

BBC Radio 3 is broadcasting Choral Compline at 9.30pm each Monday evening in Lent. This prayerful reflection for the end of the day will combine plainsong hymns and psalms with prayers and readings, and two short anthems by Henry Purcell. Well worth a listen.

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 (28th February)

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

Wednesday (1st March)

10.30am Lent group, St Mary's
12.00pm Lent meditation, St Mary's *(followed by lunch in hall)*

Thursday (2nd March)

12.30pm Little Saints, All Saints Vestry

Next Sunday (5th March)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary's Holy Communion *followed by APCM*
10.00am St Peter and St Paul, Morning Prayer
10.30am All Saints Holy Communion
(with baptism of Rupert Jackson)
11.15am St Paul's Thanksgiving service (AGM)

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

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

Lent I – 26th February

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

Genesis 2: 15-17 and ch 3: 1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'
Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",
and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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, Marion Bragg, Kevin Hillier, Margaret Cole, Jayne Turner, Mike Anderson, Alan Holmes.

We pray for those who have recently died; Mary Gammon.

In our year's mind we remember, Elizabeth Cheverton, Nellie Burge, Nancy Pallent 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

Lent Reflections These will be handed out each week with your pew sheet. These will be produced weekly by different members of the clergy throughout Lent.

Meeting after the service at All Saints today to plan the All Saints Coronation Garden Party at Clevedon Court on Saturday 13th May. We are looking for help with catering, stewarding, moving furniture etc. Please do stay if you are able to help.

All Saints tea/coffee volunteers needed! We urgently need more people to help on our tea/coffee team to provide refreshments after the service.

Please contact Vera Ransome on 07568333380 or after the service or Kate in the Parish Office.

Lent Meditation: "Music that moves me..." Wednesday, 1st March at 12 noon at St Mary's

This is the first in our series of Lent Meditations. Ian Hubbard will be sharing a piece of music that means something special to him. 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.*

Morning Recital at St Mary's Church, Saturday, 11th March at 11am

Songs and Piano music to suit all tastes.

Soprano—Christine Parfitt

Baritone—Marcus Evans

Piano—Joanne Manning

Followed by Tea and Coffee

Free Admission – Donations to support Church funds

St Mary's APCM will follow the service on **5th March (next Sunday)** All are welcome to attend this.