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28th April 2024

Dear friends,

Sunday marks the beginning of the Patronal Festival 2024 at our sister church of St John the Evangelist, with Clevedon Choral Society singing Evensong at 5.30pm. There's a glass of wine to enjoy afterwards in church or in the church grounds depending on the weather.

Next Saturday Clevedon Choral perform their spring concert as part of the festival, and on Sunday 5th May we welcome our friend Canon Nicola Stanley as preacher at the Patronal Festival Mass which is followed by a parish lunch. Evensong and Benediction end the day at 5.30pm.

On Wednesday 8th May we welcome the world-renowned icon writer Aidan Hart to give a talk about the Festival Icons in St John's and his life as an artist. This is 7 for 7.30pm. The talk will last about an hour, so it should still be light at going home time.

Please do support these events as you are able. The following is really important.

I was delighted to share with the St John's PCC some correspondence I recently received from the Diocese: 'The Bishop and curate matching group have recently met to discuss potential Training Incumbents for curates who will be ordained in 2025. Following that meeting we would like to invite you to attend a group discussion with a view to you being included in the Training Incumbent pool.'



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This means, dear friends, that our parishes have been deemed suitable for a newly ordained person to begin his ministry. This is an exciting development. Whoever comes in June 2025 will work with me across both parishes first as a deacon for one year, and then as a priest. Deo gratias! We should all feel properly encouraged about this, for it is an indicator of the trust and confidence the Diocese has in us as a community, and in the Catholic life we are seeking to authentically live out here. I will keep you informed of developments.

With my love and prayers at this special time. Ever Fr Brendan