

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Lent 2 – 13th March

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Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice
We pray for the people of Ukraine
We pray for peace and laying down
of weapons. We pray for those
who fear for tomorrow, that your
Spirit of comfort would draw near
to them. We pray for those with
power over war or peace, for
wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions. Above all, we
pray for all your precious children, at
risk and in fear, that you would hold
and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Luke 13: 31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

We pray for those who have recently died; Doug Todd

In our year's mind we remember, Bill Cox, Ron Franklin, 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

Support for Ukraine The Disaster Emergencies Committee (DEC) has set up a Ukraine appeal for anyone wishing to give financial support to Ukraine at this time. You can donate online or by phone on 0370 60 60 900. More information and ways to donate can be found on the DEC website at dec.org.uk.

Lent Meditation 12.30pm Wednesday, 16th March at St Mary's. This week, Joshua Fowler will be leading the meditation on Psalm 117.

Lent Groups Tuesday, 15th March 11am at Boxwood Cottage, Weston in Gordano and **Wednesday, 16th March** 7pm in All Saints vestry.

All Saints APCM next Sunday (20th March) after the morning service. Electoral roll forms will be available at the back of the church.

Fund Raising Evening:

History of Art talk on "The Fight between Carnival and Lent" by Breughel 1559. A fascinating talk by local Art Historian Jonathan Camp on **Saturday, 19th March at 7:30 pm in All Saints Parish Rooms**. Tickets on the door £12.00 to include a glass of wine. *Proceeds towards an All Saints community defibrillator to be placed on the wall of the Parish Rooms.*

Father and Son – a play for Passiontide on **9th April at 7pm at All Saints**. Tickets and sign up lists will be available in all churches and Parish Office but please pay at the door on the night.

St Mary's Spring lunch to be held **12.30 pm Saturday 2nd April** in the church hall. Price £12.
See Yvonne to put your name down or phone 875643.

Thanksgiving service for Douglas Todd, 12.30pm on Tuesday, 15th March at Weston Crematorium. The service can also be followed via webcast at www.Wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view Login pin: 404-8450

All Saints floodlighting for 16th March

In loving memory of Ron Franklin, in our hearts every day. Margaret, Maria, Neil, Jacob, Emily and Kara

The flowers on the back table of All Saints are also in loving memory of Ron Franklin.

The Week ahead

Tuesday (15th March)

10.10am All Saints school assembly
11.00am Lent Group at Boxwood Cottage, Weston in Gordano
12.30pm Thanksgiving service for Douglas Todd, Weston Crematorium.

Wednesday (16th March)

10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary's
11.00am Holy Communion at Boxwood Cottage, Weston in Gordano
12.30pm Lent Meditation, St Marys *followed by Lent lunch in the hall*
7.00pm Lent Group, All Saints vestry

Thursday (17th March)

12.30pm Little Saints, All Saints Vestry

Saturday (19th March)

7.30pm History of Art talk "The Fight between Carnival and Lent" - All Saints Parish Rooms

Next Sunday (20th March)

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 followed by APCM
11.15am St Paul's, Morning Prayer