

Collect for Today

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written
for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn
and inwardly digest them that,
through patience, and the comfort of your
holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour
Jesus Christ,
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

Nehemiah 8.1-4a[5-6] 8-12
(Psalm 119.9-16)
Colossians 3.12-17
Matthew 24.30-35

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

**4th Sunday before
Advent**

Micah 3.5-12
(Psalm 43*)
1 Thessalonians 2.9-13
Matthew 24.1-14

All Saints' Sunday

Revelation 7.9-17
(Psalm 34.1-10)
1 John 3.1-3
Matthew 5.1-12

Verse for the Week:

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will
not pass away” **Matt. 24v30**

Prayer & Reading Diary Germansweek

Monday

Read: Revelation 7.9-17

Prayer: Our special church of St Germanus in
Germansweek. Pray for our Clergy, Churchwardens,
PCC and Bell Ringers, all of whom make it so special.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 34.1-10

Prayer: The parents of our young children in
Germansweek and surrounding areas: may they
encourage (by example) their young ones to be part of
our Christian faith.

Wednesday

Read: 1 John 3.1-3

Prayer: The message of love and hope sent to you
Lord on the ‘Prayer Tree’ in memory of our dear
friends.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 5.1-12

Prayer: The wider community of businesses,
especially during this difficult time.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 66.20-23

Prayer: Our local people who work so hard to make
this Parish a better place.

Saturday

Read: Ephesians 1.11-23

Prayer: Love, Joy and Laughter in this community.
Keep us well to continue to perform our daily lives
but remembering THY WILL BE DONE.

Notices:



• Christmas Shoeboxes – Christian Response to Eastern Europe

This year we will again be donating Shoeboxes
through Christian Response to Eastern Europe, based
in Exmouth.

The Shoeboxes will need to be brought into All
Saint's on **Sunday 29th October** where they will
receive a blessing before their journey to Ukraine and
Moldova. Thank you for your support for this very
worthwhile cause.

Thank you,
Ann Ball - P.C.C. Treasurer

• **Songs of Love and Loss.** A time of reflection,
thanksgiving and commemoration in a season of
remembrance. Do you have someone you would like
to remember? Do you have a song or a reading you
could share? 5:30 pm **Sunday 5th November** in St
Mary's Sticklepath. Followed by refreshments.

• Good grief Café

Unfortunately it has not been possible to gather
enough people to run the "Good Grief" cafe this
month. We hope to run one after Christmas. If you or
someone you know might value it, please let Stephen
know.

Dates for your Diary:



- **All Saints Quiz Night**

Church Hall, **Friday November 3rd**, 7 for 7.30 start
Teams of 4/6 £6pp including refreshments
Licenced bar & Raffle
Booking essential, contact Ruth on 07551 655424

- **Tansy Rice Jazz Sextet**

Swing, Latin, Ballads & Tango
St Mary's Church, Sticklepath - **19th November** at
3pm. Tickets in advance - £10, including
refreshments. The proceeds will go towards church
funds, specifically for replacing the old heaters next
year. Contact Carol Johns on 01837 840822 or
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Church Services:



Sunday 29th October

(Bible Sunday)

9:30am

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Belstone – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Group Morning Service

Germansweek - Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd November

6:30pm

Bridestowe – All Souls Service

7:00 pm

Hatherleigh – All Souls Service

Sunday 5th November

(All Saints Sunday/ 4th Sunday before Advent)

9:30am

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Holy Communion

Meeth - All Age Worship

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Sourton – Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath – Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton – Family Service

Hatherleigh – Holy Communion

Lydford – Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

5:30pm

Sticklepath – Songs of Loss and Love

6:00pm

Jacobstowe – Quarterly Evensong

6:30pm

Ashbury Church– Service of Light

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Bible Sunday

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The Lectionary gives us a choice on how we mark today – I've gone with Bible Sunday. One of the suggested readings for funerals is the passage from John "I am the bread of life". Jesus' words reminded hearers of their ancestors in the wilderness who received manna from heaven but had to collect it afresh each day. Our need to eat (bread) is a reminder of our mortality – but partaking of Christ gives eternal life.

Each week (and hopefully each day!) we pray "Give us today our daily bread" but I am aware there are many who are unable to join us at that Sunday table, following Jesus' command to 'take, eat' in remembrance of him. But the church is not the Sunday gathering, it is the people – God's people in our community. We have a God who extends the 'tent' without question – a God who spreads wings to encompass those who need alternative ways to remain part of the church when physical or other changes prevent partaking of the bread of life on a Sunday morning.

We are used to the metaphor of bread being used for the word of God – as with 'feeding on the word'. We do have to keep coming back to it (especially for those of us with poor memories!). So this Bible Sunday serves as a reminder to do that. But, if you know anyone who is feeling left out in the cold, and would appreciate a pastoral visit, or home communion, please do not hesitate to let me or any of the other ministers know, so that we can share the bread of life together – as we approach All Saints' Sunday, let's not forget the saints still with us here on earth.

with love in Christ, Gill