

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Trinity 12 – Sunday, 22nd August 2021

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Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ephesians 6: 10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6: 56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Alan Smith, Tamara Willcocks, Graham Bloxham, Dawn McNeill, Ross Leighton.

We pray for those who have recently died; Trevor Hart.

In our year's mind we remember, Alan Hector, Ben Allen, Ron Clark, Gilbert Youde, Anne Lovering, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notices

COVID Restrictions update: Restrictions in church worship have now been lifted but we remain vigilant and aware of the safety of all. Singing in church is now permitted, face coverings are optional and communion services are more frequent. But please continue to maintain a social distance – especially singing hymns. The peace will be shared during communion liturgically but not physically. Tea and coffee may be served after services.

Parish Magazine – Deadline for contributions to the September magazine is no later than 9am on Monday, 23rd August.

Bank Holiday Weekend 28th, 29th & 30th August. - 'Thank you' Flower Festival at St Paul's, Walton in Gordano, 11am – 4pm with refreshments all day; 12 – 2 pm - ploughman's lunches available. Sunday 30th at 3pm - outdoor celebration service.

Wednesday communions

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

Next Sunday (29th 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
3.00pm St Paul's Outdoor Celebration Service
6.00pm St Peter and St Paul – Holy Communion (Village Hall)