

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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)

Acts 8.26-40
(Psalm 22.25-31)
1 John 4.7-21
John 15.1-8

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 10.44-48
(Psalm 98)
1 John 5.1-6
John 15.9-17

Verse for the Week:

“If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask
for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
My Father is glorified in this, that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.” **John 15:7-8**

Prayer & Reading Diary Inwardleigh

Monday

Read: Acts 10.44-48

Prayer: For our officers Julianne, Dot, Brenda and Janet.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 98

Prayer: For the ongoing issues with our building, especially the tower.

Wednesday

Read: 1 John 5.1-6

Prayer: For the regular services, Sunday by Sunday as several of the congregation have died or become too frail to come.

Thursday

Read: John 15.9-17

Prayer: For wisdom as the church thinks about its future in the team and the deanery

Friday

Read: Ezekiel 47.1-12

Prayer: For our friends in Oak Chapel

Saturday

Read: John 21.1-19

Prayer: For continuing good relationships between church and community and wisdom in knowing how to make the best of them.

Notices:



*** Sunday May 5th: All Saints Cafe Church** at 11am in the Church Hall followed by Lunch and Board Games. All are welcome.

*** There is a Celtic Evening Prayer service** at Jacobstowe on Wednesday 24th April, at 7pm.

*** There is a Coffee Morning and Plant Sale** in aid of All Saints Flower Fund on **Saturday April 27th** at the home of Sara and John Hall, 2 Church Path Okehampton from 10am. Please support and bring your friends; donations of plants welcome.

*** Sunday 5h May – Songs of Life and Hope** takes place again **next Sunday (5th May)** at 5pm in St Mary's Sticklepath. This is an opportunity to find strength and encouragement in difficult and uncertain times. You are invited to share a song, a reading, a poem, a thought or a prayer on the themes of life and hope. Or just come to hear what others have to offer. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Dates for your Diary:



* Belstone 'Folk' Exhibition

Sat

4th to Mon 6th May 2024 (as seen on BBC Spotlight)

Venues: Belstone Village Hall & St Mary's Church - 10.00am - 5.00pm
Methodist Chapel & The Old School Tearoom - 2.00pm - 5.30pm

* An Italian Evening in Belstone Village Hall on Saturday 11th May, 6.30 for 7pm

Join us for a relaxing evening of live music from "Moorland Mandolins", a two course Italian style home cooked meal, with a Bar and Raffle. Tickets £15 to be bought in advance available from belstonevillage.net

For further information, or tickets, contact Edwina on 07967179769

(This event is in aid of St Mary's Church, Belstone.)

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Church Services:

Sunday 28th April

(5 Sunday of Easter)



8:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe – Holy Communion by Ext.

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – Family Service

Bratton Clovelly – Morning Prayer

Sourton – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Meeth – Holy Communion by Ext.

Lydford – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

Sunday 5th May

(6th Sunday of Easter)

9:30am

Sourton – Holy Communion

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Family Service

Meeth – All Age Worship

Northlew – Morning Prayer

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Family Service at Ch. Hall

Lydford – Morning Prayer

Hatherleigh – Holy Communion by Ext.

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

5:00pm

Sticklepath - Songs of Life and Hope

Grapevine

5th Sunday of Easter 28th April 2024



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The word “abide” occurs seven times in the space of the eight verses of the gospel reading set for today. It’s a popular word in the New Testament and in John’s gospel in particular. It means to dwell, to make a home, to remain. “Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

Jesus is using an agricultural image. He is the vine, we are the branches, the Father is the vine dresser. In order to produce fruit the branches need to draw sustenance from the vine and to do that they need to be joined to it; if they are cut off they will wither and die.

The temptation is to think that to be fruitful we need to do more. If we do this... if we do that... if we try a bit harder, put in more effort, get a bit more motivated, copy this initiative, adopt that policy, then maybe the fruit will come. The reality is that fruitfulness begins not with doing but with abiding. If you feel you are not being fruitful the first question to ask is “Am I abiding?” Instead of rushing around, frenetically searching for answers, we are encouraged to settle down, to make our home, to abide in God and invite God to abide in us. Then the fruit will come naturally.

Stephen Cook