

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Trinity 17 – Sunday, 26th September 2021

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Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.'

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child", to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favour in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.'

So the Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.'

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!'

Mark 9: 38-end

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.'

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Alan Smith, Tamara Willcock. Ray Weaver.

We pray for those who have recently died; Norma Hoddell, Peggy Alexander, Diana Colston, Graham Bloxham.

In our year's mind we remember, Barbara Gay, Harold Ford, Sister Lydia (Corby), and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notices

The video reflection link for this week is <https://youtu.be/ZeRHdsRy-ZA>

Tim Daplyn's Jurassic Coast March – Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported Tim with prayer and sponsorship during his *Jurassic Coast March* (16-19 September) with 250 military veterans of The Rifles Regiment, their friends and families in aid of the *Care for Casualties* charity. The marchers have raised over £100,000 so far which will be used to aid those who have served us and now need our help. Tim's JustGiving Charity page will remain open for a while if you wish to learn more or to contribute to the cause; the internet link is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tim-daplyn>

Contactless card readers At St Mary's and All Saints you can now make donations to church through contactless card readers (very similar to those you'll use in shops) as an alternative to cash. They will be available for Sunday services, baptisms, weddings, funerals and other occasions. They are very straightforward to use but a church warden will guide you if you need assistance.

Installation of Martin Little at St John's, Highbridge. This will be taking place on Tuesday, 23rd November at 7pm. Numbers have not yet been decided but please make a note in your diaries if you would like to attend. More details to follow.

The week ahead

Wednesday communions

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

Thursday, 30th September Little Saints 12.30 – 2pm All Saints Vestry

Saturday, 2nd October

Service of Thanksgiving for Pat Appleby, 2.30pm St Mary's
Weston in Gordano Harvest Supper, 6.30pm for 7pm, Village Hall.

Next Sunday (3rd October)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary's Holy Communion
10.00am St Peter and St Paul Harvest Festival (Village Hall)
10.30am All Saints Harvest Festival and baptism of Finley Venn.
11.15am St Paul's Holy Communion with "church conversation" and lunch afterwards.

Forward notice - Sunday 10th October St Mary's Harvest Festival followed by a bring and share lunch.
Please contact Yvonne Flanagan to add your name if you wish to attend the lunch.