

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

3rd Sunday before Lent – Sunday, 13th February

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Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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.

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is in the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—

who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind

and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Luke 6: 17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Ray Weaver, Doug Todd, David Major, Doy Marriott, Sue Roberts, Ray Willis, Sarah Witheridge, Ernest Woolford.

We pray for those who have recently died; Jeanne Luker, Hilary James, Alvine Youde.

In our year's mind we remember, Win James, Pauline Grubb, 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

Churches Together in Clevedon Day of Prayer - 20th February

All congregations in the town have been invited to pray on this day for:

God's presence and witness in Clevedon, the peaceful resolution to tensions in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia, the Church's wise stewardship of our planet, wisdom in the government's decision making re Covid restrictions, the Clevedon Quakers.

The week ahead

Wednesday communions

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

Tuesday (15th February)
10.10am All Saints School Assembly

Wednesday (16th February)
11.00am St Mary's PCC, Church Hall

Thursday (17th February)
12.30pm Little Saints, All Saints Vestry

Friday (18th February)
2.30pm Funeral of Jeanne Luker at All Saints

Next Sunday (20th February)
8.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary's Holy Communion
10.00am St Peter and St Paul Morning Prayer (Village Hall)
10.30am All Saints Holy Communion
11.15am St Paul's Morning Prayer