

Collect for Today

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family
to himself:

strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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)

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

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Jeremiah 31.31-34

(Psalm 51.1-13 or Psalm 119.9-16)

Hebrews 5.5-10

John 12.20-33

Verse for the Week:

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly
loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other
and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance
against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:12-13

Prayer & Reading Diary Exbourne

Monday

Read: Jeremiah 31.31-34

Prayer: From our lives of comfort and plenty, we
beseech you Lord to put an end to War - all forms of
Conflict and inhumanity to man that is raging
throughout the World, let us help in any way we can.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 51.1-13

Prayer: Place your hands on all who mourn; suffer
with illness; frailty; and any life adversity; grant
them peace and comfort through their suffering.

Wednesday

Read: Hebrews 5.5-10

Prayer: We thank you Lord for our families, friends
and surroundings, ensure we never take these for
granted.

Thursday

Read: John 12.20-33

Prayer: Pour your love and patience on all Staff and
Children in all places of learning; that they all
prosper and grow together with humility and strength.

Friday

Read: Exodus 24.3-8

Prayer: Endue all our Ministers, Readers and
Worship leaders with words of encouragement and
learning; that they may faithfully lead us in our lives
to become kinder and more resilient in our beliefs.

Saturday

Read: Hebrews 12.18-29

Prayer: As we approach APCMs, we ask your
blessing on all PCC Meetings. As the Deanery faces
new decisions, we ask your guidance and confident
resolution for future plans.

Notices:



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

* **Sunday 17th March: Come and Sing** at All Saints
Okehampton. Calling all singers, come and join us to
sing a service for Passiontide. All Music supplied, all
abilities welcome. Rehearsal at 4.00pm followed by
the service at 6.30pm. Further details from Stuart
Payne, Director of Music: paynestuart@hotmail.com

* 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 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

Sunday 17th March

(5th Sunday of Lent)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Meeth – Morning Praise
Northlew – Holy Communion
Exbourne – Morning Prayer
Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Family Service
Lydford – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Joint Service @ Methodists

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Grapevine

4th Sunday of Lent

10th March 2024



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Like most people of my generation I had a mother who stayed at home while my father went to work. The deal was that he earned the money and she looked after the house and the children. When I became a parent things had changed: in most households both parents worked and childcare was shared. One thing remains the same, however: only women can give birth: no amount of hands-on fathering can change that biological fact!

The fact of carrying another human being inside you for nine months must create a special bond between mother and child that we men can only try to imagine: I'm not jealous, mind you, in case anyone wants to take me on one side and spell out the disadvantages, but I think there is a special bond between mother and child which fathers cannot know.

Interestingly the Bible indicates this bond replicates the bond between us and God "Your eyes beheld my inmost substance: you knit me together in my mother's womb" says the Psalmist. The opening sentences of the Bible talk about the Holy Spirit "brooding" over the waters of creation, as if God were giving birth to the world. A prayer in the Methodist service book which addressed God as "mother" caused quite a controversy when it was first published but I don't think it was wide of the mark. God conceived of the world in all its wonder, God brought it to birth, God suffers with us, God longs for us to reach our full potential; God is invested in us as a mother in her child.

Stephen (from 2018)