

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Trinity 6 – Sunday, 11th July 2021

Collect

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amos 7: 7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said,

'See, I am setting a plumb-line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land."'

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Mark 6: 4-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at

once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Joan Ford, Alan Smith, Tamara Willcocks, Dawn McNeil, Graham Bloxham, Graeme Everest, Sister Anita.

We pray for those who have recently died; Joan Dix, baby Fraser Hollier.

In our year's mind we remember, Roy Percy, Mary Bond, Frank Bishop, Marjorie Clark, Tony Packwood and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

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Notices

Covid Restrictions: It seems that many of the restrictions regarding Covid will cease on the 19th July. I anticipate that social distancing, mask wearing and even singing may be relaxed. That said, it is also envisaged that Covid numbers may rise to 100,000 a day and it is understandable that many will continue to feel anxious even if they have received vaccines. We will seek to find a balance, therefore, in our services to allow some extra freedom but recognising the situation. We will know more in the coming days and we will make it clear what arrangements will be put in place. Noel.

Sister Anita wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and kindnesses this past week for which she is most grateful. She is at home recuperating after her recent hospital admission.

All Saints PCC meeting will take place following the morning service today.

Wednesday communions

St Peter and St Paul's 9.30am at *Boxwood Cottage (home of Robb Robinson)*

St Mary's at 10.00am

Next Sunday (18th July)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion

10.00am St Mary's Sunday Worship

10.00am St Peter and St Paul Sunday Worship (Village hall)

10.30am All Saints Sunday Worship

11.15am St Paul's Sunday Worship

The July magazine is now available in church and there are plenty of spare copies in All Saints porch. Articles for August magazine to be sent to allsaintspcc@gmail.com by 9 am Wednesday 14th July. Any contributions would be appreciated. Sandra Sallis

Please note, if you have any notices for the pew sheet/weekly email, can you email to the Parish Office by Thursday as it is prepared, ready to circulate, first thing on Friday morning. Many thanks.