

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Easter 7 – Sunday 16th May 2021

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace.

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

John 17: 6-19

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Bishop Peter, Joan Ford, David Young, Michael Dean, Mollie Judge.

We pray for those who have recently died; David Hounsell, Helen Turner.

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

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Notices

- **Sunday, 23rd May (Pentecost Sunday)** being a principle day in the Church calendar there will be Holy Communion at St Mary's at 10am and All Saints at 10.30am.
- **Mid week Communion Services**
St Mary's, Wednesdays at 10am
St Peter and St Paul, Weston in Gordano, Wednesdays at 9.30am starting Wednesday, 2nd June.
- **Christian Aid week (All Saints) ends on 16th May.** Envelopes can be returned to church on Sunday, 16th May. Please leave in the orange Christian Aid bag at the back of church. Alternatively, envelopes can be posted into the Parish Office. If you wish to make an online contribution this can be done by visiting caweek.org or ringing **08080 006006**.
- **Saturday & Sunday 22nd and 23rd May 10am – 5pm** St Peter and St Paul plant sale at Weston-in-Gordano Village Hall patio. All welcome.
- **“Build Back Better” services, Sunday, 4th July.** If restrictions allow and we can both serve food in church and sing hymns, we plan to hold special services at St Mary's and All Saints with lunch served afterwards and at St Peter and St Paul on the Patronal Festival on Sunday, 27th June at 6.00pm. *Please put these dates in your diaries which will be confirmed or altered nearer the time.*
- **Service of Thanksgiving** for Helen Turner will be on Tuesday, 25th May at 11.30am at St Mary's. The family welcome anyone who knew Helen to come.
- REMINDER - June magazine deadline 9 am next Monday 17th May. Please send your copy to Sandra at allsaintspcc@gmail.com