THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

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

Epiphany 3 – 22nd January

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Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

Isaiah 9: 1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Matthew 4: 12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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, Rose Hurley, Maureen Smith, Marion Bragg, Kevin Hiller, Mary Gammon, Cyril Gill, Margaret Cole.

We pray for those who have recently died; Jeremy Spratt, Avril Atkinson

In our year's mind we remember, Micheal Luker, Don Bishop, Barbara King, Jeanne Luker, George Morris, Brenda Holman, Doris Hagley, 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

New Monthly Bible Study starting Tuesday, 31st January, All Saints Vestry from 7pm—8pm. Noel will lead the group. All very welcome.

Funeral of Jermey Spratt will be at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 31st January at St Mary's for those who would like to attend.

Noel will be preaching at Wells Cathedral Evensong next Sunday (29th January) at 5.15pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Changing Clevedon, through Prayer, Thursday 26th Jan, 2.30-4.00pm at Town Council Offices, 44 Old Street. More info from Tim Simpson 01275 872 618 / prayer4clevedon@gmail.com

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's

I I.00am St Peter and St Paul's (Boxwood Cottage)

Tuesday (24th January)

10.10am All Saints School Assembly

Thursday (26th January)

12.30pm Little Saints (All Saints Vestry)

Next Sunday (29th January)

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