

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Christ the King – 20th November

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Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to
the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as
Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the
Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to
worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works, may by you
be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Luke 23: 33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Today on Safeguarding Sunday we pray for the safe keeping of all within our churches and victims of abuse.

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Ray Weaver, Doy Marriott, Ray Willis, Becci McCready, Dave Delaney, John Bridges, Nicholas Percy, Archie Ward Rees (child).

We pray for those who have recently died; Colin Greenhill.

In our year's mind we remember, Robert Newton, Joy Sinclair, Wendy Whitehead, Joan Jarvis 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

St Mary's welcomes the Wood family today for Evelyn and Harrison's christenings.

“The Lessons of Pilgrimage – Faith for the long haul”. The third and final session led by Revd. Tim Daplyn on how to sustain faith for a lifetime drawing on lessons he has learned on pilgrimage. Suitable for everyone – for those who have had a faith for many years as well as those who are new to church. It will help to us to be encouraged and sustained in faith – so please come.

All Saints Vestry – Tuesday 22nd November 7.00pm - 8.00pm

All Saints church clean, Saturday 3rd December 10am – 1pm Please come along and help us if you are able to. Tea/coffee and lunch will be provided!

St Mary’s Social Committee Christmas Coffee Morning, Saturday 3rd December 10.30 – 12.30pm in St Mary’s Hall. Entrance £5 to include mulled wine, coffee/tea, mince pies and other seasonal refreshments! In aid of church funds.

Weston in Gordano Christmas Fayre, Saturday 3rd December 10am – 12 noon. Festive stalls, coffee and mince pies.

An Evening of Art for Advent, 7.30pm Saturday 3rd December, All Saints Parish Rooms.

Join us for a fascinating exploration of Fra Angelico’s ‘The Annunciation’ with local art historian Jonathan Camp. £12.00 (includes a glass of wine/soft drink) Contact Rosie Jackson at rjackson7@btinternet.com or mobile 07887656914 or the Parish Office.

Folk at Christmas 7.30pm Friday 9th December at All Saints. *Eleven-strong folk band BadgerSet presents a miscellany of Christmas-themed songs, dances, reading and tunes.* Tickets £10.00 to include seasonal refreshments. Available from The Parish Office (873257), Monica Gore (791764) or Mo King (07377 387722)

Weston Hospicecare Candlelit Carol Service ‘Light up a life’ at St Mary’s 7pm on Wednesday, 14th December
All very welcome and especially suitable for anyone who will be missing a loved one over the Christmas period. Refreshments available after the service.

Defibrillator Training (All Saints Parish Rooms) Anyone who would like to do this training **please contact Sandra Sallis** on 07443 905634 or allsaintspcc@gmail.com If we can get 10 people interested the organisers will get a date for a church training session.

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary’s
11.00am St Peter and St Paul’s (Boxwood Cottage)

Tuesday (22nd November)

10.10am All Saints School Assembly
12.30pm Interment of ashes for Pearl Budd, St Mary’s
7.00pm “The Lessons of Pilgrimage”, All Saints Vestry

Wednesday (23rd November)

10.30pm St Mary’s PCC meeting, Church Hall

Thursday (24th November)

11.00am St Peter and St Paul PCC meeting, 71a Dial Hill Road
12.30pm Little Saints (All Saints Vestry)
7.00pm Church wardens meeting, All Saints Vestry

Next Sunday (27th November)

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
5.00pm St Peter and St Paul Evensong