

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

St James the Apostle – Sunday, 25th July 2021

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Collect

Merciful God, whose holy apostle James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; 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 forever.

Jeremiah 45:1-5

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, 'Woe is me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.' Thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the Lord; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.'

Matthew 20: 20-28

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Alan Smith, Tamara Willcocks, Graham Bloxham, Graeme Everest, Dawn McNeil, Sister Anita.

We pray for those who have recently died; Joan Ford.

In our year's mind we remember, Roy Youde, Betty Phillips, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notices

Covid restrictions: Having received further guidance from the diocese, we are trying to balance the easing of restrictions with rising Covid numbers and a continuing and understandably high level of anxiety around public sharing of confined spaces and churches. We have decided, therefore, to recommend that wearing masks during worship is advisory and not compulsory but that all other restrictions (no congregational singing, social distancing, sanitising, Eucharist in one kind etc) will remain in place for the time being. This advice is likely to change further – particularly following 16th August and further notifications will be provided. *Noel.*

The funeral of Joan Ford will take place at All Saints on Wednesday, 28th July at 12.30pm for those who would like to attend.

Sister Anita would like to thank all those who have sent her cards at Gerrards Cross; she has much appreciated receiving them. *Please note that Anita will not be taking services in July and August, but may resume some light duties in September (therefore there will inevitably be some changes in the service schedule of August magazine).*

Crib Festival at All Saints – Rosie Jackson (All Saints) is planning to put on a crib festival at All Saints during December. If you interested in getting involved or would like more information, please contact Rosie direct:

Mobile: 07887 656914

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Parish magazine - EDITOR/collator needed

Sandra Sallis is standing down as Collator/Editor of the parish magazine in December and a replacement is urgently required if the magazine is to continue. Honorarium available. Please speak to Noel (873257) or Sandra (878848) if you would be interested in this role.

The August magazine is now available in church and there are plenty of spare copies in All Saints porch. Articles for September magazine to be sent to allsaintspcc@gmail.com by 9 am Monday 23rd August. Any contributions would be appreciated. Sandra Sallis

Wednesday communions

St Mary's at 10.00am

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

Next Sunday (1st August)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion

10.00am St Mary's Holy Communion

10.00am St Peter and St Paul Holy Communion (Village Hall)

10.30am All Saints Sunday Worship

11.15am St Paul's Holy Communion