



# St John the Evangelist

# Newsletter

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024

31st SUNDAY, 4 BEFORE ADVENT

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## Church Services (also on-line)

### Saturday 2 November – All Souls

10.30 Solemn Requiem Mass at All Saints

### Sunday 3 November – 31st Sunday, 4 before Advent

#### NO MASS AT ST JOHN'S IN THE MORNING

11.00 Solemn Pontifical Mass at All Saints  
Rt Revd Michael Langrish

17.30 Said Mass at St John's – Fr Brendan Clover

### Monday 4 November

19.00 Solemn Requiem Mass – Fr Brendan Clover  
Sung by Clevedon Choral Society

### Tuesday 5 November

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

### Wednesday 6 November

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Thursday 7 November

12.30 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

### Friday 8 November – All Saints of England

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

### Saturday 9 November

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

### Sunday 10 November – Remembrance Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer with Benediction

## The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Ps 17

**R: I love you, Lord our God, my strength**

Hebrews 7:23-28

St Mark 12:28-34

Intercessor



## Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

The Solemnity of All Saints invites us to raise our gaze to heaven and to meditate on the fulness of divine life which awaits us. As St John writes '*We are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be*' (1 Jn 3.2). With these words the Apostle John assures us of the reality of our profound relation to God, as too, of the certainty of our destiny.

What an amazingly positive view of what it means to be human! Our destiny is to be in the presence of God in order to reflect back to Him all that God is in Himself.

Like beloved children therefore, we also receive grace to support the trials of our earthly existence - the hunger and thirst for justice, the misunderstandings, the persecutions - and, at the same time, we inherit what is promised in the Gospel Beatitudes.

Holiness, imprinted in us by Christ himself, is the goal of Christian life. And we have a foretaste of that gift and the beauty of sanctity every time we participate in the Eucharistic Liturgy, the communion with the 'great multitude' of holy souls, which in Heaven eternally acclaim the salvation of God and of the Lamb. To quote St John again '*After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits of the throne, and to the Lamb!'*'  
Let's pray that we may be worthy of our destiny!

With love and prayers,  
Fr Brendan

# PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

<b>Saturday 2 November</b>	All Souls' Day – all who have died and gone before us. Our Lady of Walsingham and the members of St John's Cell as they meet for Mass today
<b>Sunday 3 November</b>	Martin de Porres, because of his care for all regardless of class or colour, is seen as the patron saint of race relations. Our Church and parish and the residents of Strode Road, Tweed Road and Kimberley Road
<b>Monday 4 November</b>	Doctors, nurses and all carers of the terminally ill, that they themselves may be cared for
<b>Tuesday 5 November</b>	Men, women and children who live in fear of abusive relationships, that they may be protected
<b>Wednesday 6 November</b>	Archbishop William Temple remembered for his concern with social issues and who was instrumental in the creation of the State welfare provision after the Second World War. We pray for all who work for the welfare of others.
<b>Thursday 7 November</b>	Clevedon market, its traders, artisans, customers and chaplains
<b>Friday 8 November</b>	The Saints and Martyrs of England. Individual Christian men and women who have shone as beacons, heroically bearing witness to their Lord, some through a simple life of holiness, others by giving their lives for the sake of Christ
<b>Saturday 9 November</b>	Our Lady of Walsingham, all staff at her shrine in Walsingham and all pilgrims who journey there
<b>Sunday 10 November</b>	Remembrance Sunday. Our Church and parish and all who live in Churchill Avenue

## 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)

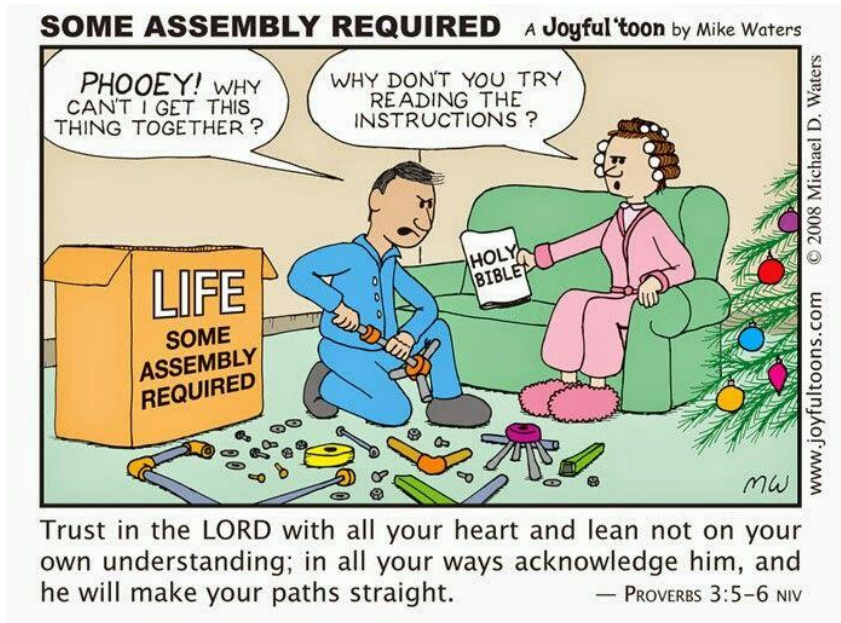
On Tuesdays at 10.00 am and Saturdays at 10.00 am  
Mass will be said at All Saints, Weston Super Mare, BS23 2NL

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Sunday 10 November</b>	<b>Illustrated talk by Dr Martin Firth on Richard Strauss The Four Last Songs</b>
<b>Saturday 16 November</b>	<b>Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper</b>
<b>Sunday 24 November</b>	<b>Celebration Sunday – Christ the King</b>
<b>Sunday 30 November</b>	<b>Christmas Fayre – 10.00- 12.00 in the Church Hall</b>
<b>Sunday 10 December</b>	<b>Illustrated talk by Dr Martin Firth on Bach and Handel: Happy Christmas!</b>
<b>Sunday 15 December</b>	<b>Celebration Sunday – Gaudete Sunday</b>
<b>Sunday 12 January</b>	<b>Celebration Sunday – Baptism of Christ</b>

## 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.



## CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

If you have alstromeria or dahlias in your garden, and are lifting or splitting plants this autumn, then we would love to have some for the Church allotment.

Please see Sarah.

## Website

The website address is

[www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/](http://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

## 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:

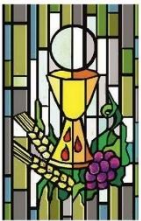
- 1 st Prize - £25
- 2 nd Prize - £10
- 3 rd Prize - £5

\*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](mailto:fional.dixon@btopenworld.com)  
Angela Edgar [pcctreasurer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:pcctreasurer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)  
Nicola Coaker [churchwarden@st\\_johns-celvedon.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@st_johns-celvedon.org.uk)

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



### 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.

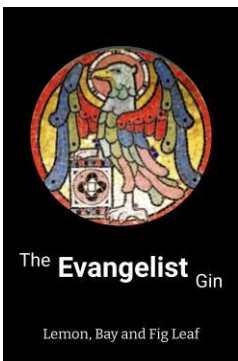
## Fund Raise as You Shop

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/>

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](mailto:office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)



## 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.

# **Illustrated Talks on Music at St. John's, Clevedon**

**Sunday November 10th – 4pm: Dr. Martin Firth**

## **Richard Strauss: the 'Four Last Songs'**

In 1948 the composer of some of the greatest Romantic operas, Richard Strauss, was nearing his life's end. The composer who claimed he could describe a tea-spoon in music, set about describing the gradual decline into death having chosen four poems and set them to music. Here is no alarmist depiction of the end which awaits us all, no threats of Judgement, and no Gerontius-type passage over Hell to Purgatory. These are exquisite portrayals of a peaceful end, and the final song, At Dusk, contains the most graphic and intensely moving impression of death – and what follows.

Thought by many to be the finest iteration of all German lieder, Strauss's songs have been described by one music scholar as "perfect music". Here Strauss conveys, with captivating serenity, the acceptance of the inevitable which awaits us all.

In this illustrated talk, Dr Firth will demonstrate just how the composer reflects the texts so convincingly, and how death itself is conveyed in music.

**Sunday December 8th – 4pm: Dr Martin Firth**

## **Bach and Handel: Happy Christmas!**

Often lumped together, and therefore assumed to be similar in outlook, Bach and Handel inhabited entirely different cultural worlds, even though born in the same year and country. Bach was the serious church musician, and Handel the flamboyant internationally acclaimed composer of operas. Hardly surprising, then, that their celebration of Christmas would be so very different.

Martin Firth illustrates how each composer has contributed music to celebrate the Nativity with excerpts from Handel's 'Messiah' and Bach's 'Christmas Oratorio'.

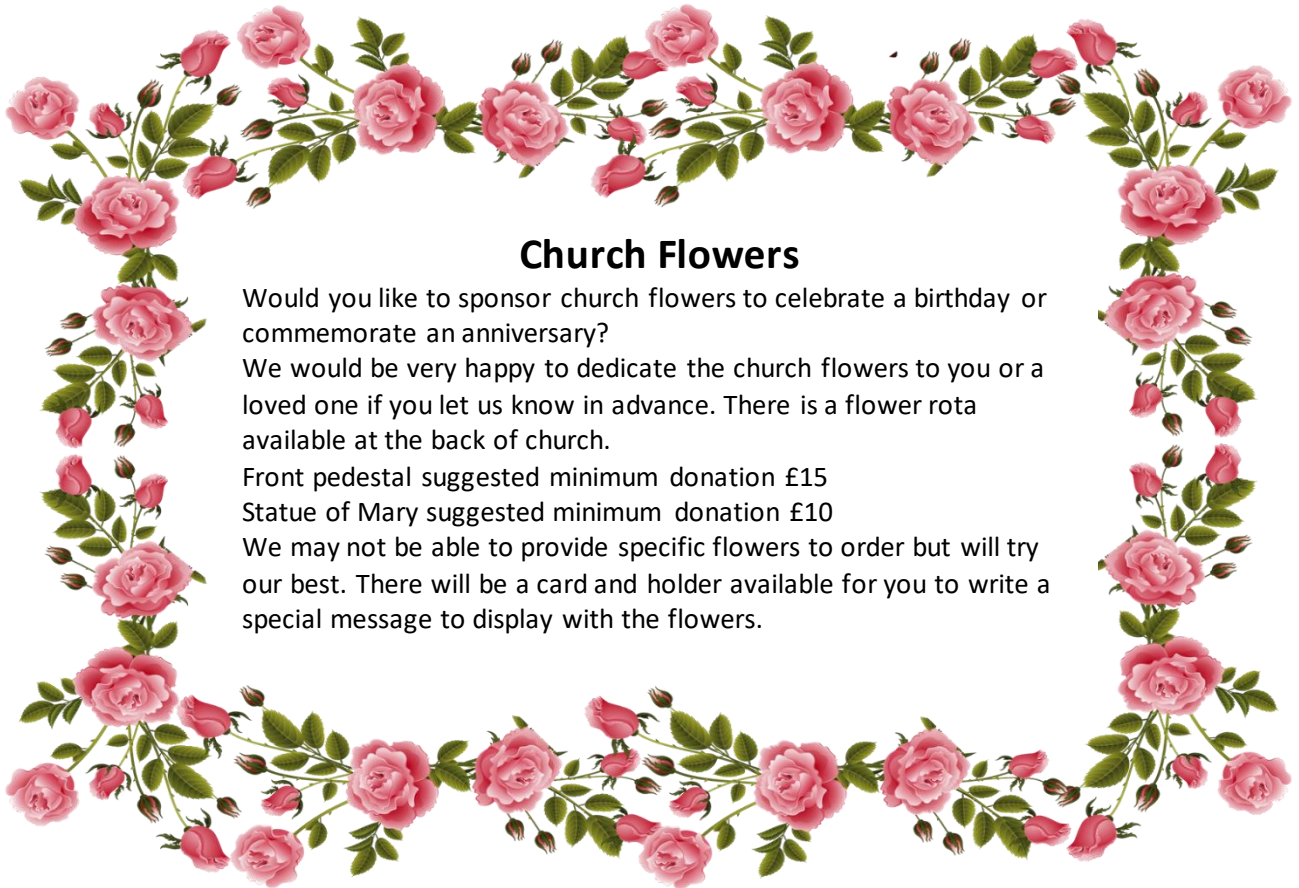
Each talk will last less than an hour in our newly-warmed church, and followed by refreshments.

These talks are FREE of charge!



## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

If you would like to pack a Christmas Shoe Box, please see the information at the back of Church. If you have any questions, please speak to Sue at Church or telephone her on 877710.  
Filled shoeboxes need to be returned to Church by  
**next Sunday 10 November.**



## 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.

## 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.





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

- 1. Isaac**
  - 2. 17th(1696)**
  - 3. Minsk**
  - 4. Grease**
  - 5. 1850s (Copse Road and Congregational)**
  - 6. William Caxton**
  - 7. Erica**
  - 8. Harry Brook(317)**
  - 9. Florence Nightingale**
  - 10. Church of England**
  - 11. Lesotho**
  - 12. The Old Curiosity Shop**
  - 13. Volcanos**
  - 14. Tim Berners-Lee**
  - 15. Lodge**
  - 16. Spock**
- Gordon's**  
**a: Weare; b: Ashton; c: Shapwick**



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](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**

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



# **All Saints' Festival**

***All Saints Church  
Weston-Super Mare  
1st – 3rd November 2024***

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November @ 7pm**

**Solemn Mass of All Saints' Sung by the Constanzi Consort**

**Mass setting: Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina)**

**Cheese and wine afterwards**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November @ 10.30am**

**Solemn Requiem Mass Sung by Harmonia Sacra**

**Mass setting: Requiem Mass (Victoria)**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November @ 11am**

**Solemn Pontifical Mass of All Saints**

**Celebrant: the Right Reverend Michael Langrish**

**Followed by Parish Lunch and Evensong and Benediction at 2.30pm**





# **Murder Mystery Evening**

**An original 'who dunnit' by Celia.**

**7pm Saturday 16th November 2024**

**St. John's Church Hall.**

**Followed by a small fish and chip  
supper during deliberations and  
decisions.**

**£6.00 per person.**

**Numbers to Sarah by Sunday 10th Nov.**

# Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

In aid of St John's Church Clevedon.

Saturday 7th December

10.00am-12.00pm

St. John's Church Hall,

Queen's Road,

Clevedon.

£30.00 per person.

All materials and tuition provided.

Tea, coffee and homemade cake included.

Contact Sarah Lewis to book a place [SarahLewis@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:SarahLewis@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk)



## FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SALE

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

10.00 - 3.00 PM

CHRISTCHURCH, CHAPEL HILL  
CLEVEDON

Wide range of fairly traded gifts & crafts;  
Christmas cards & decorations; Advent  
calendars; chocolate & coffee

**Home-made cakes & refreshments**

Proceeds to Uganda Concern UK & various fair trade suppliers  
Details from Gwen: 07760 415872/Terry: 01275 878049

