

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and
peace;
through 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 (may vary)

Exodus 20.1-17
(Psalm 19*)
1 Corinthians 1.18-25
John 2.13-22

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Fourth Sunday of Lent:
Numbers 21.4-9
(Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22 [or 107.1-9])
Ephesians 2.1-10
John 3.14-21

Mothering Sunday (Festival)
Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-end
(Psalm 34.11-20 or Psalm 127.1-4)
2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17
Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25b-27

Verse for the Week:

“For the message about the cross is foolishness to
those who are perishing, but to us who are being
saved it is the power of God” **1 Cor. 1 v18**

Prayer & Reading Diary Meeth

Monday

Read: Numbers 21.4-9
Prayer: We give you thanks, Lord for our new Bell
ringing Team and the bells which call us to worship.

Tuesday

Read: Ephesians 2.1-10
Prayer: We give thanks for the increase in our.
Congregation and pray for continued growth.

Wednesday

Read: John 3.14-21
Prayer: We give thanks for the poetry reading and
concert at Hatherleigh Church last Saturday and the
revenue it generated for the Building project.

Thursday

Read: Exodus 2.1-10
Prayer: Please pray for the sick, frail, lonely and
elderly people and for those who mourn that they may
know the comfort of the Lord.

Friday

Read: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7
Prayer: we ask for your guidance for our Lenten
giving, both from our churches and personally that
we use your generosity to us to help others.

Saturday

Read: Luke 2.33-35
Prayer: we give thanks for our Clergy, Ministry
Team and administrators for all their thought, study
and prayers to make our worship meaningful.

Notices:



*** TGI Sunday Brunch:** Come to All Saints' Church
Hall on **Sunday 3rd March** for our TGI Sunday
Brunch at 10am. There will be a variety of hearty
brunch options available with suggested donations for
the church hall refurbishment project. All donations
are currently doubled by the Give To Go Green
sponsorship. Invite as many people as you can –
staying for Café Church is optional, but hopefully
they will enjoy that too! Rev Gill

*** There will be a special Mothering Sunday
Thanksgiving Service** at All Saints, Okehampton at
11am next Sunday, 10th March.

*** Work on the church hall refurbishment** is starting
soon. Between now and 16th March we have the
opportunity to double any donations made using the
Give to Go Green scheme. If you are thinking of
making a small donation please do so using the QR
code which you will see at the back of All Saints and
following the link.
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Dates for your Diary:



* Friday 15th March: Mariners Away Concert

All Saints Church at 7pm with buffet supper and licensed bar. Tickets £15 each. Booking essential. For more information or to book your place speak to Mish Flexman or email mishflexman@gmail.com

* Saturday 16th March: Sticklepath Quiz Night

7pm for 7:30pm start at Village Hall.
£10 per team of 4. Bring your own refreshments.
There will also be a raffle. All proceeds to St. Mary's Church, Sticklepath. Please book in your team with Niki Wooldridge on 01837 840876

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Church Services:

Sunday 3rd March

(3rd Sunday of Lent)



9:30am

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Meeth – All Age Worship
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Exbourne – Family Service
Sourton – Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton -Family Service @ Ch. Hall
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford – Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

Sunday 10th March

(4th Sunday of Lent)

9:30am

Northlew – Holy Communion
Jacobstowe – Morning Prayer
Belstone – Mothering Sunday Service
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Bratton Clovelly- Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Mothering Sunday Thanksgiving
Lydford – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Morning Service
Bridestowe – Joint Service @ Methodists
Exbourne – Mothering Sunday Service
Meeth – Morning Prayer

Grapevine

3rd Sunday of Lent

3rd March 2024



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Whether you are in a church that has the Old Testament reading or the New Testament reading, there is good news this morning. God has found a better way of helping humans achieve righteousness and holiness.

Even if you don't normally go to church, you will have probably heard of the Ten Commandments. You might even have walked to see the Dartmoor version inscribed in stone on Buckland Beacon. But, for all their hype, they didn't work. Their giving was shrouded in thunder, lightening, terrifying shimmering cloud – the awesome Creator of all was trying, without humans dying on contact with such pure holiness, to live in close relationship with the beloved created.

But it all seemed too unattainable. Moses was up a mountain, where they dared not follow. He brought back a road map – 10 rules to follow to be able to be nearer God. But we are all fallible humans – we, collectively, could not adhere to these 10 simple rules. History shows how we kept failing, and continue to do so. God's frustration is shown in Jesus turning over the tables. Even the sacred had become profane in human hands.

So there is a better way, a way of love. Love is the law inscribed on our hearts. Love is what took God to the cross. In his body Jesus transcends the deepest purpose of the law – that is love. No greater love has a person than they lay down their life for their friends. Jesus calls us friends. Jesus calls us family. I pray we may hear his voice today and know the liberation of being free to follow that call to become all that humans were created to be – heirs of the kingdom of God.

Gill George