

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

23rd July – Trinity 7

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Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 44: 6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds

among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Nicholas Percy, Richard Gall, Andrew Bennett, Adena Willan, Roy Guest, Maureen Smith, John Dean, Margaret Jacobs, Julia Elton, Angela Sutton, Denise Richardson.

We pray for those who have recently died; Helen Gibbons

In our year's mind we remember, Eric Tozer, Roy Youde, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notices

The Parish Office will be open on Thursday (27th July) instead of Tuesday this week. It will be open on Friday as normal. *Phone calls and emails will be checked daily and responded to accordingly.*

Monthly Bible Study—Tuesday, 25th July 7pm in the Vestry. *Anyone in the benefice is welcome to attend.*

Volunteers are needed to move chairs out of All Saints Parish Rooms on **Wednesday, 2nd August** for the hall floor's annual varnishing and then put back into the hall between 4pm and 5pm on **Friday, 4th August** . Please speak to Trish Dean or contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

Wednesday communions

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

Tuesday (25th July)
7.00pm Monthly Bible Study, All Saints Vestry

Next Sunday (30th July)

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