THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Trinity 15 - 25th September

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Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 for ever.

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts!

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Luke 16: 19-end

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Ray Weaver, Doy Marriott, Ray Willis, Becci McCready, Jean Jones, Rose Hurley (mother of Lynne Ruddock), Jean Carrad.

We pray for those who have recently died; Cyril Honey, Sue Roberts, Philip Gall.

In our year's mind we remember, Edith Westcott, Barbara Gay, Sandra Ellins, Harold Ford, Sister Lydia 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

Coffee At The Court, Saturday 15th October 10.00am – 12.00pm All are very welcome. If you can help on the day, bake cakes or donate items in advance, please either refer to the flyer recently distributed at All Saints, contact Trish Dean on 07763295495 / Pccallsaintstreasurer@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Crib Festival meeting, Thursday 6th October at 11.30am, All Saints' Vestry. If you would like to be involved or think you can help in any way you are very welcome to come to the meeting to find out more. For more information contact Rosie Jackson on rijackson7@btinternet.com

FORWARD NOTICE – United Benefice Service of Light will be held at All Saints on Wednesday, 2nd November at 6.00pm. A simple service to remember any loved ones who have died either recently or in years past. There will be the opportunity for the lighting of candles in remembrance of your loved ones and to see their name in the Book of Remembrance. Light refreshments will be available after the service.

Congratulations to Ian and Anna Turner and Steven Mehew (St Mary's) on their confirmation last week.

The pulpit pedestal flowers at St Mary's are in loving memory of Cyril Honey and for his Memorial Service on Thursday, 29th September at 2.30 pm, requested by his daughter Elizabeth Walker.

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's

11.00am St Peter and St Paul's (Boxwood Cottage)

Thursday (29th September)

12.30pm Little Saints (All Saints Vestry)

2.30pm Thanksgiving service for Cyril Honey (St Mary's)7.00pm Churchwardens meeting (All Saints Vestry)

Next Sunday (2nd October)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion

10.00am St Mary's

10.30am All Saints All Age Harvest Festival (HC)

II.I5am St Paul's

5.30pm St Peter and St Paul Harvest Evensong (preceded by Harvest Tea at 4pm)

Please note earlier time for St Peter and St Paul evening service for this week