

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience
is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Readings for This Week

Exodus 1.8 - 2.10
(Psalm 124)
Romans 12.1-8
Matthew 16.13-20

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Exodus 3.1-15
Psalm 105.1-6,23-26,45b*
Romans 12.9-21
Matthew 16.21-28

Verse for the Week

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given
to each of us.”
Romans 12 v6

Prayer & Reading Diary Lydford

Monday

Read: Exodus 3.1-15

Prayer: The community we live in, especially for those who take leadership roles and those whose work takes them out in all winds and weathers.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 105.1-6,23-26,45b*

Prayer: Those who organise or attend the Petroc's Pop In, for the elderly, the housebound, the lonely, those finding life hard and difficult to cope with, those suffering from long-term or life-threatening ill health.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 12.9-21

Prayer: That the holiday may be a refreshing and enjoyable time for our children and young people and for any who have just received exam results.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 16.21-28

Prayer: For those who help to keep the church and its surroundings open, welcoming, clean and safe for those who enter the area to attend services, to pray and reflect, or just to visit.

Friday

Read: Jonah 3.1-9

Prayer: Our churchwarden and PCC as they work to keep the church relevant, for the mid-week Morning Prayer service with its ministry for visitors, for attendance at the monthly Family Service.

Saturday

Read: Revelation 3.14-22

Prayer: Adrian and all those who lead worship in the Northmoor team as they prepare for tomorrow's services, for those who help to enhance that experience and that those who attend worship this week may do so with open minds and hearts

Notices:



- **CREAM TEAS and SAVOURIES** at **Sourton** village hall. Sunday 27th August is our last one for the summer. From 1.30- 5.30 pm in aid of St Thomas a Becket Church, Sourton.

- **Gill's Ordination as Priest:**

This is on **Sunday 24th September at 3pm in All Saints', Okehampton**. Gill is licensed to all the parishes in the team, so please do come and show your support at her priesting. There are two others (Phill and Pete) being ordained alongside her. There will be refreshments and photos and joy!



Dates for your Diary:



QUIZ NIGHT

RAFFLE AVAILABLE

BYO REFRESHMENTS

£10 PER TEAM OF 4

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SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

STICKLEPATH VILLAGE HALL

7PM FOR 7.30 START

PLEASE BOOK IN YOUR TEAMS WITH
NIKI WOOLDRIDGE ON 01837 840876
ALL PROCEEDS TO ST MARY'S CHURCH, STICKLEPATH

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Church Services:



Sunday 27th August

(12th Sunday after Trinity)

8:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe – Holy Communion

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly – Morning Prayer

Sourton – Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – Family Service

11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Meeth - Holy Communion

Lydford – Holy Communion

6:00pm

Hatherleigh – Evensong

Sunday 3rd September

(13th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Meeth – All Age Worship

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Exbourne – Holy Communion

Sourton - Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath – Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton – Family Service

Hatherleigh – Holy Communion

Lydford – Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

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Thinking of this week's verse, what a relief we do all have different gifts. Can you imagine the rivalry and chaos if we all wanted to do everything!?

Everyone gifted to teach, to preach, to prophesy, to arrange flowers, to mend the roof! We know it's not like that and we all have different gifts, abilities, callings. But discerning these takes time and experience.

I remember at primary school being set an essay on what I wanted to be when I grew up and saying I wanted to play rugby for Wales. Given my physique, then as now, was hardly beefy, the chances of that happening were zero. Like all youngsters I needed to try out all sorts of possibilities and discover the gifts that God had given me, but not on my own.

Mercifully along the way I was spurred on to exercise various gifts, including preaching, by many people, clergy and laity; friends who exercised the gift of encouragement to others, a really important gift in its own right. As well as recognising and exercising our gifts we also need to accept that these gifts may change over the course of our life, or our ability to exercise certain gifts changes. We need the humility and self-awareness to move on when God requires that of us and may be discover new gifts. One of my favourite Christian musicians is Margaret Rizza and she did not start composing until her 70s. What a gift to discover late in life.

Michael Winter