

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Easter 3 – 1st May

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Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Acts 9: 1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

John 21: 1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

We pray for the people of Ukraine and for peace.

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

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

In our year's mind we remember, Barbara Perry, Alan Parkinson, Ken Harper, Lesley Hurford, Barbara Jenkins, 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

80th Bishop of Bath and Wells announced. The Rt Revd Michael Beasley will be the next Bishop of Bath and Wells. He is currently the Bishop of Hertford, a role which he has held since 2015. No date has yet been set for his installation. We pray for him and his wife Lizzie as they prepare for this.

St Mary's APCM will be taking place after a shortened morning service this morning. All are welcome to stay for this.

Celli Amici - Music for cello ensemble **Saturday 7th May 2022 at 1.00 pm** at St John's Church, Clevedon. Free entry but retiring collection for church funds.

St Mary's pulpit pedestal flowers today are in loving memory of June Honey, requested by her husband Cyril.

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 meeting Sunday 8th May at All Saints after the morning service. Anyone who has already volunteered to help or who would like to help please join us for this meeting. We are looking for donations of scones, help with serving, washing up, setting up. We are also looking for china tea sets and cake stands if anyone has any lurking in their cupboards which they are happy to loan!

The Week Ahead

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's

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

Tuesday

(3rd May)

10.10am

All Saints school assembly

Thursday

(5th May)

12.00pm

St Peter and St Paul project meeting, 71a Dial Hill Road

12.30pm

Little Saints, All Saints Vestry

7.00pm

Church wardens' meeting, All Saints Vestry

Friday

(6th May)

2.00pm

Stepping Stones bereavement drop in support, St Mary's church hall

Next Sunday (8th May)

8.00am

All Saints Holy Communion

10.00am

St Mary's Morning Prayer

10.30am

All Saints, Holy Communion *followed by Queen's garden party meeting*

11.15am

St Paul's Holy Communion

6.00pm

St Peter and St Paul Evensong