

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Trinity 3 – Sunday, 20th June

Collect

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; and help us to hold fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Mark 4: 35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Joan Ford, David Young, Alan Smith, Tamara Wilcocks, Julia Elton, Graham Bloxham.

We pray for those who have recently died; George Kubiak.

In our year's mind we remember Eric Bond, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

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Notices

The pulpit pedestal flowers at St Mary's today are in loving memory of Mike Mander, requested by Carol.

St Peter and St Paul church in Weston in Gordano has had to be closed for necessary maintenance work but services will take place in the village hall instead (until further notice).

Sunday 27th June is the patronal festival of St Peter and St Paul. As a festival Sunday this will be marked in the benefice by Holy Communion services at All Saints and St Mary's in the morning and a Holy Communion Service at St Peter and St Paul in the village hall in the evening at 6pm.