

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

**Easter 5 - 28th April**

*To include the baptism of Wilf Downing*

**Tuesday (30th April)**  
10.10am All Saints School Assembly, All Saints

**Thursday (2nd May)**  
12.30pm Little Saints, All Saints Vestry

**Next Sunday (5th May)**  
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  
*No service at St Paul's*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Acts 8: 26-end**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak,

and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### **John 15: 1-8**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

We pray for Wilf Downing on the occasion of his baptism.

In our benefice we pray for those who are sick; Roy Guest, Brigit de Waal, Howard Hughes, Rosemary Smart, Alan Hebdon, Graham Clucas, Glenys Wardle.

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

We pray for those who have recently died; Ella Howcroft, Janet Curme, Mary Matthews, John Allen.

In our year's mind we remember John Sutton, Barbara Perry, Daniel Dawson, Lesley Hurford, Joan Long, and we pray for all who are mourning

### **Notices**

#### **11.00 am, Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> St Mary Walton**

Yatton and Winscombe Chorale present:-

'Requiem' Gabriel Faure

'Hear My Prayer' Felix Mendelssohn

Conducted by Ian Hubbard

Organist Andrew Kirk

Free Admission with Donations towards Church Funds  
Coffee/Tea and Biscuits will be provided.

**Thanksgiving Service** followed by burial of ashes of Janet Curme  
**Friday, 10th May** 11am St Mary's. Those who knew her are welcome to attend.

#### **Women's Ecumenical Bible Study Thursdays 10am—12pm**

run by Sharon Walker, a recently retired priest who frequently comes to St Mary's Wednesday morning Holy Communion service. She will use material from 'Know Your Bible'. The group will meet at Christine's house, 27 Coleridge Vale Road South. All welcome.

**Clevedon and District Foodbank** are appealing for more food donations. Whilst they are most grateful for financial help, having more tins and dry goods in stock means that the volunteers can spend more time fulfilling orders rather than shopping.

#### **Wednesday communions**

10.00am St Mary's

11.00am St Peter and St Paul