

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to
yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Readings for This Week

Jeremiah 15.15-21
(Psalm 26.1-8)
Romans 12.9-21
Matthew 16.21-28

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Ezekiel 33.7-11
(Psalm 119.33-40)
Romans 13.8-14
Matthew 18.15-20

Verse for the Week

“For those who want to save their life will lose it, and
those who lose their life for my sake will find it”

Matthew 16 vs 25

Prayer & Reading Diary Meeth

Monday

Read: Ezekiel 33.7-11

Prayer: Give thanks for the wonderful success of
our combined Church and Village Fete and for the
growth in our community.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 119.33-40

Prayer: Pray for all the people who collect food
for the food bank, for those who give and for those
who receive.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 13.8-14

Prayer: We give thanks for those who serve You in
difficult ways, who clean our streets, public toilets,
empty the bins and make our villages pleasant places
to live.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 18.15-20

Prayer: We thank You for those who hold our
coffee morning that all are welcomed in Your House.

Friday

Read: Jonah 3.10 - 4.11

Prayer: Pray for our children and grandchildren at
the end of the summer holidays as they return to
school.

Saturday

Read: Revelation 8.1-5

Prayer: Pray for our clergy as they make Your
Word relevant through their sermons.

Notices:



- St. Michael and All Angels, Meeth will be open on **Saturday 9th September** for **The Devon Historic Churches Trust Day** from 10am-3pm. We will be offering cream teas and cake and encouraging donations for the D.H.C.T

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

Our curate, Gill, will be priested at 3pm on Sunday 24th September at All Saints' Okehampton. ***It is essential that you give your name to Ruth Cartlidge in advance if you are planning to attend.*** Gill would really love to see representatives from all the parishes in the team there, but we have to have a list of names in order to accommodate the other two people also being ordained with us that day. Either phone Ruth Cartlidge or email northmoorpa@gmail.com.



- **Prayer Group:** This is a home-group style relaxed gathering at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday every month at Phil & Nan's house, 30 Leeze Park, Okehampton EX20 1EE. You don't need to book in advance – just turn up and enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and shared prayer for the team and community. Upcoming dates are 12th September, 10th October, and 14th November. See you there!

Dates for your Diary:



QUIZ NIGHT

RAFFLE AVAILABLE

BYO REFRESHMENTS

£10 PER TEAM OF 4

QUESTION MARK

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 3rd September

(13th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

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

Sunday 10th September

(14th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe – Morning Prayer

Northlew – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Joint Harvest Festival with
Methodists

Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

Bridestowe – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Meeth - Morning Prayer

Lydford – Holy Communion

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Somebody phoned me this week, saying “I’m sorry to be the bearer of bad news...”. Unless we have some pathological enjoyment of upsetting others, none of us likes to be the bearer of bad news.

In today’s Gospel passage we see Jesus’ complete honesty about the situation and the cost of following him. Not only did he bear bad news about his own death to those who had been following him for three years and loved him, but he went on to tell them they were expected to shoulder a cross of their own.

But we always know where we are with Jesus, so when he reveals the necessity of losing one’s life for Jesus’ sake, in order to truly find it, we can take his claim seriously. Jesus made it clear that his death was inevitable, and his rebuke “Get thee behind me Satan!” has rung down through history.

But what does the story mean for us these days? Are we supposed to be the bearers of ‘bad’ news, telling people they need to lose their life in order to save it? Well, yes. The message we carry is deeply countercultural. It stands in stark contrast to the “prosperity gospel” teachers, the “law of attraction” gurus, and the “possessive individualism” of today’s society. Following Christ is not “cool”, and it doesn’t mean you won’t face trouble in this world – quite the opposite in fact – how can we expect less trouble than Jesus faced? But I would rather lose myself on the path of Christ than place my faith and my footsteps elsewhere.

with love in Christ, Gill