

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Sunday, 31st July – Trinity 7

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Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14 and ch 2 18-32

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink, and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God; for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner he gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

Luke 12: 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

We pray for those who have recently died; Myra Dowling, Peter Steel.

In our year's mind we remember, Betty Phillips, Clifton Smith-Cox, Desmond Tyrrell, 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

Stepping Stones (Free drop in bereavement support) **Friday, 5th August 2pm – 4pm, St Mary's Church Hall.** Tea and biscuits provided. The group meets the first Friday of each month.

A Foundation Governor is required to sit on the governing body of All Saints Primary School. Please see the Rector or Anne Daplyn if you may be interested.

The August magazine is now available. There are copies available in St Mary's and All Saints.

Parish Office in August – During the holiday period the office will be more restricted in opening but phone calls and emails will be checked daily. **Tim Daplyn** will be 'Priest in residence' **8th – 14th August** and **Nicholas Maddock** will be 'Priest in residence' **15th – 22nd August.** Please check pew sheets or call/email the Parish Office if you require assistance.

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's
11.00am St Peter and St Paul's (in the chapel of St Mary Magdalene in church)

Wednesday (3rd August)

2.30pm Funeral of Myra Dowling at All Saints

Friday (5th August)

2.00pm Stepping Stones Bereavement support, St Mary's Church Hall

Saturday (6th August)

2.00pm Baptism of Alfie Smith, St Peter and St Paul's (outside)

Next Sunday (7th August)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary's Morning Prayer
10.00am St Peter and St Paul Morning Prayer
10.30am All Saints Holy Communion
11.15am St Paul's Morning Prayer