

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Bible Sunday – Sunday, 24th October 2021

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Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 55: 1 - 11

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.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

John 5: 36b - end

But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human

beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Alan Smith, Ray Weaver, John Leighton, Doug Todd, Kevin Cheverton.

We pray for those who have recently died; Tamara Willcocks, Mollie Judge.

In our year's mind we remember, Colin Parry, Fay Withers Kathleen Hollier, Darren Law, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notices

Parish Office Between Monday, 25th and Friday 29th October the Parish Office will not be open but emails and phone messages will be checked on a regular basis.

In case of pastoral emergency please call Caroline Sackley on 792212 who will be covering this period.

Light Up The Night – 4pm – 8pm on Saturday, 30th October at All Saints. Candlelit church yard. Refreshments will be served in the church porch to raise money for All Saints and a small donation is requested by Cruse Bereavement Support.

St Mary's 150th will be on **Sunday 7th November at 11.00am** (not 10.00am). The Rector will be the Celebrant and Bishop Barry will preach. Invitation cards are in church for you to invite friends and family. Please RSVP to Yvonne Flanagan if you'd like to stay for lunch.

Martin Little: Martin's installation as Vicar of Highbridge will take place on **Tuesday 23rd November at 7.00pm** at St John's Highbridge. Places are unlimited. If you wish to attend please sign the list in church and also indicate if you are happy to offer a lift for others.

The week ahead

Wednesday communions

9.30am St Peter and St Paul's at Boxwood Cottage *(NB Time will change to 11am as from 3rd November)*

10.00am St Mary's

No Little Saints this week (half term)

Saturday (30th October)

4pm – 8pm Light Up The Night (All Saints churchyard)

Next Sunday (31st Sunday – All Saints)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion

10.00am St Mary's Holy Communion

10.30am All Saints Patronal Eucharist

11.15am St Paul's Morning Prayer

6.00pm St Peter and St Paul Holy Communion (Village Hall)