

## THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Trinity 2 – Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> June

### Collect

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Ezekiel 17: 22-24;**

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig

from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one

from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it

on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know

that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree

and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

### **Mark 4: 26-34**

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows

up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS...**

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Bishop Peter, Joan Ford, David Young, Alan Smith, Tamara Wilcocks, Bishop Barry.

We pray for those who have recently died; Elsie Brunton, George Kubiak.

In our year's mind we remember, Bob Sutton, Owen Burns, Peter Yard-Young, Colin Fell, Brian James, Evelyn Ashcroft, Bill England, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

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### **Notices**

The funeral service for George Kubiak will be taking place at All Saints on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm. Anyone who knew George is welcome to attend.

The pulpit pedestal flowers at St Mary's today are in loving memory of Bob Sutton, requested by Christine.

**Archdeacons' visitations** – Kay Osborne and Monica Gore were sworn in as churchwardens for All Saints for the coming year on Thursday last week and Diana Fleming and Paul Middleton will be sworn in as churchwardens for St Mary's for the coming year on Monday. We express our heartfelt thanks to our all churchwardens and offer our prayers for them.

**Covid restrictions update** – Clearly the 21<sup>st</sup> June will not bring churches back to 'normal'. It is envisaged that restrictions will remain in place for some weeks to come. Therefore, the "Build Back Better" services originally earmarked for Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> July will need to be postponed. Further announcements will follow as soon as the situation becomes clearer. *Noel.*