

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Trinity 9 – Sunday, 1st August

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Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."''

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

John 6: 24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Alan Smith, Tamara Willcocks, Graham Bloxham, Dawn McNeil, Sister Anita.

We pray for those who have recently died; Joan Ford, Graeme Everest.

In our year's mind we remember, Clifton Smith-Cox, Desmond Tyrrell, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notices

Holiday period. Between 1st and 15th August the Parish Office will not be open but emails and phone messages will be checked daily.

In case of pastoral emergency please call Tim Daplyn (219810) who will be available throughout this period.

St Mary's services: As from today we will have a mixture of services – Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays and Sunday Worship 2nd, 4th and 5th (with a simple said communion afterwards at 11.00am for those who would wish to remain). Communion will also be celebrated on Wednesdays at 10.00am.

All Saints services: We will continue to hold 8.00am communion each week but we'll have Sunday Worship at 10.30am. This will be reviewed later this month.

Memorial Service for Pat Appleby at St Mary's has been postponed and will not be taking place on 14th August as advertised in the August magazine. A new date will be advertised when known.

St Mary's Church – Tea in the garden. Saturday 7th August 2pm to 5pm (or Sunday 8th if wet) Sally and William King's 17, Ash Grove and Mary and Doug Pope's 14, Robin Lane. All welcome. Proceeds to Age International.

St Mary's pulpit pedestal flowers today are in loving memory of Susan Hagley Crampes, requested by her sister Juliet Hagley.

All Saints Floodlighting 3rd August for Marjorie Prescott. To our beloved Mum, Nana and Great Nana. Someone so special can never be forgotten. We will miss your beautiful smile and how you always lit up a room. We will think about you every day and we love you forever. From Pauline and all your loving family xxx

Wednesday communions

9.30am St Peter and St Paul at Boxwood Cottage
10.00am St Mary's

Next Sunday (8th August)

8.00am All Saints - Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary's - Sunday Worship
followed by Said Communion (11am)
10.30am All Saints - Sunday Worship
11.15am St Paul's – Sunday Worship
6.00pm St Peter and St Paul – Evensong (Village Hall)