

Collect for Today

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ
is gone before,
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 1.15-17,21-26
(Psalm 1)
1 John 5.9-13
John 17.6-19

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 2.1-21 *or* Ezekiel 37.1-14
(Psalm 104.26-36,37b*)
Romans 8.22-27 *or*
Acts 2.1-21
John 15.26-27;16.4b-15

Verse for the Week:

Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he
was added to the eleven apostles. **Acts 1 v26**

Prayer & Reading Diary Jacobstowe

Monday

Read: Luke 7 v 36-end

Prayer: For young people sitting exams and for their
hopes for the future.

Tuesday

Read: Luke 8 v 1-15

Prayer: For all the volunteers in Jacobstowe and
other churches who help maintain our churches and
graveyards.

Wednesday

Read: Psalm 29

Prayer: For loving kindness within our communities
and thanks for all the expressions of care.

Thursday

Read: Psalm 24

Prayer: For the troubled parts of the world, especially
Ukraine, Gaza and Israel, and for all the efforts
towards reconciliation and peace.

Friday

Read: Luke 8 v 40-end

Prayer: For farmers and growers in this year of
challenging weather.

Saturday

Read: Ephesians 6 v 10-20

Prayer: As we approach Pentecost, for greater
understanding of our Christian faith.

Notices:



*** Walking Treasure Hunt: Saturday 18th May**
starting at 2pm From The Bandstand in Simmons
Park. This is a free event suitable for families and all
ages/abilities with a flat route.

*** Men's Prayer Gathering: Sunday 19th May**
Starts at 3.00pm at Simmons Park, Okehampton.
Contact Adrian on 01837 861 580 for details or just
turn up.

*** There is a Rogation walk on Sunday 12th May**
from Bratton to Germansweek. Adrian Brook has the
details.

*** Wednesday 22nd May: Jacobstowe**
There is a Celtic Evening Prayer, starting at 7pm

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Dates for your Diary:



* 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.)

* **Sunday 19th May: 9.30am Joint service with the Methodists at St Bridget's.** After the service we will be having tea/coffee in the Ark followed at midday by a curry lunch. The curry lunch is open to all, there is no charge.

* Sourton Cream Teas and Savouries

Will be served on Bank holiday **Monday May 27th** from 1.30 -5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall in aid of Sourton Church.

All are welcome including well behaved dogs! Take-away also available.

Church Services:



Sunday 12th May

(Sunday after Ascension)

9:30am

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

11:00am

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

Sunday 19th May

(Pentecost)

9:30am

Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion
or Morning Prayer
Belstone – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Exbourne – Holy Communion
Meeth – Morning Praise
Bridestowe – Joint Service at St Bridget's

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Lydford – Morning Prayer
Hatherleigh – Family Service

5:00pm

Northlew – Rogation Service

7:00pm

Hatherleigh - Prayer and Praise

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Sunday after Ascension

12th May 2024



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Following hard on the heels of Thursday's Ascension Day, as we read in the first chapter of Acts, the disciples are suddenly in charge without their Lord at the helm, or at least not in bodily form. He has departed promising his Holy Spirit to guide them, but Pentecost is a week off and the disciples have some pressing business to transact, namely the appointment of a new disciple to replace Judas. With two candidates and eleven to make the choice they pray and then cast lots. I wonder why they did not vote. Perhaps they felt it would be more clearly God's choice than if they voted. Maybe they wished to avoid any risk of factionalism with a close decision.

Whatever the thinking, they used a method often used in the Old Testament, the casting of lots and the belief that God would work through this. To most of us this will seem rather alien and it is certainly not usually how the post-Pentecost church has behaved when making decisions, with emphasis instead being on seeking God's will through prayer and deliberation, using our God-given gifts to think through difficult decisions.

It seems to me that there are two messages from this story for us centuries later, the first is the importance of prayer, whether we see that as seeking explicit direction from God or a spiritual cleansing and clearing of our minds to think clearly. And secondly, they made a decision; they did not, as many of us are prone to do, procrastinate.

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