

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Pentecost – Sunday 23rd May 2021

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by your Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.'

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Bishop Peter, Joan Ford, David Young, Mollie Judge. We pray for those who have recently died; David Hounsell, Helen Turner. In our year's mind we remember, Susan Sterland, Moira Bannerman, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

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Notices

Mid week Communion Services

St Mary's, Wednesdays at 10am

St Peter and St Paul, Weston in Gordano, Wednesdays at 9.30am starting Wednesday, 2nd June.

Plant Sale today (St Peter and St Paul) 10am – 5pm at Weston-in-Gordano Village Hall patio. All welcome.

St Mary's church flowers today are in loving memory of Helen Turner. A Thanksgiving Service for Helen will be held at St. Mary's on Tuesday, 25th May at 11.30 a.m.

St Mary's lifts to church: Please let Sally King know if you would appreciate having a lift either to or from church or if you can offer a lift to someone.

For Christian Aid, All Saints raised £377.55 and Gift Aid will take the total contribution to £418.52. St Mary's raised £87 that with Gift Aid will provide a total contribution of £100. Thank you to everyone who gave. Contributions can still be made online at caweek.org.