

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Advent I – 27th November

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Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Matthew 24: 36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Ray Weaver, Doy Marriott, Ray Willis, Becci McCready, Dave Delaney, John Bridges, Nicholas Percy, Archie Ward Rees (child), Hazell Clark, Saskia and her family.

We pray for those who have recently died; Colin Greenhill, Audrey Williams.

In our year's mind we remember, Margaret Harper, Ruth O'Neil, George Derrick, Matthew Howcroft, Bruce Palmer, Wally Gable 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

St Peter and St Paul, Weston in Gordano reopens today after 18 months closure for refurbishment. You are very welcome to a celebration service at 5.00pm with refreshments to follow.

St Mary's Social Committee Christmas Coffee Morning, Saturday 3rd December 10.30 – 12.30pm in St Mary's Hall. Entrance £5 to include mulled wine, coffee/tea, mince pies and other seasonal refreshments! In aid of church funds.

All Saints church clean, Saturday 3rd December 10am – 1pm Please come along and help us if you are able to. Tea/coffee and ploughman's lunch will be provided!

St Mary's Church Treasurer: Doug Pope is standing down as church treasurer after the annual meeting in March next year and we offer him our deepest thanks for his service to St Mary's. We will therefore need a new treasurer next year. If you are interested please speak with a churchwarden, the Rector or Doug. He will offer a full "hand over" period with support for the new treasurer.

An Evening of Art for Advent, 7.30pm Saturday 3rd December, All Saints Parish Rooms.

Join us for a fascinating exploration of Fra Angelico's 'The Annunciation' with local art historian Jonathan Camp. £12.00 (includes a glass of wine/soft drink) Contact Rosie Jackson at rjjackson7@btinternet.com or mobile 07887656914 or the Parish Office.

Folk at Christmas 7.30pm Friday 9th December at All Saints. *Eleven-strong folk band BadgerSet presents a miscellany of Christmas-themed songs, dances, reading and tunes.* Tickets £10.00 to include seasonal refreshments. Available from The Parish Office (873257), Monica Gore (791764) or Mo King (07377 387722)

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's
11.00am St Peter and St Paul's (in church)

Tuesday (29th November)

10.10am All Saints School Assembly
2.00pm Funeral of Colin Greenhill, St Paul's

Thursday (1st December)

12.30pm Little Saints (All Saints Vestry)

Saturday (3rd December)

7.30pm An evening of art for Advent by Jonathan Camp, All Saints Parish Rooms

Next Sunday (4th December)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary's Holy Communion
10.30am All Saints All Age Holy Communion
11.15am St Paul's Morning Prayer (Advent carols)
5.00pm St Peter and St Paul Holy Communion