St Mary's flowers Donations are invited from members of the congregation towards the cost of Easter flowers. If anyone would like to dedicate a floral tribute in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion, please contact Mary Pope (01275 876623).

Wednesday communions

10.00am St Mary's

11.00am St Peter and St Paul's (Boxwood Cottage)

Tuesday (7th March)

10.10am All Saints School Assembly11.00am Lent group, Boxwood Cottage

(followed by bring and share lunch)

1.30pm 3C's discussion group, All Saints Vestry

7.00pm Lent group, All Saints Vestry

Wednesday (8th March)

10.30am No Lent group at St Mary's this week

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

Thursday (9th March)

12.30pm Little Saints (All Saints Vestry)

Saturday (11th March)

11.00am Morning recital, St Mary's

Next Sunday (12th March

8.00am All Saints Holy Communion 10.00am St Mary's Morning Prayer

10.30am All Saints Holy Communion followed by APCM

11.15am St Paul's Holy Communion
3.00pm St Peter and St Paul's APCM
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

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Almighty God,

you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus

answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

We pray for Rupert and his family on the occasion of his baptism.

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Ray Weaver, Ray Willis, Dave Delaney, Nicholas Percy, Becci McCready, Lynne Ruddock, Margaret Cole, Marion Bragg, Kevin Hiller, Jayne Turner, Mike Anderson, Alan Holmes, Julia Elton, Guy Marshall, Jean Fowler, Rose Hurley, Michael Whitehead.

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

In our year's mind we remember, Christopher Willcocks, Rupert Willcocks, Doris Youde, Peter Phillips Beccy Sackley 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

St Mary's APCM will follow the service today. All members of the congregation welcome to attend.

All Saints APCM next Sunday All are welcome to stay for this.

All Saints tea/coffee volunteers We would still benefit from extra help with our tea/coffee team. Thank you to those who have already offered to help. Please speak to Vera Ransome after the service or ring her on 07568333380.

Lent Meditation: "Music that moves me..." Wednesday, 8th March at 12 noon at St Mary's.

Nicholas Maddock 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— Paul Beeching

Followed by Tea and Coffee
Free Admission — Donations to support Church funds

Art at Easter A lecture by Jonathan Camp. Featuring Giotto: Lamentation and Resurrection in the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua.

All Saints Parish Rooms 7.30pm, Saturday 1st April.

£12 at the door with wine/soft drink. For further information please contact Rosie Jackson 07887 656914 or the Parish Office.

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.