

Collect for Today

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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)

Jeremiah 31.31-34
(Psalm 51.1-13 or Psalm 119.9-16)
Hebrews 5.5-10
John 12.20-33

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Liturgy of the Passion)
Isaiah 50.4-9a
(Psalm 31.9-16*)
Philippians 2.5-11
Mark 14.1 - 15.47 or
Mark 15.1-39[40-47]

Verse for the Week:

“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say?
‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this
very reason I came to this hour.” **John 12: 27**

Prayer & Reading Diary Bridestowe

Monday

Prayer: Isaiah 50.4-9a

Read: We pray for our partnership with the
Methodist church in Bridestowe, that it may prosper
and grow as we seek to reach out into our community.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 31.9-16

Prayer: We pray for our school, for each child and
staff member and for our Open the Book group as we
plan to go back there in May.

Wednesday

Read: Philippians 2.5-11

Prayer: We pray for all attending the Lent course
that it may help them develop their faith.

Thursday

Read: Mark 14.1 - 15.47

Prayer: We pray for our local farmers as they
grapple with so many problems.

Friday

Read: Zechariah 9.9-12

Prayer: We pray for our PCC members as they keep
St. Bridget's going.

Saturday

Read: 1 Corinthians 2.1-12

Prayer: We pray for all who are lonely and suffering
behind closed doors in our community. Please draw
them to our attention so we can seek ways to help.

Notices:



*** 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

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 quiz questions.
There will also be a raffle. For more information speak to Mary's
Church, Sticklepath. Or contact Niki Wooldri
01238 800600 or niki.wooldri@sticklepath.org.uk

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Easter Church Services:

Wednesday 27th March:

Northlew – Passover Meal @ 6: 30pm

Thursday 28th March:

Jacobstowe – Celtic Evening Prayer @ 7:00pm

Good Friday:

10:30am

Lydford - Stations of the Cross

12 noon

Sourton - An hour at the Cross. Good Friday Liturgy

Hatherleigh – Open air Service

2:00pm

Exbourne – Hour at the Cross

3:00pm

Exbourne – Hour at the Cross

Northlew – Hour at the Cross

Easter Saturday:

Bratton Clovelly 7.00pm Exsultet

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Church Services:

Sunday 17th March

(5th Sunday of Lent)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Meeth – Morning Praise

Northlew – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Holy Communion

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



Sunday 24th March

(Palm Sunday)

9:30am

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe – Holy Communion

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – Family Service @ St. Bridget's

Sourton – Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Lydford – Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Bridestowe – Palm Sunday Service @ Methodists

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Meeth – Holy Communion

6:00pm

Hatherleigh – Evensong

Grapevine

5th Sunday of Lent

17th March 2024



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So we reach the fifth Sunday of Lent and the beginning of Passiontide. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus looks forward to his death and 'glory'. He indicates to his disciples what is coming but in language that is easier for us to interpret than for the disciples, because we know how the story unfolds.

If we didn't yet know about Resurrection, what would we make of the words 'Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it'? And as for Jesus those words are followed by 'I am troubled ..'. This is still the Son of Man walking with us, troubled, sharing in his disciples' and in our concerns and suffering. He has not entered into his glory. The entry into Jerusalem, the events of Holy Week culminating in death and Resurrection are yet to come.

The Saviour of the world is troubled and has to reach out to God in faith through doubts and fears and uncertainties. As we look out on a troubled world, as we confront our own mortality, we need trust and faith for sure, but we should not expect that to overcome all our troubles. There is a delicate path to tread here – trusting but not in a glib way that diminishes the reality of our own or other's suffering. Remember the Son of God was troubled too.

Michael Winter