

Collect for Today

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice
and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son,
Jesus Christ 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)

Acts 4.32-35
(Psalm 133)
1 John 1.1 - 2.2
John 20.19-31

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 3.12-19
(Psalm 4)
1 John 3.1-7
Luke 24.36b-48

Verse for the Week:

‘How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell
together in unity...
...for there the Lord commands a blessing’.

Psalms 133: 1 and 3b.

Prayer & Reading Diary Sourton

Monday

Prayer: Acts 3.12-19

Read: Our clergy, especially Adrian Brook and his family, lay readers and Sourton lay worship leader, Caroline North.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 4

Prayer: Local families, farmers and children; Boasley Cross Primary School and all the schools in the Dartmoor MAT.

Wednesday

Read: 1 John 3.1-7

Prayer: The Sourton Commoners Association and Sourton Parish Council.

Thursday

Read: Luke 24.36b-48

Prayer: Our PCC members and all who care for St Thomas' Church.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 63.7-15

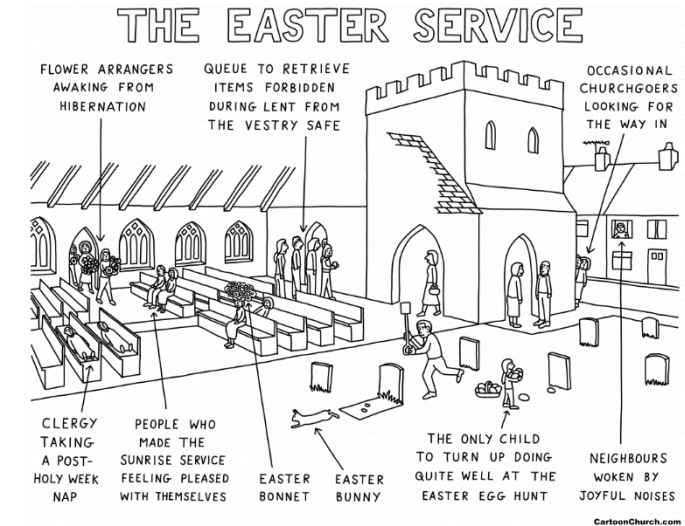
Prayer: All who visit St Thomas' Church; our outreach to visitors and to all people seeking faith and direction.

Saturday

Read: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Prayer: Those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

Notices:



Dates for your Diary:



* Re-scheduled Date - Sticklepath Quiz Night Saturday 20th April

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 7th April

(2nd Sunday of Easter)

9:30am

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

10:30am

Sticklepath – Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Family Service @ **All Saints Church**
Lydford – Morning Prayer
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

Sunday 14th April

(3rd Sunday of Easter)

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Jacobstowe – Morning Prayer
Northlew – Holy Communion
Bridestowe – Morning Prayer
Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Morning Service
Meeth – Morning Prayer
Lydford – Holy Communion
Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Grapevine

2nd Sunday of Easter

7th April 2024



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What a delightful psalm, with a wonderful promise attached; where we dwell in unity, the Lord will bless! Just to unfold the bit in the middle, the anointing oil poured over Aaron signified his being set apart; made holy, to intercede before God for the nation. A purpose the church is called to today. And the mountains? Hermon is where the rain falls that feeds the Galilee and the Jordan, while Zion is the place of the temple. What the psalm is saying is that unity unlocks God's blessing both physical and spiritual and enables us to fulfil His purposes. Conversely then, disunity has the potential to muck it all up and keep God out. No surprise then that our old enemy works particularly hard at dividing us, over any daft thing that will work; money, power, position, recognition, details of theology or worship practices. Not to mention 'who said what about who back in 1978'!

I don't know about you, but I'm hungry to see the blessing of God worked out in our churches, the spiritual and the physical, and to see us being effective in mission and presence in our communities. This psalm promises that these things can happen when we learn to live in constant grace towards one another. Then we may find that we are the answer to Jesus' prayer the night before he died; 'I pray that they may be one; Father may they be in us as you are in me and I am in you. May they be one so the world will believe that you sent me.' John 17: 21.

Leigh Winsbury