

Collect for Today

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;
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)

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

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 1.15-17,21-26
(Psalm 1)
1 John 5.9-13
John 17.6-19

Verse for the Week:

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.
John 15:16-17

Prayer & Reading Diary Germansweek

Monday

Read: Acts 1.15-17,21-26
Prayer: Our special church of St Germanus in Germansweek. Pray for our Clergy, Churchwardens, PCC and Bell Ringers, all of whom make it so special.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 1
Prayer: The parents of our young children in Germansweek and surrounding areas: may they encourage (by example) their young ones to be part of our Christian faith.

Wednesday

Read: 1 John 5.9-13
Prayer: The message of love and hope sent to you Lord on the 'Prayer Tree' in memory of our dear friends.

Thursday

Read: John 17.6-19
Prayer: The wider community of businesses, especially during this difficult time.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 14.3-15
Prayer: Our local people who work so hard to make this Parish a better place.

Saturday

Read: Revelation 14.1-13
Prayer: Love, Joy and Laughter in this community. Keep us well to continue to perform our daily lives but remembering THY WILL BE DONE.

Notices:



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

*** Sunday 5h May – Songs of Life and Hope** takes place again **THIS 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.

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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.)

* Sourton Cream Teas and Savouries

Will be served on Bank holiday **Mondays May 6th
and 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 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

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

11:00am

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

Grapevine

6th Sunday of Easter

5th May 2024



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“Greater love has no one than this,” says Jesus in the gospel reading set for today, “than to lay down their life for their friends...” It’s a favourite passage for Remembrance Sunday, and no doubt we will be using it in the upcoming D Day commemorations as well. Soldiers will tell you that when you are in that kind of danger you are not fighting for your country or for freedom, you’re fighting for your comrades: your friends.

Jesus wasn’t talking to soldiers; he was talking to his own friends and down through the centuries he is talking to us. This kind of laying down of life is not so much the ultimate sacrifice as the minor one. He is commanding them to love one another, even though at times it will cost pride, energy, time and ambition. He is commanding them to love others as he has loved them.

Today in one way or another you will have the opportunity to lay down your life for your friends. It may be by an act of service. It may be by making an extra effort to understand what they are saying. It may be by a word of reassurance or praise. It may be by going the extra mile or turning the other cheek. When you do you will have the example of the Master, who laid down his life, and in your ear you will hear him say “This is my commandment, that you love one another... You are my friends, if you do as I command.”

Stephen Cook