

**Tuesday (1st August)**  
1.30pm 3C's discussion group, All Saints Vestry.

**Friday (4th August)**  
2.00pm Stepping Stones bereavement support, St Mary's Hall.

**Next Sunday (6th August)**  
8.00am All Saints Holy Communion  
10.00am St Mary's Holy Communion  
10.00am St Peter and St Paul, Morning Prayer  
10.30am All Saints Holy Communion  
11.15am St Paul's Morning Prayer

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

**30<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 8**

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**Collect**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**1 Kings 3: 5-12**

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long

life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

### **Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

### **IN OUR PRAYERS...**

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

We pray for those who have recently died; Kim Fear, Ken Crowe, Margaret Jacobs.

In our year's mind we remember, Desmond Tyrrell, Clifton Smith-Cox, Betty Phillips, 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**

**The Parish Office** is open Tuesday and Friday this week as normal.

**Volunteers 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 can help.

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**Stepping Stones** bereavement support group, 2pm Friday 4th August in St Mary's Hall.

### **Prayer for Clevedon**

Saturday 12th August 08.30-10.00, (Bacon & Mushroom rolls and hot drinks @ 08.30), at Town Council Offices, 44 Old St. More info from Tim Simpson 01275 872 618 /

[prayer4clevedon@gmail.com](mailto:prayer4clevedon@gmail.com)

### **Wednesday communions**

10.00am St Mary's

11.00am St Peter and St Paul's