a list at the back of church asking for help and for donations in October. We will also need help to publicise the event nearer the time e.g. display posters, invite friends etc.

Some people did suggest amalgamating a festival of angels and a Christmas Fayre but we do not have the capacity to organize this currently. If anyone feels that they could join the community committee and take on some organizing of activities/events then please see Sarah or Father Brendan.

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



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.

Website

The website address is www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/
The website is a dynamic tool, full of information, photo galleries and other facts about our Church and the people in it. Please send any comments or ideas to Fr Brendan

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.

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.

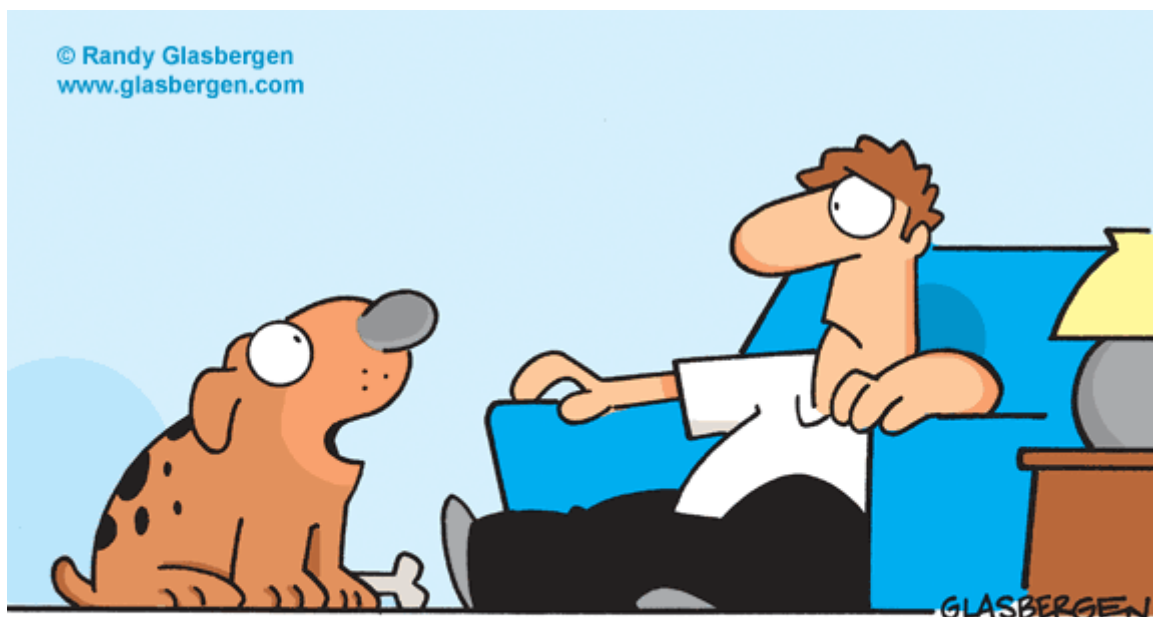
Fiona Dixon fional.dixon@btopenworld.com
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Nicola Coaker nicolacoaker@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

There are spare numbers available to buy. Please contact one of the organisers Details above.

100 Club- August Draw

Congratulations to this months winners.

1st Betty T
2nd Margaret J
3rd Sally M



**“Cheer up. Your life isn’t meaningless.
God put you on this earth for a purpose...
to buy dog food and clean up after me.”**

Sustainable church flowers

There is a drive within many church communities in the UK, and further afield, to try and reduce the impact that church flowers have on the environment. This includes avoiding the use of floral foam/oasis which releases microplastics into waterways as a 'mechanic' behind arrangements. We are currently trying to use alternative 'mechanics' e.g. chicken wire, urns and vases for some arrangements.

Sustainability also means growing and using 'home grown' flowers wherever possible to reduce our carbon footprint. In order to try and do our bit to save the environment, the PCC has agreed that we can use one of the church's allotment plots to grow flowers for church. We will try and grow flowers that can be cut and brought into church from April through to October. This will hopefully reduce our reliance on imported flowers.

The plot needs some initial work, and I would like to have a small working party on Monday 16th September 10-11am (weather permitting) to do an initial assessment. If anyone can help and has gardening experience, then please let me know.

Ultimately, we would like to stage a sustainable flower festival in St. John's in July 2025 involving members of the congregation, children from our school and other community groups. Watch this space!

Many thanks, Sarah



Church Flowers

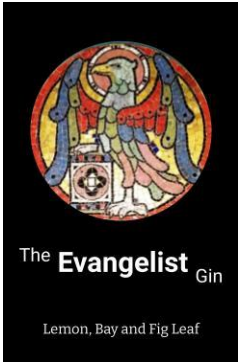
Would you like to sponsor church flowers to celebrate a birthday or commemorate an anniversary?

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 £15

Statue of Mary suggested minimum donation £10

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.



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.

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.



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 Dilwen Miller or Gary Lewis.

Dilwen can be emailed at churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Gary's email address is churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

If you have any safeguarding questions or issues, please email parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk



The Vicarage telephone number is 01275 879617

Please follow us on our website at: www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/ or at www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11185/ or on YouTube 'St John's Clevedon' or on Facebook: St John the Evangelist Church, Clevedon or join our WhatsApp group.

The postal address for St John the Evangelist Church is
Queens Road, Clevedon, North Somerset, BS21 7TH



Celia Quiz Answers!!

1. Maranatha

2. Anglo Saxons

3. Burma

4. 65

5. Easter 1869

6. 1580s(Sept. 4 1582)

7. Barnacle

8. Porthos

9. Coventry

10. July 1954 (3/4)

11. Wishbone

12. Eggheads

13. Grumpy

14. 1799

15. Daisy (Compositae)

16. Benjamin Britten

Gordon's

a: Patchway; b: Over; c: Redwick



REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Saturday 21 September 2024

St John the Evangelist, Clevedon, BS21 7TG

In the presence of the Rt. Revd. Michael Langrish

Noon Angelus and Concelebrated Pontifical Mass

Picnic lunch (Drinks in the Elton Hall)

2.15pm Magnificat, Sermon, Outdoor Procession of Our Lady of Walsingham and Pontifical Benediction

Refreshments available in the Elton Hall from 11am
Plenty of on street parking





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Saturday 5 October 2024

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