



St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2024

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY, 3 BEFORE ADVENT

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 9 November

10.30 Walsingham Cell Mass at St John's

Sunday 10 November – Remembrance Sunday

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Evening Prayer with Benediction

Monday 11 November – St Martin of Tours

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 12 November

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston Super Mare

Wednesday 13 November

18.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 14 November

12.30 Mass - Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 15 November

10.00 BCP Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 16 November

10.00 Mass at All Saints, Weston super Mare

Sunday 17 November – 33rd Sunday, 2 before Advent

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Mark Smith

17.30 Evening Prayer

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

1 Kings 17:10-16 (Robert)

Ps 145

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

Hebrews 9:24-28 (Peter)

St Mark 12:38-44

Intercessor –Diane



Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Dear friends,

It was so good to see so many of you at All Saints Weston-Super-Mare last Sunday for the first Affinity partnership Mass. Thank you for making the effort.

As parish priest, I want to say how thrilled I was with all the events over the Festival Weekend. We reached new people, we raised our profile, we celebrated a new sense of partnership with two outstanding choirs, and we offered many a strong sense of the power of liturgical worship. There is much to build on.

We also enjoyed two lovely social occasions, cheese and wine on Friday, and a delicious lunch on Sunday. Everyone who spoke to me was impressed with the quality of what was on offer. Granted there is always some learning to take away but the weekend was an unqualified success and we should all feel a sense of pride in what was achieved.

Let me quote the Mayor who sent me the following message:

Many thanks for having made me so welcome over All Saints tide and please pass mayoral thanks to all who helped you make it so memorable including of course the musicians, servers and providers of Sunday's sumptuous banquet. John I absolutely agree!

And then on Monday the most sublime rendition of Faure's Requiem for our keeping of All Souls in this parish. We are blessed by the partnership we have created with Clevedon Choral Society, and I cannot believe there was anyone present who was not moved by the occasion. I know I was! You won't need reminding that this coming Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, and we have a collective opportunity to give thanks for those whose sacrifice brought us the freedoms we enjoy.

With my love and prayers,
Fr Brendan

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Saturday 9 November	Our Lady of Walsingham, all staff at her shrine in Walsingham and all pilgrims who journey there
Sunday 10 November	Remembrance Sunday. Our Church and parish and all who live in Churchill Avenue
Monday 11 November	Armistice Day. We pray for the ending of all war, religious and secular, and that all peoples may live in peace with each other. Martin, Bishop of Tours – a professional soldier who founded the first monastery in Gaul and took religion into the countryside of France when previously it had been centred in towns and cities.
Tuesday 12 November	Our school, its pupils, head teacher, all staff, parents and guardians
Wednesday 13 November	Clevedon Care, and all its volunteers
Thursday 14 November	Samuel Seabury – first Anglican Bishop in North America. We pray today for all Christian people living in North America. The Thursday market, its traders and customers
Friday 15 November	All cancer sufferers, their carers, doctors, nurses and support workers
Saturday 16 November	Margaret of Scotland – Queen and reformer of the Church 1093. She was known for her care of needy children. Our Blessed Virgin Mary, her Shrine in Walsingham and all who work and worship there. Fr Ben Eadon as he is licensed as Priest Administrator of the Shrine by the Bishop of Norwich
Sunday 17 November	Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln who ensured that sufferers of leprosy were cared for and Jews were not persecuted. We pray for our parish and the residents of Wordsworth Road, Hansons Way and Wains Close

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

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 – Gaudete Sunday
Sunday 12 January	Celebration Sunday – Baptism of Christ

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.



Christmas Fayre

30 November 2024

10.00 to 12.00

in the Church Hall

We need helpers for all stalls as there are a number of 'key' people who are not able to be there this year. Please sign up at the back of church.

Set up is 3pm on Friday 29th Nov, we need help to move tables and chairs etc.

We need donations of

1. Cakes
2. Jewellery
3. Chocolate
4. Bottles
5. Handicrafts
6. Unwanted 'gifts'
7. Xmas paraphernalia
8. Raffle Hampers- please see a separate list to sign up at the back of church.

Please leave all donations in the bags at the back of church or bring on the morning of the fayre e.g. cakes.



"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST" DOES NOT MEAN IT'S OK TO SLEEP DURING CHURCH!

FRANK



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/

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.

Organ Music for Remembrance Sunday

Before Mass: Elegy - George Thalben Ball

After Mass: Adagio For Strings (arr. Strickland/Firth) - Samuel Barber



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.

St. John's 100 Club - 2025

It is now time to renew your membership for 2025, or if you haven't previously been a member, why not join the 100 club and help raise money for St. Johns? Over the last 16 years the 100 club, has raised over £13,000 for the church and has paid out over £8,000 in prizes.

The cost is just £12 per year (equivalent to £1 / month) which will enable you to be entered into a draw every month with a chance to win a prize.

There are three prizes:

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

All the profit, after the £510 (12 x £40 + £30 Christmas Draw) prize money is deducted, will be paid to the Church. If there are less than 80 members there will be no 3rd prize (*) to increase the amount raised for the church but there is no upper limit, the more members, the merrier and the more money that will be raised for the church.

If you join the Club before 18 December 2024, your name will go into our additional 'Special Christmas Draw' with a chance to win £30 for 2025 members only.

Please contact any of the organisers to enquire about joining (or complete form at end of newsletter), to get your application form and to be allocated a number, or two. Talk to any of us in church or by emailing using one of the email addresses below.

Remember, Christmas is just round the corner so why not buy your family and friends a number as an early Christmas present.

Fiona Dixon fional.dixon@btopenworld.com

Angela Edgar PCCTreasurer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Nicola Coaker NicolaCoaker@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

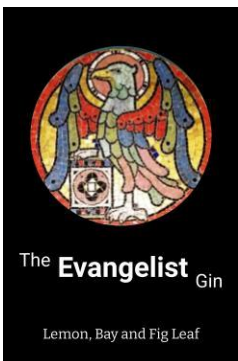
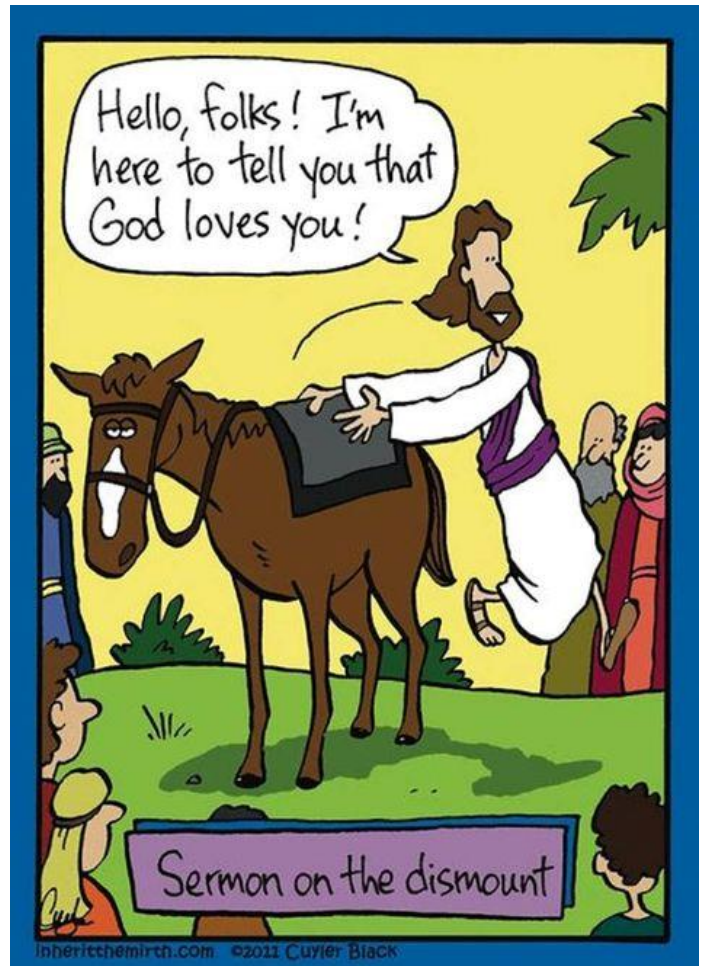
Fund Raise as You Shop

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



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'.

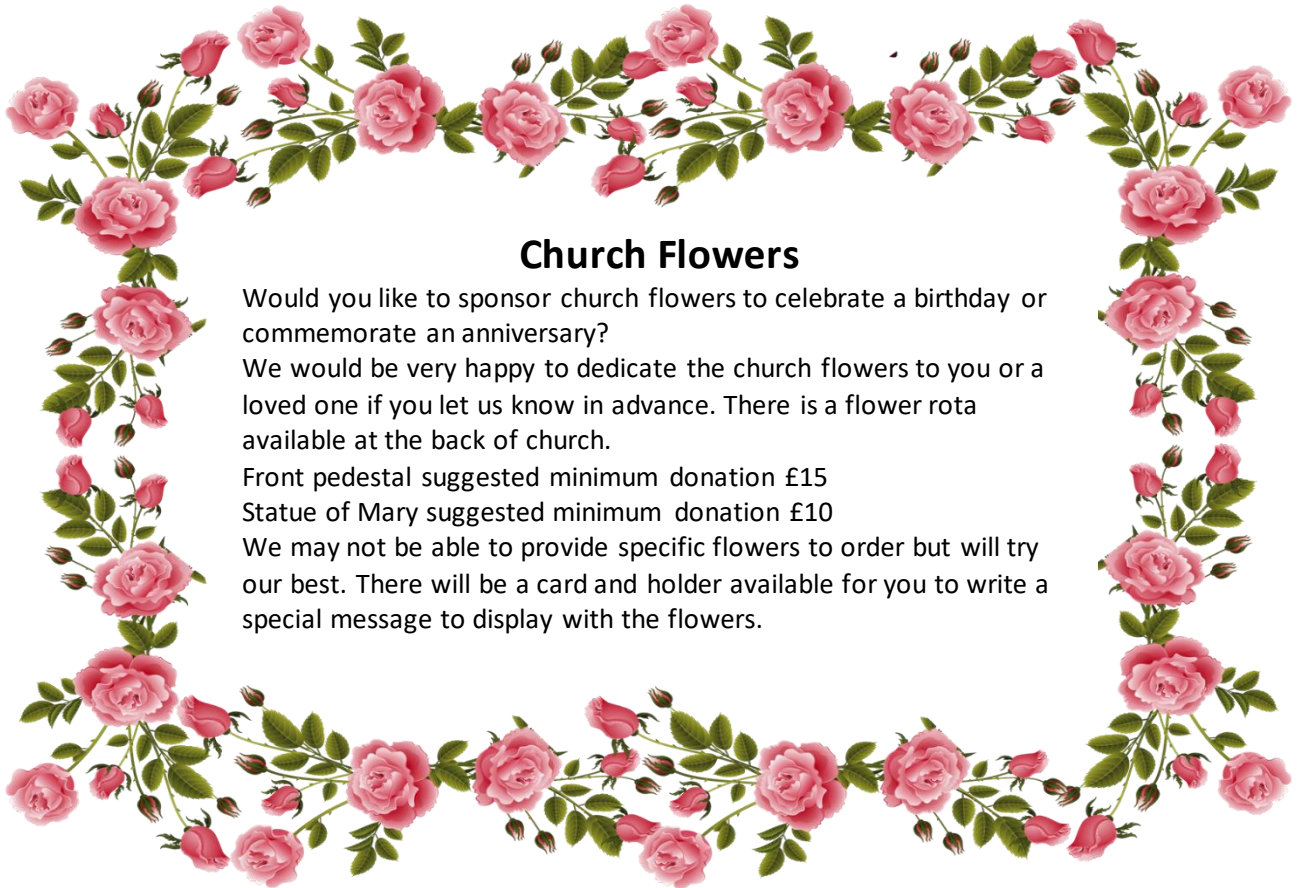
Each talk will last less than an hour in our newly-warmed church, and followed by refreshments.

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
THIS 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. How old does the Bible say Noah was when he built the Ark?
2. What was taxed at 7pence in the pound in the 1840s?
3. What is the plural of a Moose?
4. Who is to be the new manager of England's Men's Football Team?
5. When did Clevedon Urban District Council hold its first meeting?
6. Julius Caesar was killed on the Ides Of March - what exact date is that?
7. Which river flows through Merthyr Tydfil and Cardiff?
8. What was Gorge Eliot's actual surname?
9. Kilmersden Somerset was the setting for which nursery rhyme?
10. When was the National Health Service Bill passed?
11. The grapefruit is a native of which continent?
12. Amanda Holden is a judge on which TV programme?
13. Who reached the top of Everest in 1953 with Edmund Hilary?
14. Who was the first Constitutional Monarch of England?
15. Which UK town is named after the Virgin Mary?
16. Who was the painter of matchstick men?

Gordon's Posers

a: Make lots of pots of tea; b: Long way away shelter via crossing if famished; c: Building for farm cart.

St. John's 100 Club

Organisers: Nicola Coaker
Fiona Dixon
Angela Edgar

November 2024

Dear Friend,

We would like to invite you to join 'St. John's 100 Club'. This is a way of boosting funds for our church by making a yearly donation of £12 equivalent to just £1 per month and having the opportunity to win something back. Since 2009 the 100 club has raised over £12,000 for St. John's Church and have given members back over £8,000 in prizes.

If you join the Club before 18 December 2024, your name will go into our additional 'Special Christmas Draw' with a chance to win £30 for 2025 members only.

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.

The three prizes are:

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

*If there are less than 80 members, there will be no 3rd prize, but there is no upper limit on membership; the more the merrier and the more funds that will be raised for the Church.

To join, please complete the form below as soon as possible and return it to either Nicola, Fiona or Angela in church. You can pay either by cash or by BACS to: Parochial Council Johns Clevedon; sort code: 52-21-39; account number 92696767 but please make sure you use the reference: 100 club + surname so we can identify it

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I wish to take part in 'St. John's 100 Club' Draw and enclose my donation of £12 (£1 per month in 2025) per number which entitles me to be entered in the draw with a chance to win a prize.

I have enclosed cash with this form or have paid by BACS (please check appropriate box)

Number of numbers paid for

Forename:.....Surname:.....

Address:.....

Post Code:.....Telephone number:.....

I am / am no a U.K. Tax Payer and wish to Gift Aid my donation:

Signed:.....Date:.....

If giving this entry as a gift to someone, please write their name here:

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



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



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

