

Friday (6th October)
2.00pm Stepping Stones Bereavement Support, St Mary's Hall

Saturday (7th October)
11.00am Harvest music recital, St Mary's

Next Sunday (8th October)
8.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary's Harvest Festival (MP)
10.30am All Saints Holy Communion
11.15am St Paul's Holy Communion
5.00pm St Peter and St Paul Evensong

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

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

Trinity 17 – 1st October 2023

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Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-end

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the

transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Matthew 21: 33-end

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Roy Guest, Angela Sutton, Denise Richardson, Robb Robinson, Shirley Logan, Sandra Robinson, Sue Betts, Corinne Thomas.

We pray for those who have recently died; Nicholas Percy, Juliet Haynes, Chris Stone.

In our year's mind we remember, Barbara Gay, Sandra Ellins, Tamara Willcocks, Colin Webb, Jonny Every, Mollie Judge, 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 Peter Robinson, requested by his wife Sandra.

St Mary's Harvest Recital, St Mary Walton Church – Saturday 7th, October at 11.00am

Ian Hubbard introduces young friends presenting well known Voice and Piano items from a range of musical genres followed by tea/coffee. Free admission, but donations to support church funds welcomed.

QUIZ at St Mary's Hall in aid of the Well Restoration fund, Saturday 14 October at 7.00 pm. Entrance £10 per person to include wine and light refreshments. Teams of 2 to 6 people. To help with catering please let Yvonne Flanagan or William King know (881 101) if you are able to come.

Coffee at the Court, Saturday 14th October from 10am—12 noon. Tickets £3 on the door to include refreshments (accompanied children free) There are a variety of stalls including cakes, preserves, toys, cards, scarves and bags. Grand Draw tickets can be bought on the day or in advance. Please contact Parish Office for more information.

Please contact the stall holders on the flyers which were circulated if you can offer donations or help on the day.

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's
11.00am St Peter and St Paul's

Tuesday (3rd October)

10.10am All Saints School Assembly
1.30pm 3C's LIFE bookshop visit

Thursday (5th October)

12.30pm Little Saints, All Saints Vestry
2.00pm Burial of ashes of June Tripp, All Saints