

EAST CLEVEDON CHURCHES

Walton St Mary

Trinity 18 - Sunday 3rd October 2021

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

Genesis 2: 18-24

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Mark 10: 2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Alan Smith, Tamara Willcocks, Ray Weaver, John Leighton, Doug Todd, Kevin Cheverton.

We pray for those who have recently died; Norma Hoddell, Graham Bloxham, Sandra Ellins (Yvonne Flanagan's sister)

In our year's mind we remember, John Cheverton, Colin Webb, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notices

The pulpit pedestal flowers are in loving memory of Robert 'Bob' F. Latham on his birthday 2nd October, with love Janet, Richard and Katy.

Harvest Festival Bring and Share lunch next Sunday (10th October) at 12.30pm.

Please let Yvonne know if you would like to come and what you can bring as it will help her with the catering.

The week ahead

Wednesday communions

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

10.00am St Mary's

Tuesday (5th October)

10.00am All Saints School Harvest Festival

Thursday (7th October) Little Saints 12.30 – 2pm All Saints Vestry

Next Sunday (10th October)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion

10.00am St Mary's Harvest Festival

10.30am All Saints Holy Communion

11.15am St Paul's Morning Prayer

6.00pm St Peter and St Paul Evensong (Village Hall)