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## SERVICES

All Saints', East Clevedon	Sundays	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Holy Communion
Walton St Mary Clevedon	Sundays Wednesdays	10.00 am Sunday Worship 10.00 am Holy Communion
St Paul's, Walton	Sundays	11.15 am Sunday Worship
St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano	<b>Services to be held in Village Hall until further notice</b>	
	Sundays	5.00pm Holy Communion (1st, 3rd, 5th) 5.00 pm Evensong (2nd & 4th)
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## FIRST WORD A reflection on the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We Elizabethans have had the privilege to witness the finest reign in the history of our nation. Her late majesty has been the living symbol of the best of us, a sign of unity which

has provided dignity and stability in turbulent times of profound change. Today, as we begin to mourn the loss of our beloved Queen, the sadness we feel will reflect the love and thanks we owe to her.

As a church, and as a benefice, we offer our heartfelt thanks and our prayers for her and her family. Her sincere Christian faith was her constant support, and it is to this loving and redeeming God that we commend her.

Her faith was an inclusive one. She described the Church of England as an umbrella under which all other faiths could find shelter and flourish. That seems to me to be a good description. A church and a faith that is marked by a confidence that can accept difference and find a unity without compromising or disregarding the comfort and unique truths found in Christ. A gentle embracing church, committed to service and the common good.

And here we come to the late Queens profound gift to us. She has modelled a form of royal leadership, a reign, based not on power but on service. Her extraordinary humility in this most difficult of roles has been extraordinary. Right to the last, even to her final day, she was engaged in her constitutional duty. In 70 years, she had to restrain her own personal wishes and thoughts and bend them to the national good, accepting advice from those in positions of power, being present and being seen, meeting, encouraging and affirming thousands upon thousands of people across the nation, commonwealth and world.

As we mourn her loss, we also recall that the best way to honour someone we love and respect is to try ourselves to live up to those qualities we so admire. So to us falls the challenge of embodying reconciliation, service, humility and faith.

And in our prayers we hold our new King. Change can make us feel vulnerable or unsettled which is natural, normal and to be expected. But I am sure that the King will ensure that the vital continuity which we need is maintained and that we, the church and nation will thrive under his considered and experienced reign. Our duty is to pray for him and for the Queen Consort, as for other members of the Royal family, as they become that symbol of unity and service which we so desire.

The Christian faith is one of hope. Sadness comes to us all but we live in the light of Christ's resurrection and the renewal of all things – the King of Kings and the humble servant of all who washed the disciples feet and died for us that we might live.

God bless her late Majesty and God save the King.

Noel



## LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

### The same yesterday, today and forever

Many of us know well Bob Dylan's song 'The Times They Are A-Changin'. Was it written with us in mind? None of us could have predicted the changes that we have seen in 2022. The death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth, the accession of a new King, a war in Ukraine, a cost-of-living crisis. None of these were on the cards as we made our new year's resolutions on the 1st of January.

Yet happen they have. And whether we like it or not, we're forced to agree with Bob Dylan's lyrics that the times are indeed changing. What can see us though these days?

A phrase that's often used about the period through which we're going is 'unprecedented'. I'm not sure it's entirely valid! Previous generations have faced situations as challenging or more than ours – seasons of plagues, wars, famines and conquest. The times in which the New Testament was written were, for its writers, periods of profound uncertainty. Its writers faced violence and vulnerability, conflict and dispute. Yet into their times they were able to speak words of hope, confidence and assurance.

One such phrase that stands out for me is a line from the letter to the Hebrews. Hebrews was written in response to a time of persecution and the possibility of people falling back from the faith as a result. Into its time and ours, the writer of the letter makes an extraordinary claim: 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.' (Hebrews 13:8)

Just imagine! The one who walked in Galilee has been there for his people through-out time, is with us now, and will be whatever the future may hold.

So respectfully, I have to disagree with Bob Dylan. In his song he tells us that in the face of times that are 'a-changin', we'd better start 'swimmin'. Much better than hyperactive splashing, I suggest, is to live out our vision to 'live and tell the story of Jesus'. For it's as we do so that we can hold fast to the one who is constant and unchanging, who holds us always in the palm of his hands; Jesus Christ who is 'the same yesterday, today and forever.'

**Bishop Michael**

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## Pause for Thought

### The Royalty and Mystery of God

O bright king of heaven, surrounded the starry host of angels, encompassed by the dark mystery, which is the very effulgence of thy light: grant that we may glimpse thy beauty, and in that glimpse be cleansed, losing ourselves in thy glory.  
Amen

*R. E. C. "Charlie" Brown – military chaplain*

(The word effulgence means radiance – and notice the mystery of God bound up in royalty, glory and a dazzling brightness turning all other light to dark by comparison.)

### The Arrival in Heaven

O Christ of welcome and blessing, as we approach the heavenly city in which you dwell, make us glad with the shouts of greeting and encouragement from all those who have arrived ahead of us, and give us grace not just to return their cries, but to turn our heads to those who follow, maybe stumbling, behind us, and speak your words of welcome and blessing to them. So our gladness in the journey will be equal to our gladness in arrival. Amen

*Melvyn Matthews*

### A Blessing at Harvest

May the road rise up to meet you  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm on your face  
And may the rain fall softly on your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May the Lord hold you in the hollow of His hand.  
Amen.  
Traditional

## Poet Laureate Simon Armitage marks the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with a new poem

### Floral Tribute

Evening will come, however determined the late afternoon,  
Limes and oaks in their last green flush, pearled in September mist.  
I have conjured a lily to light these hours, a token of thanks,  
Zones and auras of soft glare framing the brilliant globes.  
A promise made and kept for life – that was your gift –  
Because of which, here is a gift in return, glovewort to some,  
Each shining bonnet guarded by stern lance-like leaves.  
The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,  
Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight.

Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark Munros.  
Lily of the Valley, a namesake almost, a favourite flower  
Interlaced with your famous bouquets, the restrained  
Zeal and forceful grace of its lanterns, each inflorescence  
A silent bell disguising a singular voice. A blurred new day  
Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks, and  
Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots,  
This lily that thrives between spire and tree, whose brightness  
Holds and glows beyond the life and border of its bloom.







## Harvest reflection by The Rector

Have you noticed that rain gets a pretty bad press? Weather forecasters often talk about “good” weather when the sun shines, “poor conditions” when it rains, “improving conditions” when the rain eases, and the “warning of heavy showers” when rain is imminent.

You may recall that one spoke of “heavy showers in London and the South but don’t worry, it’s moving towards the North by the afternoon” (he wasn’t invited to the Look North Christmas party that year).

And what about this excerpt from “Rain” by the poet Edward Thomas? “Rain, midnight rain, nothing but the wild rain on this bleak hut, and solitude...” Dear, oh dear – what a picture.

In scripture the rain on Noah’s ark was the rain of judgment upon a sinful world. The Book of Common Prayer picks up this theme in its prayer for fair weather, “O Almighty Lord God, who for the sin of man didst once drown all the world, except eight persons, and afterward of thy great mercy didst promise never to destroy it so again; We humbly beseech thee, that although we for our iniquities have worthily deserved a plague of rain and waters, yet upon our true repentance thou wilt send us such weather that we may receive the fruits of the earth in due season: and learn both by thy punishment to amend our lives...”etc.

Too much rain is a terrible thing, as the poor people of Pakistan can now so painfully confirm, but so is too little.

But during this last baking summer we ourselves have been crying out for rain. Most importantly our farmers have longed for rain to grow the crops on which we depend. Statistics vary, of course, but here in the UK and all across Europe we haven’t seen such a drought for decades and perhaps for as long as 500 years or more. As reservoirs are depleted, the Hunger Stones and long quenched antiquities are revealed, and even the mighty Rhine is closed to large commercial vessels due to falling water levels perhaps it’s time to readdress our friendship with rain.

At Harvest time we’re reminded of the beautiful Psalm 65, “You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it, the river of God is full of water... You water our fields abundantly settling its ridges, softening it with showers and blessing its growth... the valleys clothe themselves with grain that they shout and sing for joy.” It’s as beautiful a scene as the garden of Eden—fresh, abundant and life giving. Fresh

### St Peter & St Paul, Weston in Gordano

#### SERVICES TO BE HELD IN VILLAGE HALL

- 2nd 5.30 pm Harvest Evensong - The Rev’d Nicholas Maddock  
*Harvest tea served from 4pm*
- 9th 6.00 pm Evensong - The Rev’d Tim Daplyn
- 16th 6.00 pm Holy Communion - The Rev’d Nicholas Maddock
- 23rd 6.00 pm Evensong - The Rector
- 30th 5.00 pm Holy Communion - The Rev’d Nicholas Maddock

Every Wednesday 11.00 am Holy Communion - check for venue

### Walton St Mary, Clevedon

- 2nd 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rev’d Nicholas Maddock
- 9th 10.00 am Morning Prayer - The Rector  
*Harvest and Baptism of Frederick Gale*
- 16th 10.00 am Holy Communion - The Rev’d Nicholas Maddock
- 23rd 10.00 am Morning Prayer - The Rector,  
*Bible Sunday pr Wycliffe Bible translators*
- 30th 10.00am Holy Communion - The Rev’d Ian Hubbard

Every Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Mary’s

## October SERVICES

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### All Saints, East Clevedon

2nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30 am	Harvest, All Age, HC - The Rector
9th	8.00 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
16th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rector
23rd	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
	10.30 am	Holy Communion - The Rev'd Tim Daplyn
30th	8.00am	Holy Communion - The Rector
	10.30am	Holy Communion - The Rector

### St Paul's, Walton in Gordano

2nd	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Sue Betts
9th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer Harvest - The Rector
16th	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Mr Joshua Fowler
23rd	11.15 am	Holy Communion - The Rector
30th	11.15am	Morning Prayer - The Rev'd Nicholas Maddock

water in Christian tradition is a symbol of blessing, refreshing and cleansing.

In our society, when we are at risk of swapping out the garden of Eden for the convenience of shopping online, the supermarket or for The Mall, where we simply reach out to pluck almost anything we wish, this summer has reminded us again of some pretty basic home truths. The foundations of life are based on simple things – water and soil (not “dirt” please) among the most fundamental and our comfort is dependent on these things more than we sometimes remember.

Perhaps not for a very long time have we been so powerfully taught a lesson our grandparents knew full well – that resources are scarce but vital for life. We're thankful for them and we must never take them for granted. Our utility bills and the changes to our climate brought about by global warming are stark reminders of how limited and precious these resources are.

Harvest is a time of thanksgiving but to be thankful we need to appreciate what it is we're thankful for. When Harvest Home services were first introduced in Victorian Cornwall they were meant to express this thankfulness precisely because they understood this basic lesson, that their lives depended upon resources that hard work and fair conditions had produced. It was in the appreciation of the vulnerability of the harvest that the thankfulness could come.

We are not insulated from the fundamentals of life even if we at times are guilty of taking them for granted. Appreciating fair weather, knowing how our food is grown and made, being thankful for simple pleasures – these things make harvest. Continual abundance is an illusion, continual thankfulness is not.

For my birthday this year I was given an umbrella in the hope and expectation that it will rain, replenish our parched land, reservoirs and rivers and refresh our wildlife, crops and ourselves. Every time I use it I shall do so with a thanksgiving for the soft rains and bountiful harvests.

Happy Harvest.

*Noel*

## READINGS AND PRAYERS

### The Harvest Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Sunday, 2nd October – Trinity 16

**Habbakuk 1 v 1-4, ch 2 v 1-4    Luke 17 v 5-10**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Sunday, 9th October – Trinity 17

**2 Kings 5 v 1-3, 7-15c    Luke 17 v 1-19**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Sunday, 16th October – Trinity 18

**Genesis 32 v 22-31    Luke 18 v 1-8**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Sunday, 23rd October – Bible Sunday

**Isaiah 45 v 22-end Luke 4 v 16-24**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in your Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

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## Sunday, 30th October – All Saints Day

Daniel 7 v 1-3, 15-18 Luke 6 v 20-31

Almighty God, You have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship In the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints In all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

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### FROM THE REGISTERS....

#### WEDDINGS

17th Sept – Gabrielle Wood and Liam Phillips, All Saints

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7th Sept – Bob Smisson, All Saints

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*from the archives*

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*“SO HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED, SLEEP.”*

Her court was pure; her life, serene;  
God gave her peace; her land reposed;  
A thousand claims to reverence closed  
In her as Mother, Wife, and Queen.

*ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD; AND  
LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON HER.*

On Wednesday morning, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Holy Eucharist was offered in our church with special mention for the soul of our departed Queen; and there will (D.V.) be a Solemn Eucharist, with a funeral oration, on the day before the funeral. Friday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11 a.m. *East Clevedon Parish Monthly, February 1901.*

*Julia Elton*

## Back again! The return of BadgerSet and ‘Folk at Christmas.

Yes, it’s time, once again, for the return of the much anticipated BadgerSet Christmas Folk Concert at All Saints.

We have been practicing hard, even during the hottest days of summer, to bring you an almost entirely new collection of song, dance, tunes and humour. However, one or two old favourites will still probably make an appearance!

Our Christmas concerts are amongst our favourite events of the year and a very important person at All Saints’ considers this to be “The Highlight of the Season!”

In addition to the entertainment, your ticket will also buy you a selection of seasonal goodies including mulled wine.

This is always a very well supported event and we will let you know as soon as tickets go on sale. Details below.

We very much look forward to welcoming you on the night.

*BadgerSet*

The concert will be taking place at All Saints’ Church on Friday 9th December starting at 7.30pm. Cost is £10.00 including seasonal refreshments.

Tickets are available from The Parish Office, 01275 873257 or [eastcleveub@gmail.com](mailto:eastcleveub@gmail.com), Monica Gore, 01275 791764, Mo King on 07377 387722 or [mo.king@sky.com](mailto:mo.king@sky.com)

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## **ALL SAINTS, East Clevedon**

I write this as news of the death of Queen Elizabeth has been announced. Much will be said on the news and media (and this magazine) and as a church we celebrate 70 years of the Queen on the throne and send our deepest sympathy to her family. The

Bells tolled at 12 noon on Friday 9th September and services on Sunday 11th reflected the sadness of the occasion.

It is good news that Coffee at The Court is back on Saturday 15th October 10am to 12 noon after a break due to covid. This is always a lovely occasion to soak in the atmosphere at Clevedon Court, enjoy refreshments, purchase a homemade cake or two, have a go on the Tombola and enter the Grand Draw. Those of you who received a September magazine via All Saints Church will have had Draw tickets enclosed in your magazine. Please can you return these as requested. There are always some excellent prizes – you might be lucky!

There is a wedding at All Saints on Saturday, 17th September at 12 noon between Liam Richards and Gabrielle Wood and we send our very best wishes to them for a long and happy life together.

Harvest Festival on 2nd October will be suitable for all ages and harvest gifts will be given to the Sisters of the Church for their work with the homeless in Bristol. The Service of Light takes place at All Saints on Wednesday 2nd November (All Souls) at 6pm. This is the occasion when we remember those who have died and have the opportunity to light a candle in memory. It is always a very moving service. All names from previous years remain in the Book of Remembrance.

Thank you to my husband John for straightening out the Coronation Gates after a vehicle had damaged them. Buddleia is again growing in the church spire, and the action to be taken will be discussed at the next PCC meeting. The St George window has been taken away for repair and we look forward to its return. David and Glenys Wardle have moved Congresbury and we wish them well in their new home. Thankfully they will continue as Servers and David remains on the PCC plus helping with church maintenance. The PCC have approved Richard Mullineaux (member of St Mary's) as a Foundation Governor at All Saints Primary School. Anne Daplyn is our other Foundation Governor and also Deputy Chair. We thank both Anne and Richard for giving their expertise, time and energy on behalf of our church.

*Sandra Sallis*



## **ST MICHAEL'S, Clapton in Gordano**

Events seem to have happened at a tremendous rate in September. The return to schools term, the election of a new Prime Minister and the sudden and sadly unexpected passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2.

It was only 2 days prior that the Queen accepted the resignation of one prime

minister and the welcoming of a new one. Her Majesty carried out her official duties to the end.

The continued positive effect over the past 71 years of her presence, character and impeccable behaviour, leaves her oldest son an extremely difficult task to emulate. The friends of St Michaels and the whole community of Clapton offer our sincere condolences to the Royal Family in their loss at this time. R.I.P your Majesty.

A meeting of the Friends is due to be held in the near future, with a full agenda of topics.

And Finally..... St Michaels church building will be open to all each Sunday from approx 09:00 until 17:00. The bell ringers will continue to practice their craft at weekly sessions, with a key to the church held in the Black Horse, if Phil Joyner or myself are unavailable to temporarily loan out our copies.

*Derek Roberts*



## WALTON ST MARY

On Sunday 14th August we celebrated our Patronal Festival with some wonderful music by the choir arranged by Ian. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers in honour of our patron and after a lovely service, we gathered in the Hall to enjoy some cake

and a glass of wine.

The wedding between Robert Jacobs and Sheena Chapman took place in our church on the 20th August as their original venue of St Peter & St Paul was still not available. It was a lovely occasion with Tim Daplyn taking the service and drawing everyone's attention to our splendid lighting installed in part by Rob !! We send them both our congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness. Indeed it was lovely to hear their photographer remark that St Mary's was one of the most attractive churches she had ever seen.

As I sit down to write this article signs of Autumn are arriving. The wonderful copper beech tree outside my window is slowly starting to shed it's leaves after a glorious display throughout the summer.

Now the nights are drawing in we must turn our attention to the problem of heating.

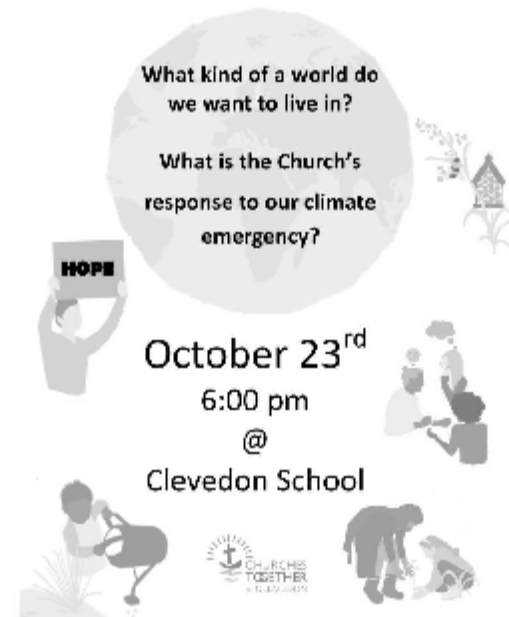
Following the annual servicing of the boilers it has been decided that we should reset the working temperature to the lower figure of 18 degrees in light of the current high cost of energy supply. As you can appreciate the cost of heating such a large building as the church is considerable.

I have just heard the sad news that Cyril Honey has passed away. Cyril was a long-standing member of St. Mary's and when I joined the altar serving team he mentored me, explaining all the duties involved in the role.

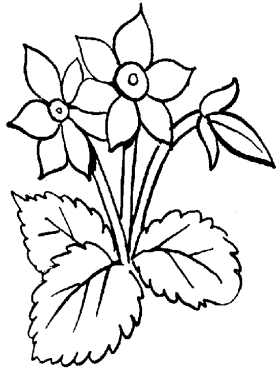
I was going to conclude this article by reporting on the Farewell Party for Caroline & Bob but as you are aware this was postponed.

Following the very sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, we opened the church to allow visitors to light a candle and have time for private

## United Service



**Each year Churches Together in Clevedon holds a united service, a chance for all the Clevedon congregations to meet and worship together. This year it will have a climate theme. We hope you will want to come and explore the Christian response to this emergency. There will be a chance for discussion and refreshments.**



## Garden Talk

October is a moving month. By that I do not mean that I find October especially poignant, nor that we are about to move house. Rather, October is the best month to move plants which are in the wrong place in your garden. Most of the top growth is over for the year so a plant in a new location can devote its strength to putting down its roots. Moreover, in October there is still residual warmth in the ground after the summer, and the autumn rains should have supplied enough moisture to make the

soil damp a long way down. So if you are planning to reorganize your garden, now is the time to do it.

In our front garden there are a number of plants which are clearly in the wrong place. We have a clump of Michaelmas daisies which are looking very sorry for themselves; they are overshadowed by a large shrub and the soil is poor. They may bloom a bit but not nearly as well as they should. They need a new home where they will get more light. We also have a geranium 'Rozanne' which has been completely overwhelmed by a hazel bush and needs to be rescued and replanted before it dies completely. Moving clump-forming plants also affords an opportunity to split them if they have become too big. Splitting plants will often invigorate them – simply dig them up and cut the clump in two using a sharp spade, two forks back to back, or saw through the roots with the bread knife (but only if your wife is out).

Pelargoniums (old-fashioned geraniums) should also be moved in October if you wish to keep them for next year. They are not hardy and whilst they sometimes survive outside in a mild winter, from my experience they emerge in spring so badly shaken that they take most of the summer to recover. If they are already in pots it is an easy matter to move them into an unheated porch or conservatory where they will get light but not frost. If they are in a flower bed you will have to pot them up, cutting the foliage back if necessary. The aim is to get them to rest during the winter months to preserve their strength for next season. Water them very sparingly, perhaps every two or three weeks, and avoid bringing them into a warm room. Moving plants around can be fun; it allows you to be creative, to try something new and look forward to the results next spring.

*William King*

prayer. A muffled tenor bell was rung at noon.

*Diana Flemming*

### St. Mary's flowers

September 4th - in loving memory of Bob Sutton on what would have been Christine and Bob's 39th wedding anniversary, requested by Christine.

September 11th - in loving memory of Robert Fowler, requested by his wife Jean.



## ST PETER & ST PAUL, Weston in Gordano

The congregation of St Peter and St Paul is beginning to feel the effect of the diminishing number of clergy in the benefice. I was surprised to find myself rather suddenly leading morning prayer one

Sunday in August but pleased to have a day or so in which to prepare a homily: and glad to be able to preach it. It was good to feel support and that we are all in this together! We were glad to have Noel back from holiday preaching about the gas bills on Sunday 21st! So sorry that he had Covid for the THIRD time by the following Sunday.

I note with interest that congregations are numerically quite healthy with the mid week communion attracting as many as can squash into the little Magdalene chapel. We are enjoying Sister Anita celebrating for us again and grateful to her for that. What joy that work has begun on the restoration of the main body of the church at last. If all goes well we will need an army of cleaners later in November to love the building back into life! Meanwhile we continue to need about £20,000 to complete the task tho half of that may be recoverable next year through VAT. Quite remarkable that £45,684 has already been raised, before financial pressure is felt even more in society at large. Thank you to all who have worked and continue to work hard on this challenge. The village faces other challenges, especially the future of the pub, and it's good that real effort is being made, on various fronts, to encourage and sustain communal life in these difficult days. Sunday services are now at 6.00 pm with the offering of tea/ coffee, even cake, before Evensong around 5.00

As I send this we have just had report of Queen Elizabeth's ill health. I have a specific debt to Her Majesty whom I met in the mid 1980s at a lunch she regularly gave for about a dozen of her subjects from differing walks of life (the church in my case). That did as much as anything to help reconcile my very dear Mother to my religious vocation! I think she felt I must have got it right somewhere! It was a privilege and I found the Queen on that occasion sensitive, simple, and humorous. The whole nation, let alone the Church, has a debt to this holy woman for a lifetime of vocational service.

*Sister Carol*

As Carol has said, we have at last started the repair work following the outbreak of dry rot. We did in fact start this on 08th September as we were able to remove the pews to Bob Hawkins' barn earlier than expected with the aid of Kevin Cranshaw and James Luton providing the transport and muscle, our thanks to all three for their help in this. Ellis & Co have placed protective covering and floor coverings to the church's interior so that they can start the digging out and refilling of the affected area on the 12th.

We have to remind everyone that the whole of the church is now a building site with no access to non-workers. This includes the porch, meaning that the Village Library is likewise inaccessible.

The mid-week communion services, until recently held in the Mary Magdalene chapel, has resumed at Robb and Ian's home, but please check on the location in case there is a change.

We hope the work will be completed early November and are hoping to re-possess the church in time for Advent Sunday on 27th November.

Ian Robinson was able to access the ringing chamber above the Vestry to toll the bell 96 times at midday on Friday 09 September to commemorate the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

A reminder that our services and times have changed, and the new regime will be All services to be at 18.00hrs. This will be until Sunday 30 October, when BST ends. From that date our services will be at 17.00hrs.

The type of service will be

1st Sunday: Communion

2nd Sunday: Evensong preceded 1 hr before by tea 'n biscuits.

3rd Sunday: Communion

4th Sunday: Evensong preceded 1 hr before by tea 'n biscuits.

5th Sunday: Communion

BUT on Sunday, 02nd October we shall celebrate Harvest Sunday, starting at 16.00 hrs with a 'bring and share' tea. Please would those with surnames A-M bring savoury food, those with surnames N-Z sweet foodstuff. This will be followed by Evensong at 18.00 hrs.

All changes designed to keep people on their toes!!

*John Bridges.*

Wedding held at St Mary's Saturday 20th of August.

The Bride looked lovely, she wore an ivory satin dress in classic style with buttons all down the back and a flowing train. She had three bridesmaids all in powder blue.

The Church flowers looked beautiful, mainly white with a few pale hydrangeas.

Many thanks to the Church flower arrangers and also St Mary's for hosting the Service which was originally scheduled for St Peter and St Paul's still not in use, hopefully the work starts in September. Tim Daplyn conducted the service with feeling, very much appreciated by everyone.

A lovely day altogether, Robert and Sheena had photos taken in St Peter's and St Paul's Churchyard as well as St Mary's.

*Margaret Jacobs*

## Coffee at The Court 2022

**Clevedon Court Tickenham Road  
By kind permission of The Elton Family**



This popular event will be held on Saturday 15th October 2022 10.00 – 12.00 noon. Stalls include Cakes, Tombola, Scarves & Bags, Preserves, Bric-a-Brac, Grand Draw, Silent Auction, Gifts etc Admission £3.50 (Refreshments included)



YOU ARE INVITED TO A  
**'UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE OF LIGHT'**

All Saints' Church, East Clevedon

Wednesday, 2nd November

at 6.00 pm

A simple service to remember any loved ones who have died either recently or in years past and offering our support and prayers in these difficult months.

You and your family will have an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of your loved ones and see their name in the Book of Remembrance.

If you have any names to be added to the Book of Remembrance please contact the Parish Office.

Names from previous years remain in the book.

*Light refreshments afterwards*

Further information from:

The Parish Office, The Rectory, All Saints' Lane,  
Clevedon BS21 6AU



## ST PAUL'S, Walton in Gordano

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

*Horatius Bonar (1808 – 1889)*

Thursday 8th September 2022 – a day that none of us will ever forget. How can the passing of a 96-year-old woman, with obviously diminishing health, come as such a shock, I suppose only when that woman is our Queen – Her Majesty the Queen who had been a constant, a supporting and unifying influence throughout our lives, and who seemed somehow to be going on forever. Looking back at film of the Queen even at 90 she was remarkably sprightly, and it's only really since the death of her beloved husband Prince Philip that we have seen her vulnerability. As our longest reigning monarch, taking on this enormous role as a young woman of 25, Her Majesty the Queen saw such seismic changes in this country and around the world – changes in society that would have been quite simply unimaginable in 1952; and yet she adapted, embracing so many aspects of the modern world, while never losing the dignity of monarchy and at the same time still demonstrating her wonderful sense of humour.

Her many years of service included some momentous events at home and globally, and there she has been, with us throughout times of joy and of sorrow, none more so than the pandemic – and it was her address in the depths of lockdown that brought great comfort to us all when she spoke of the future with hope, and reassured us that someday we would be able to 'meet again'. Although I know it makes no sense, this is just the time of tragedy when we would look to the Queen to set the tone of the nation and to rest her steadying hand on the tiller to guide us through the storm.

Words of respect and affection have flooded in from around the world, from world leaders, politicians, people of note – but it is perhaps the outpouring of love and sorrow and gratitude from the people of Britain, and beyond, that is far and away the greatest tribute to Her Majesty. So as we look back on the remarkable life of this incomparable woman – a wife and mother, grandmother, great-grandmother; a member of a generation who defined themselves in the cauldron of a World War with values of selflessness and sacrifice; the head of our state and many other nations and realms; the leader of the Commonwealth which now encompasses a third of the world's population; and quite simply above all 'The Queen' – we see a life full of hard work as she strove to fulfil the promise she made at just 21 to serve us all for the rest of her days, a life driven by her sense of

duty and a life at the core of which was her Christian faith. Here in this extract from her Christmas Broadcast from 2014 the Queen spoke of that faith – ‘For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace... is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ’s example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none’. With her faith to sustain her the Queen kept her vow to us all and we thank her wholeheartedly for her dedication and service. And as this is written at a time of mourning, as we wait for her funeral, we pray for Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth – may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray also for the members of the Royal family and for the Queen’s household at this time of loss, and of course for Charles our new King. At 73 most have the chance to slow down a bit, but King Charles now starts one of the most demanding of jobs, the role his life has always been working towards, and has already shown the dignity and grace we saw embodied in his mother – we wish him well. God save the King.

And so, we move on. Here is Sue’s report on the Flower Festival:

‘Our annual Flower Festival over the three days of the August Bank Holiday weekend is always an event I look forward to. We had perfect weather, bright sunshine but not too hot, and the Church was pleasantly cool. Our theme this year was ‘All around the World’ with flower arrangements depicting countries from Australia to India, from USA to Ukraine. We had a team of fourteen flower arrangers with many visitors commenting how beautiful and classy the flowers all looked. More than one of the people enjoying the festival said how amazing it is that such a small village has so much flower arranging talent. Ploughman’s lunches, cream teas and mountains of tea and cake were consumed in the churchyard, and stalls selling bric a brac, plants and handicrafts had a constant flow of customers. The tombola prizes brought some laughter! Our Sunday celebration service was very well attended, we ran out of orders of services. We prayed for peace for all the people of the world, and it was decided that the impressive installation for peace for Ukraine should remain after the weekend was over. None of this could happen without such a brilliant team, there are just too many to name them all, but you all know it won’t happen without you. Thank you. What an amazing weekend, lots of laughter, lots of friendship, lots of love.

PS Maureen would like to add her thanks to all those who helped her carry everything from her car, what a great help to her.’

I’m sure you will join with me in thanking Sue as well for all her work. Sue always talks about the importance of teamwork – and teams don’t necessarily need to be led from the front, forwards never make good captains, what every team needs is a creative and imaginative midfielder with the ability to inspire.

And now for this month – on Saturday 1st October we have our ‘Welcome In’ coffee morning, at 10.30am in the Church, please join us for a cup of tea and a chat. Why not join us again on the next day, Sunday 2nd October, when we will have a simple Morning Prayer service led by members of the congregation.

There will be no lunch after the service as our Harvest Festival will be the following week.

On Saturday 8th October Sarah will be holding a Flower Arranging class in the Church – Sue will include a list of items that you will need to bring along, and also the time of the class, in this month’s Chronicle.

Sunday 9th October and our Harvest Festival at 11.15am – such a lovely service, with all those Harvest hymns that we know so well at such a beautiful time of the year, and one of our cycle of traditional rural celebrations. To follow our service we will have a simple ‘bring and share’ lunch as we gather around a long table down the centre of the Church. As has now become our custom the collection will be of food rather than money – so any items you wish to bring along, either to the service, or to leave at the back of Church, will go to the Clevedon Food Bank. Everything will be gratefully received and will go to those who need help and support especially at this most difficult time. Any money you might like to give will go to help with topping up energy meters - particularly necessary with winter coming.

In response to the economic crisis, we will continue to collect for the Food Bank after Harvest – the need is great and seems to be getting greater. A box will be left at the back of the Church for you to put any food that you can spare – please make this tinned food in order to keep it mouse proof as they are always with us. Thank you in anticipation of your continuing generosity.

A quick look forward to November:

Saturday 5th – our ‘Welcome In’ coffee morning at 10.30am in the Church.

Sunday 6th – Morning Prayer service at 11.15am, followed by lunch and our Parish Conversation – a chance to voice any concerns or ideas you have pertaining to the Church.

Sunday 13th – Remembrance Sunday Service starting at 10.55am to include our Act of Remembrance.

Finally, if you have any produce from your gardens – fruit or veg - that you could donate, Sue would be very grateful – particularly if you could drop it off at her house or at ours. Yes, it’s that time of year when Sue has her huge preserving pan on the boil making delicious jams and pickles to sell in aid of Church funds. Make a note in your diaries they will be sale at the Christmas Fayre on Sunday 4th December.