

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Advent Sunday – 28th 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.

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Luke 21: 25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Hymns are displayed on the hymn boards in church.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Alan Smith, John Leighton, Ray Weaver, Doug Todd, David Major, Doy Marriott, Richard Osborne.

We pray for those who have recently died.

In our year's mind we remember, Ruth O'Neil, Matthew Howcroft, Bruce Palmer, Wally Gable, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notices

Caroline Sackley: If you wish to contribute towards a gift for Caroline and Bob, please hand your donation to the treasurer or one of the churchwardens or make a contribution via BACS with the reference 'Caroline gift' **not later than Sunday 5th December**. Each church will make a presentation to Caroline at one of their Christmas services.

All Saints Church Clean, Saturday 4th December 10am – 12 noon. Members of All Saints please come and volunteer! A bread and cheese lunch will be provided afterwards. Please let Monica or Kay know if you are able to help.

Crib Festival meeting, Thursday 2nd December 11.30am in All Saints vestry. Anyone who is interested in being involved in the crib festival, who has offered a crib, or is willing to steward or provide refreshments during the festival is very welcome to join us for the meeting. For further information please contact Rosie Jackson on 07887656914.

Stepping Stones (Free drop in bereavement support) **Friday, 3rd December 2pm – 4pm, St Mary's Church Hall.** Tea and biscuits provided. The group will meet every first Friday of the month thereafter.

Church Councils (PCC) Please let church wardens, clergy or your PCC secretary know if you have any matters you would like to be discussed at your next PCC meeting.

All Saints Floodlighting 1st December - Dear Andrew, this is your favourite time of year, and we have our star on our tree that you made back in 1983. Love you always. Love Sally, Emily and Charles xxx

December magazines are now available. There are copies available in the South porch of All Saints.

The week ahead

Tuesday (30th November)
10.10am All Saints School Assembly

Wednesday communions
10.00am St Mary's
11am St Peter and St Paul at Boxwood Cottage

Wednesday (1st December)
11.30am Interment of ashes of Peggy Alexander, St Peter and St Paul

Thursday (2nd December)
11.30am Crib Festival meeting (All Saints Vestry)
12.30pm Little Saints (All Saints Vestry)

Friday (3rd December)
7.30pm Badgerset Concert, All Saints

Next Sunday (5th December)

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 Holy Communion
11.15am St Paul's Holy Communion
12.00pm All Saints - Baptisms of Joseph and Sophie Broad