

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Easter 5 – 15th May

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Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

John 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

We pray for the people of Ukraine and for peace.

We pray for Rt. Rev'd Michael Beasley, Bishop designate for the Diocese of Bath & Wells.

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Ray Weaver, Doy Marriott, Sue Roberts, Ray Willis, Jean Dally, Ella Howcroft.

We pray for those who have recently died; Alison Matthews, David Bullivant, Joan Long.

In our year's mind we remember, Pat Evans, John Gay, Margaret Elton, James Sutherland, Terry Harris, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notices

Christian Aid week 15th – 21st May. Christian Aid envelopes will be available at both St Mary's and All Saints this Sunday.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning & Bring and Buy Sale – **10.30am, Friday 20th May at St Mary's Church.**

Plant Sale 21st and 22nd May 10am – 4pm at Village Hall patio, Weston in Gordano. Coffee and cake. Ample parking on the field behind the church. In aid of the Dry Rot Fund. *The church will also be open for any enquiries regarding the rebuilding.*

St Mary's Jubilee cream tea. On **Saturday June 4th at 3pm.** At 34, The Avenue (in Yvonne's garden) ticket £10.

Queen's Garden Party. On **Saturday, 11th June 3pm – 5pm, Clevedon Court.** Ticket £10 to include special cream tea and privileged 'open doors' entry to Clevedon Court in aid of All Saints Church Funds. Tickets available from All Saints (after Sunday service) or the Parish Office.

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's

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

Tuesday (17th May)

10.10am All Saints school assembly

Wednesday (18th May)

7.00pm All Saints PCC, All Saints vestry

Thursday (19th May)

12.30pm Little Saints, All Saints Vestry

Friday (20th May)

10.30am Christian Aid coffee morning and bring and buy sale, St Mary's

Saturday (21st May)

10.00am Plant Sale, Village Hall patio, Weston in Gordano

Next Sunday (22nd May)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion

10.00am St Mary's Morning Prayer

10.30am All Saints Holy Communion

11.15am St Paul's Morning Prayer

6.00pm St Peter and St Paul Evensong