

SILENT AUCTION A Silent Auction will be held in St Mary's Church Hall on **Saturday 9 March from 10.30 till 12.00**. This is in aid of the well restoration fund. If you have any saleable items (not bric-a-brac) you would be willing to donate please contact William King (881 101), and put the date in your diary! Thanks.

Prayer4Clevedon – Thursday 10th February, 08.30-10.00,
@ 44 Old St, (Town Council Offices). More info:
prayer4clevedon@gmail.com, or phone Tim Simpson, (9 am – 9pm), (01275) 872 618

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's

Tuesday (30th January)

10.10am All Saints School Assembly
6.30pm Parish Giving meeting, St John's

Thursday (1st February)

12.30pm Little Saints, All Saints Vestry
12.30pm Funeral of John Bailey, St Mary's

Friday (2nd February)

2.00pm Stepping Stones, St Mary's Hall
2.00pm Funeral of Sue Betts, St Paul's
7.00pm Installation of Fr. Brendan Clover as Priest-in-Charge of St John's

Next Sunday (4th February)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary's Morning Prayer
10.30am All Saints Holy Communion
No service at St Paul's
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

Presentation of Christ (Candlemas) – 28th January

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Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Malachi 3: 1 - 5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in

their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to

all who were there.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Roy Guest, Brigit de Waal, Terry Richards, Anna Mylam, David Jones, Howard Hughes.

We pray for the long term sick and those in residential homes: Alan Smith, Douglas and June Holland, Vivian and Pat Stokes, Dave Delaney, Yvonne Carlier, Jean Jones.

We pray for those who have recently died; Norma Selwyn, Anthony Barrow.

In our year's mind we remember, Doris Hagley, Dorothy Jones, Michael Clay, David Appleby, David Walker, Alfred Osborne, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notices

CHANGE OF TIME Sue Bett's Funeral will now be taking place at **2.00pm on Friday, 2nd February** at St Paul's. As already stated, parking will be available in the field near the village hall, but as there is likely to be a big turn out, people will need to stand outside in the churchyard, so if you would like to come please dress sensibly and be prepared to stand outside for at least an hour.