

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON
All Saints, Walton St Mary, St Peter and St Paul, St Paul's

Christmas 2 – 1st January

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Wishing you a blessed and peaceful New Year.

from Noël and all the ministry team.



Collect

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 63: 7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and he became their saviour
in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Matthew 2: 13-end

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazarean.'

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Ray Weaver, Doy Marriott, Ray Willis, Becci McCready, Dave Delaney, Nicholas Percy, Shirley Brown, Lynne Ruddock and her mother, Rose Hurley, Michael Davies, Marion Bragg, Maureen Smith.

We pray for those who have recently died; Jane Petrusiak (Ernest Woolford's daughter), John Hayter, Sheila Duncan, Sheila Whiteley, Roger Grey.

In our year's mind we remember, Arthur Elton, Mary Basford, Kenneth Bird, Louise Minton, Dinah Hewlett, Nora Hudson, Barbara Sharrock, 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

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.

No Stepping Stones in January. The group will meet again on Friday, 3rd February 2pm—4pm in St Mary's Hall.

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's
11.00am St Peter and St Paul's (Boxwood Cottage)

Next Sunday (8th January)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary's Morning Prayer
10.30am All Saints Holy Communion
11.15am St Paul's Holy Communion
5.00pm St Peter and St Paul Evensong