

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

St Mary's Harvest Festival – 9th October

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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.

Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

John 6: 25-35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Ray Weaver, Doy Marriott, Ray Willis, Becci McCready, Jean Jones, Dave Delaney.

We pray for those who have recently died; Nora Hollier, Jean Carrad, Jonny Every.

In our year's mind we remember, Claude Withers, Joan Navarra and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Hymn numbers are displayed on the boards in church

Notices

Community Coffee morning 10 am Wednesday, 12th October in All Saints Vestry. All very welcome.

Coffee at the court 10am – 12 noon Saturday, 15th October. All are very welcome.

Changing Clevedon through Prayer – Saturday 22nd October, 8.30 – 10am at Town Council Offices, 44 Old Street. More info from Tim Simpson 01275 872 618 / prayer4clevedon@gmail.com

Service of Light – 6pm Wednesday, 2nd November at All Saints.

The pulpit pedestal flowers are in loving memory of Colin Webb, requested by his wife Lois.

The flowers in the organ window and on the organ top are in loving memory of Bob and departed family and friends, requested by Christine Sutton.

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's
11.00am St Peter and St Paul's (Boxwood Cottage)

Tuesday (11th October)

10.10am All Saints School Harvest Festival

Wednesday (12th October)

10.00am Community Coffee Morning, All Saints Vestry

Thursday (13th October)

11.00am Church restoration (dry rot) meeting, The Bellows, Weston in Gordano
12.30pm Little Saints (All Saints Vestry)

Saturday (15th October)

10.00am Coffee at the Court, Clevedon Court

Next Sunday (16th October)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary's Holy Communion
10.30am All Saints Holy Communion
11.15am St Paul's Morning Prayer
6.00pm St Peter and St Paul Holy Communion