**St Mary's 'Warm Welcome':** Every Wednesday in winter St Mary's will host a warm space, coffee and chat from 10.30am – 12.00 in the church hall following the 10.00am communion service. This is part of the Clevedon Churches Warm Welcome initiative. Please come, you are very welcome.

# Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's

11.00am St Peter and St Paul's (Boxwood Cottage)

Thursday (16th February)

10.30am Funeral of Olive White, St Mary's

Friday (17th February)

11.30am Wedding of Natasha Stowell and Benjamin

Wood at St Mary's

# **Next Sunday (19th February)**

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

5.00pm St Peter and St Paul Holy Communion

#### THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

All Saints, Walton St Mary, St Peter and St Paul, St Paul's

# 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent – I2<sup>th</sup> February

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#### Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

## Romans 8: 18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

## Matthew 6: 25-end

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

### IN OUR PRAYERS...

We pray for those suffering in Turkey and Syria and for the relief effort following the recent earthquakes.

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Ray Weaver, Ray Willis, Dave Delaney, Nicholas Percy, Lynne Ruddock, Marion Bragg, Kevin Hillier, Margaret Cole, Jayne Turner.

We pray for those who have recently died; Viv Manley, Olive White, Barbara Sholl-Evans, Mary Gammon.

In our year's mind we remember, Primrose Hartnoll, Marie Jones, Win James, Douglas Todd, Pauline Grubb 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**

**DEC Turkey/Syria appeal:** Following the terrible earthquakes in Turkey and Syria many will wish to contribute to the aid effort. The Church recommends that we support the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) individually. Their payment details are widely available on line, in the press and on T.V.

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday 22nd February. Services for the beginning of Lent will be at St Mary's at 10am, St Peter and St Paul's at 11am and All Saints at 6pm.

All Saints Coronation Garden Party at Clevedon Court. This is planned for Saturday, 13th May. Please stay after the service on Sunday 26th February if you can for a brief planning meeting and if you would wish to help in catering, stewarding, moving furniture etc.

Music which moves me" Wednesday Lent meditations at St Mary's starting on Wednesday, 1st March. This will be followed by a soup and bread lunch in the church hall. Details of Lent arrangements are in the forthcoming March magazine and on the pink sheets available in church.

**Viv Manley's funeral** will be taking place at All Saints on Tuesday, 21st February at 12.30pm for anyone who would wish to attend.

Marcia Gibson's funeral will be taking place at All Saints on Friday, 24th February at 1.30pm for anyone who would wish to attend.

The flowers on the Welcome Table at All Saints are in loving memory of Joan Ford on her birthday, 10th February.