

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Christmas I – 31st December

United Benefice Service at All Saints

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Luke 2: 15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Roy Guest, Denise Richardson, Shirley Logan, Jean Jones, Fr. Ron Farrell, Brigit de Waal, Terry Richards, Anna Mylam, Peter Dodd, Norma Selwyn.

We pray for those who have recently died; Sue Betts

In our year's mind we remember, Mary Basford, Kenneth Bird, Louise Minton, Dinah Hewlett Nora Hudson, Barbara Sharrock, and we pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notice

Very sadly Sue Betts, churchwarden of St Paul's Walton in Gordano, died very suddenly on Christmas Day. We will remember her with much gratitude and affection as we pray for her and her two sons, granddaughter and wider family. Details of funeral arrangements will be published in due course. Sue's death leaves St Paul's even more vulnerable than it was and a conversation will now begin in the village about what ministry is sustainable for the future.

Christmas flowers at All Saints donated in loving memory of James Millett by his wife, Susan.

Wednesday communion

10.00am St Mary's

Friday (5th January)

2.00pm Stepping Stones, St Mary's Hall

Next Sunday (7th January)

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 All Age Holy Communion

11.15am St Paul's Morning Prayer

(followed by Parish meeting)