

The Parish of All Saints with St Saviour

Weston-super-Mare

# Spring Newsletter

## 2024



*‘For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations’ – Isaiah 61:11.*

Greetings to all of you at All Saints, and to our friends at St Johns! At last the signs of spring are all around us: nodding daffodils, occasional glimpses of warm sunshine and the miraculous stirring and awakening of the earth.

It seems a little late in the day to be wishing you all a Happy New Year, but the good wishes are there as we enter the unknown in a way- wondering what lies in store during 2024- hopefully a year of possibilities and opportunities, but also of course tinged with terrible sadness for those enveloped in the brutal wars in the Middle East and Ukraine.



All Saints' church was beautifully decorated by Janice and the flower team for Christmas, and the services were well attended, with several new faces at Midnight Mass, and a Vigil service at St Saviour which proved very popular.





Gradually the three wise Men made their journey round the church, from the Chapel of the Sacred Heart onwards, passing the font, the place of

Baptism and new life, and the crucifix, symbol of redemption and resurrection, to the crib, where on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January they were blessed and censed.



Epiphany saw a church full of worshippers! Our church community is growing in numbers and in hope, and members of that very community met the day before Epiphany to enjoy tea, sandwiches and cakes in the St John's vicarage at the invitation of Father Brendan. Such a joyful day, which gave an opportunity

for all of us to relax and talk. There was also a very interesting talk given by Fr Brendan in St John's about its history and architecture.



It's not many churches that can celebrate Candlemas twice, but this year All Saints was granted the privilege of marking our own very poignant Candlemas on the 28<sup>th</sup>

January, all thanks to Father Andrew Allen, and then joining our sister church, St John's on the evening of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February for the induction of Father Brendan within a Candlemas setting. What an overwhelming joy! Father Brendan's induction will

provide huge security for us and for St John's, and is another step forward in our journey of confidence and hope.

Owen writes:

'Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February was a special day! St John the Evangelist Anglo-Catholic church in Clevedon was packed for the 7pm start for Father Brendan's Induction as priest in charge of our sister church. A goodly number from All Saints made the short hop over from Weston to share in this special service. Here was Anglo-Catholic worship at its best! We were fortunate that Bishop Paul was in attendance, and once again he held the congregation in the palm of his hand with his poignant homily (delivered without notes). There was tangible spirituality in St Johns that evening, which was enhanced by the congregational singing! I

have to confess as a former Baptist a couple of hymns were new to me, especially 'Hail to the Lord who comes', which was particularly memorable and sung with gusto!

The marriage of this special occasion with Candlemas seemed wholly appropriate and looking around this beautiful church with the congregation all holding lit

candles was incredibly moving. Afterwards we were all invited to move next door to the church hall where waiting for us was a wonderful buffet and drinks a' plenty, plus a convivial atmosphere where all were chatting happily. Towards the end of the evening Father Brendan drew our attention to a splendid cake which was made by a lady member of St Johns. It was duly cut and there was enough for all! We look forward to many more gatherings both in Clevedon and here in Weston. Bishop Paul mingled among us and I heard him say to folk



regularly 'Are you in good heart? 'After Friday evening I would say 'Yes, our congregation is in very good heart and for this we thank our priest Father Brendan!'

It's always very sad when one of our church family leaves us, and there was a real sense of shock and sorrow when Father Andrew Allen announced the death of Roy Harding to the congregation at Candlemas. Roy was a unique character - a private man and strongly independent but with a quirky sense of humour, and a willingness to help whenever he could, so before Sunday Mass Roy would unfailingly shoulder a broom and sweep the leaves from the north porch, and similarly he would always help sweep the floor after coffee church. And no-one can forget the variety of Shakespeare-themed mugs produced from his coat pocket on a Wednesday, ready to be filled with at least three cups of tea! Rest in peace, Roy, we shall miss you. May you rise in glory.

As always we offer our grateful thanks to all those whose time and efforts make this church a wonder to visitors whom we are pleased to welcome. We thank our clergy, sacristan, servers, parish administrators, choir and organist, buildings manager, and the PCC. More than once visitors have remarked on how loved the church seems; we do all love All Saints, and just as Roy took pride and care in his tasks, so we can all contribute to its care in our own way. If you feel you can take on a small task each week, please let Janice know.

*Teach me, my God and King, in all things Thee to see,  
And what I do in anything, to do it as for Thee.*



Coffee church has been the centre of focus lately, with a presentation by Father Brendan on behalf of All Saints' church to the Weston branch of the RNLI of a cheque for no less than £800, raised from our 2023 Carols by Candlelight. We were absolutely delighted to be able to support this worthy charity through such generous donations.

Shrove Tuesday was marked in the traditional way with a feast of home-made soup and pancakes in St Saviour's hall and a good number of people enjoying the last day before Lent. Thanks to Terry and Sandy for their hard work and preparation, and to all who served, washed up and helped clear away afterwards.



There's a thriving social community at All Saints' church, committed to outreach and welcome, and there's much for us to look forward to over the next few months, beginning with our first lunchtime concert at midday on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, and the Costanzi 'Miserere' a fortnight later. All our concerts are listed on the website so please keep visiting the site for further details. .



On the 13<sup>th</sup> April we'll be meeting to enjoy fish and chips at Winston's Fish bar, but now let us keep this season of Lent, a time for prayer and reflection, when we turn our faces to God in trust and repentance. We have a wonderful opportunity to walk the Stations of the Cross each Saturday morning, and to join the Revd Canon Nicola Stanley at St Saviour's Hall on Mondays at 3.30 for 4pm, to learn to pray better. Wishing you all a holy and enriching Lent.

Father Brendan writes:

Dear friends,

As I write this the Church is preparing to enter into the season of Lent. Lent is the period of preparation for Holy Week and as, at first, observed by those who were baptised at the Easter Liturgy, and by those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship by sin. Later it came to be seen that this annual season of penance brings great blessings to the Christian people.

But to think of it as only a time of penance is to do it an injustice. Whilst the traditional practice of "doing something for Lent" (I am giving up cheese!) is praiseworthy, there is so much more to this wonderful season than just additional practises of piety or acts of penance and mortification. In Lent the Church calls us to metanoia.

The word metanoia connotes a change of mind and heart, altering one's mind-set towards whole new ways of thinking and acting. This involves taking a new look at where we are and trying to see where we ought to be. It involves testing our values and discerning how they stack up against the values Jesus offers his followers.

Fortunately, metanoia is not something we have to do by ourselves. God's word gives us a lot of helping the process, as does the example of our brethren in the Lord who are engaged, during these weeks, in the same exercise.

At the end comes Holy Week, seven days in which we accompany Our Lord in the final days of his life on earth. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are essentially one liturgical celebration, as they

were before the days of Holy Week were separated out in the fourth century. Of these, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday belong together as two parts of the same service. May I encourage you to try and attend all four of these special and solemn Liturgies to keep Holy Week properly? We are deeply grateful to Fr Darren Smith, General Secretary of the Additional Curates Society, for being with us over Holy Week so that it can be observed in full in both of our parishes.

And then Easter joy, the joy of the Resurrection. But not before we have walked the way of the Cross. More about that later...

With my love and prayers,  
Fr Brendan



## Coffee Church

Every Wednesday at 11am, St Saviour's  
Hall, Locking Road, Weston super Mare,  
BS23 3EN.

Tel 01934 415379



Everyone welcome.

A safe space in which to have a chat, tea and coffee, cake or biscuit,  
within a Christian context.



## St Saviour's and All Saints Hall Activity

The halls are used for community activities throughout the week.

St Saviour's Hall is mentioned first in details below.

**Monday** morning **Weston Art Group** meet. Meanwhile at All Saints **Axe Scouts Beaver** group meet in the hall early evening.

**Tuesday's** U3A run an afternoon **Mahjong** group on the 1st and 3rd week, and a **Folk Dance** group on the 2nd and 4th week. Also **Weston Scrabble Club** every Tuesday evening.

**Wednesday's** we have **Coffee Church** in the morning. A Theatre Group **Inspire** meet late afternoon, every week for 4 to 17 year olds, meanwhile **Axe Scouts Cubs** meet at All Saints Hall early evening.

On **Thursday** **Parkinson UK** Weston branch have their sessions at 2.30pm on the 1st Thursday in the month, on the 2nd Thursday in the month they have a people with Parkinson's drop-in, and a Carers drop-in on the 3rd Thursday in the month, Twice a month, in the evening, on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in the month **Weston Assembly** meet for old time dance.

**Friday** for the card players when the **Whist Club** meet in the afternoon.

Every **Saturday** afternoon **Chelis Theatre Company** for children, trains youngsters in drama, dance, singing and a whole host of other performing arts subjects.

**The Affinity Parishes of  
St John the Evangelist, Clevedon and  
All Saints with St Saviour, Weston-super-Mare**

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2024**

Everyone welcome

**Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Procession of Palms, Passion Gospel and Solemn Mass

Services at St John's and All Saints 10.30am

**Monday in Holy Week**

All Saints 10am Low Mass

St John's 6pm Low Mass

**Tuesday in Holy Week**

All Saints 10am Low Mass

**Wednesday in Holy Week**

St Saviours Hall 10am Low Mass

St Saviour's Hall 11am Coffee Church

St John's 6pm Low Mass

**Maundy Thursday**

Liturgy of The Last Supper, Watch of The Passion

Services at St John's and All Saints 7.30pm

**Good Friday**

St John's 10am Stations of the Cross

All Saints 11am Journey to the Cross

Services at St John's and All Saints 2pm The Liturgy of the Lord's Death

**Holy Saturday**

St John's 10am Morning Prayer

Services at St John's and All Saints 8pm Liturgy of the Resurrection

**Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Services at St John's and All Saints 10:30am Solemn Mass

St John's 5.30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

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**Visit our websites**

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

[www.allsaintswsm.org](http://www.allsaintswsm.org)



**Every Tuesday and Thursday** morning 10am Mass at All Saints Church.

**Every Wednesday** morning 11am **Coffee Church** at St Saviour's Hall.

**Every Saturday during Lent** 10.00am Mass and Stations of the Cross at All Saints Church

**Every Sunday** morning 10.30am Mass at All Saints Church



## 2024 Concert Programme

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 12 midday- Richard Lennox Lunchtime Concert

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March- 7.30 pm – Costanzi Consort Lenten Concert-  
'Miserere'

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April- 7.30 pm- Vocalise (Ann Clewlow) and Male Voice Choir

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April- 6.00 pm- Andrea Monk piano pupils

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April- 3 pm- **Dave James saxophone quartet**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May- 3pm- **Bute Wind Quintet**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May-7.30 pm-Trinity Singers – 'Laudate Dominum- Alleluia'

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May- 7.30pm- Weston Choral – Mozart Requiem

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June- 7.30pm- North Somerset County Youth Music

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July- 7.30pm- West Mendip Orchestral Concert

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July- 7.30pm- Costanzi Consort

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July- 6 pm- Andrea Monk piano pupils

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July – 3pm- **Extravaganza II**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September-12 midday- **'Last Night of the Proms'**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September- 3 pm- **The Somernotes.**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November- 3 pm- Weston Choral Society- Music for  
Remembrance- Howard Goodall's 'Eternal Light'

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 7.30 pm- Costanzi Consort

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December- 6 pm- Andrea Monk piano pupils

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December- 7.30pm- Vocalise Christmas Concert