

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Lent 3 – 20th March

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'
Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

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, David Major, Doy Marriott, Sue Roberts, Ray Willis, Sarah Witheridge, Ernest Woolford, Chris Healey, Rosemary Smart.

We pray for those who have recently died; Doug Todd

In our year's mind we remember, Christina O'Gorman, Douglas Dando, 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

All Saints APCM following the morning service today. All welcome to stay for this.

Lent Meditation 12.30pm 23rd March at St Mary's this week led by Caroline (Psalm 74) followed by the Lent lunch in the hall. For details of **Lent groups** please refer to the Week Ahead (below)

Coffee morning 10.30am Friday, 25th March in St Mary's Hall in aid of Age International.

St Mary's Spring lunch to be held **12.30 pm Saturday 2nd April** in the church hall. Price £12.
See Yvonne to put your name down or phone 875643.

FATHER & SON: SON & FATHER

A Passion Play for Two Voices at All Saint's Church, Clevedon on Saturday 9th April at 7.00pm

An opportunity to see a new production of this thought-provoking work by Canon Neville Boundy and performed by Tim and Tom Daplyn. Tom is a professional actor and director and Tim is his real-life Father.

Tickets £10 (to include refreshments) may be booked in advance from The Parish Office (01275 873257), in All Saints' and St Mary's churches or from Tim Daplyn (01275 219810). Proceeds to **The Quartet Foundation** which supports community projects in Bristol and North Somerset.

The Week ahead

Tuesday (22nd March)
10.10am All Saints school assembly
11.00am Lent Group at Boxwood Cottage, Weston in Gordano

Wednesday (23rd March)
10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary's
11.00am Holy Communion at Boxwood Cottage, Weston in Gordano
12.30pm Lent Meditation, St Marys *followed by Lent lunch in the hall*
7.00pm Lent Group, All Saints vestry

Thursday (24th March)
12.30pm Little Saints, All Saints Vestry

Friday (25th March)
10.30am Coffee morning in St Mary's Hall in aid of Age International.

Next Sunday (27th March)
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