

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Easter 7 – 29th May

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Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

John 17: 20-end

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

We pray for the people of Ukraine and for peace.

We pray for Rt. Rev'd Michael Beasley, Bishop designate for the Diocese of Bath & Wells.

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Ray Weaver, Doy Marriott, Sue Roberts, Ray Willis, Jean Dally, Ella Howcroft.

We pray for those who have recently died; Joan Long.

In our year's mind we remember, George Kubiak, James Whiteley, 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

Christian Aid (All Saints) Thank you for your help with Christian Aid this year. We collected £805.47; £582.11 for the house-to-house and £223.36 from All Saints. With Gift Aid our total contribution to Christian Aid will be £878.44.

Christian Aid (St Mary's) The total for St Mary's is £455.50. Envelopes £315.00 and coffee morning £140.50.

St Mary's Jubilee cream tea. On **Saturday June 4th at 3pm.** At 34, The Avenue (in Yvonne's garden) ticket £10.

St Paul's, Walton in Gordano Big Jubilee Weekend! For details of all the events taking place over the jubilee weekend please consult page 18 of the Parish Magazine. Tickets available from Sue Betts at roybetts7@btinternet.com or on 01275 848645. There is not charge for the tickets but a donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

St Michael's, Clapton Open Day, Friday 3rd June – The church will be open from 10am until approximately 4pm with bells ringing from 10am – 12 noon. Teas/coffees available.

Queen's Garden Party. On **Saturday, 11th June 3pm – 5pm, Clevedon Court.** *Tickets going fast!* Ticket £10 to include special cream tea and privileged 'open doors' entry to Clevedon Court in aid of All Saints Church Funds. Tickets available from All Saints (after Sunday service) or the Parish Office.

Churches Together In Clevedon Midsummer Picnic Sunday, 12th June from 5pm A time for food and fellowship overlooking the sea. All are welcome, just bring your own picnic, something to sit on and enjoy the chance to meet socially with friends from the other churches in the town.

All Saints Floodlighting 4th June - With many grateful thanks for 62 married years together 4th June 1960). We have been truly blessed. Maureen and Alan Smith.



Congratulations to David and Glenys Wardle who celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary today (29th May) and to Glenys who celebrates her 80th birthday tomorrow. Tim will be doing a special blessing of their marriage during the morning service at All Saints and afterwards there will be cake and bubbly to celebrate.

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's
11.00am St Peter and St Paul's at Boxwood Cottage

Thursday (2nd June)
No Little Saints (school holiday)

Friday (3rd June)
10.00am St Michael's, Clapton Open Day
No 'Living with loss' drop in
2.00pm Wedding of Isabelle Sallis and Jonathan Berman, All Saints

Saturday (4th June)
3.00pm St Mary's Jubilee cream tea, 34 The Avenue

Next Sunday (5th June) Pentecost
8.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary's Holy Communion
10.00am St Peter and St Paul, Holy Communion
10.30am All Saints Holy Communion
3.00pm St Paul's, Special Jubilee Service