

## THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Trinity 13 – Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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### Collect

Almighty God, who called your church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

### Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-33

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food

and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS...**

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Alan Smith, Tamara Willcocks, Graham Bloxham, Dawn McNeil, Ross Leighton.

We pray for those who have recently died; Trevor Hart.

In our year's mind we remember, Robert Fowler, Jackie Parry, Susan Rainbow, Roy Astle, Charlie Basford, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

### **Notices**

**All Saints Services:** From 5<sup>th</sup> September the pattern of services will return to "normal" and the 10.30am service each Sunday will be a service of Holy Communion with hymns. Masks will remain optional but keeping a social distance will be requested. We will also try to re-establish Sunday Club/Next Step for our children at the earliest possibility. Obviously we will continue to maintain a close eye on the development of Covid but we hope and expect this return to our normal settled tradition will be a permanent one.

Noel

**Bank Holiday Weekend 28th, 29th & 30th August. - 'Thank you' Flower Festival at St Paul's, Walton in Gordano, 11am – 4pm with refreshments all day; 12 – 2 pm - ploughman's lunches available. Sunday 30th at 3pm - outdoor celebration service.**

**Memorial Service for Pat Appleby** will take place at St Mary's on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2.30pm

**The pulpit pedestal flowers** in St Mary's are in loving memory of Robert Fowler, requested by his wife Jean.

**Children Society boxes** – If anyone from All Saints is in possession of a Children Society box can you please return it to Trish Dean ASAP. Boxes can be returned to church for the attention of Trish, to the Parish Office during office hours or direct to 8 East Clevedon Triangle. Thank you.

### **Services for the week ahead**

#### **Wednesday communions**

St Mary's at 10.00am

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

#### **Next Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> September)**

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