

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

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

Lent 3 – 12th March

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.

Exodus 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

John 4: 3-14

He left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him,

'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Ray Weaver, Ray Willis, Dave Delaney, Nicholas Percy, Becci McCready, Lynne Ruddock, Kevin Hiller, Jayne Turner, Mike Anderson, Alan Holmes, Julia Elton, Jean Fowler, Rose Hurley, Michael Whitehead.

We pray for those who have recently died; David Fowler, Guy Marshall.

In our year's mind we remember, Bill Cox, Ron Franklin, 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

All Saints APCM will follow the service today. All are welcome to attend this.

St Peter and St Paul APCM will be at 3pm today.

Lent Meditation: "Music that moves me..."

Wednesday, 15th March at 12 noon at St Mary's.

Sister Carol CHN will be sharing a piece of music that means something special to her. This will be followed by a bread and soup lunch in the church hall. Donations to go to Weston Hospicecare.

Please do join us if you are able to.

Art at Easter A lecture by Jonathan Camp. Featuring Giotto: Lamentation and Resurrection in the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua.

All Saints Parish Rooms 7.30pm, Saturday 1st April .

£12 at the door with wine/soft drink. For further information please contact Rosie Jackson 07887 656914 or the Parish Office.

St Mary's flowers Donations are invited from members of the congregation towards the cost of Easter flowers. If anyone would like to dedicate a floral tribute in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion, please contact Mary Pope (01275 876623).

The flowers on the welcome table at All Saints are in loving memory of Ron Franklin in our hearts everyday Margaret, Maria, Neil, Jacob, Emily & Kara

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)

Tuesday (14th March)

10.10am All Saints School Assembly
11.00am Lent group, Boxwood Cottage
(followed by a bring and share lunch)
7.00pm Lent group, All Saints Vestry

Wednesday (15th March)

10.30am Lent group, St Mary's
11.15am Burial of ashes of Viv Manley, All Saints
12.00pm Lent meditation, St Mary's *(followed by lunch in hall)*

Thursday (16th March)

12.30pm Little Saints, All Saints Vestry

Friday (17th March)

12.30pm Burial of ashes of Tony Till, All Saints

Next Sunday (19th March Mothering Sunday)

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