

THE BENEFICE OF EAST CLEVEDON

Quietly bringing change—Saturday 16th December, 8.30am -10.00am,
Prayer 4 Clevedon meet at Town Council Offices, 44 Old Street. More info
from Tim Simpson 01275 872 618 prayer4clevedon@gmail.com

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's

Tuesday (5th December)

10.10am All Saints School Assembly
11.15am Funeral of Sandra Green, St Mary's
1.30pm 3C's discussion group, All Saints Vestry

Wednesday (6th December)

10.00am All Saints Community Coffee Morning
12.00pm Advent Meditation, St Mary's
(followed by simple lunch in the hall)

Thursday (7th December)

12.30pm Little Saints, All Saints Vestry

Friday (8th December)

7.30pm Folk at Christmas, All Saints
12.00pm Advent Prayer, All Saints Baptistry

Saturday (9th December)

7.30pm Art at Christmas lecture, All Saints Parish Rooms

Next Sunday (10th December)

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.00am St Mary's Morning Prayer
10.30am All Saints Holy Communion
11.15am St Paul's Holy Communion
3.00pm St Michael's Carol Service
5.00pm St Peter and St Paul Carol Service

Advent I – 3rd December

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Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,

or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Mark 13: 24-end

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power
and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from
the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender
and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when
you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very
gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these
things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words
will not pass away.
‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you
do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a
journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with
his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.
Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the
house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at
dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And
what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

We pray for those who have recently died; Sandra Green, Anthony Jones.

In our year’s mind we remember, Bruce Palmer, Wally Gable, Geoff
Prescott, Glyndwr Hartnell, Sheila Whiteley, and we pray for all who are
mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Notices

Parish magazine - From January the annual subscription for the
Parish magazine will rise to £10 but an individual cover price per copy
will be £1 (currently 50p); The Parish magazine has gone up by only 10p
in twenty years and the increase in price will ensure that the magazine
pays for itself and can continue into future years.

**Lunchtime Advent Hymn Meditations at St Mary’s,
Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 20th December at 12 noon.** Each
week an Advent hymn will be chosen and its message looked at as part
of the Advent story, followed by a short Act of Worship. At 12.30pm
there will be a light lunch in the hall for a donation of £3.00.

Advent Prayer in the Baptistry at All Saints Church between 12.00pm
and 1pm on Fridays 8th, 15th, 22nd December.

**Folk at Christmas at All Saints on Friday 8th December at
7.30pm** – Tickets have now sold out for this event, but if you have
missed out and may still be interested in coming please contact Mo King
(07377 387722) or the Parish Office (873257) in case there are any
‘returns’.

**History of Art talk for Christmas at All Saints Parish Rooms on
Saturday 9th December at 7.30pm**—Spend an evening with
Jonathan Camp, local art historian, discovering Jan Gossaert’s fabulous
‘Adoration of the Kings’. Tickets are £12 including a glass of wine. Pay
on the door, but to reserve a seat or for further information please
contact Rosie Jackson (07887 656914) or email
rijackson7@btinternet.com or The Parish Office (01275 873257)

**All Saints Crib Festival, Friday 15th—Sunday 17th December
10am—4.00pm.** Enjoy the wide and varied range of crib scenes
displayed in church, Nativity trail for children. Tea, coffee and seasonal
refreshments available. Free entry, but donations for All Saints church
welcomed.