

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Lent I – 6th March

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted
forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
We pray for the people of Ukraine
We pray for peace and laying down
of weapons. We pray for all those
who fear for tomorrow, that your
Spirit of comfort would draw near
to them. We pray for those with
power over war or peace, for
wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions. Above all, we
pray for all your precious children, at
risk and in fear, that you would hold
and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you",

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

For peace in Ukraine.

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Ray Weaver, David Major, Doy Marriott, Sue Roberts, Ray Willis, Sarah Witheridge, Ernest Woolford, Chris Healey.

We pray for those who have recently died; Alvine Youde, Hilary James, Doug Todd.

In our year's mind we remember, Peter Phillips, Beccy Sackley, Christopher Willcocks, Rupert Willcocks, 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

Lent Meditations Starting this coming Wednesday, 9th March at 12.30pm at St Mary's. Each week there will be a meditation on a psalm led by a member of the clergy followed at 1.00pm by a simple soup and roll lunch. There is no set cost for the lunch but all donations will go towards our Lent charity, the Quartet Foundation info@quartetcf.org.uk. You should have been given a copy of the first Lent meditation as you came to church. Copies are available in all churches free of charge.

Lent Groups beginning Wednesday 9th March All Saints vestry 7pm (Weston in Gordano Lent group begins Wednesday 16th March 11am at Boxwood Cottage, home of Ian and Robb Robinson)

Community Coffee morning meeting at All Saints Vestry on **Wednesday, 9th March** between 10am and 12pm. All very welcome.

Fund Raising Evening:

History of Art talk on "The Fight between Carnival and Lent" by Breughel 1559. A fascinating talk by local Art Historian Jonathan Camp on **Saturday, 19th March at 7:30 pm in All Saints Parish Rooms**. Tickets on the door £12.00 to include a glass of wine. *Proceeds towards an All Saints community defibrillator to be placed on the wall of the Parish Rooms.*

St Mary's Spring lunch to be held **12.30 pm Saturday 2nd April** in the church hall. Price £12. See Yvonne to put your name down or phone 875643.

Floodlighting at All Saints 9th March - For Beccy Sackley with love always.

Tuesday (8th March)

10.10am School Assembly, All Saints
11.00am Graveside funeral of Alvine Youde, All Saints

Wednesday (9th March)

10.00am Community Coffee morning, All Saints
12.30pm Lent Meditation, St Mary's *Psalm 42 led by The Rector*
Followed by Lent lunch, St Mary's church hall (1pm)
7.00pm Lent group (All Saints)

Thursday (10th March)

12.30pm Little Saints, All Saints Vestry
12.30pm Funeral of Hilary James, Weston Crematorium

Saturday (12th March)

12.00pm Wedding of Joseph Kariuki and Maria Gillings, St Mary's
12.00pm Memorial service for David Dilley, St Paul's.

Next Sunday (13th March)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary's Morning Prayer
10.30am All Saints Holy Communion
11.15am St Paul's Morning Prayer
6.00pm St Peter and St Paul Evensong