

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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)

2 Samuel 11.1-15
(Psalm 14)
Ephesians 3.14-21
John 6.1-21

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

2 Samuel 11.26 - 12.13a
(Psalm 51.1-13)
Ephesians 4.1-16
John 6.24-35

Verse for the Week:

‘Mary of Magdala went to the disciples with the news:
“I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had
said these things to her. **John 20: 18**

Prayer & Reading Diary Inwardleigh

Monday

Read: 2 Samuel 11.26 - 12.13a

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

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 51.1-13

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

Wednesday

Read: Ephesians 4.1-16

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

Thursday

Read: John 6.24-35

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

Friday

Read: Song of Solomon 5.2-16

Prayer: For our friends in Oak Chapel.

Saturday

Read: 2 Peter 1.1-15

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

Notices:



*** THIS Sunday - July 28th** we have an ‘open-air’ service at Hatherleigh Square, this time with the massed brass bands of ‘Bandemonium’ from 10.30am to 12 noon (the actual service will probably start at 11am). This will be followed by a bring and share lunch in the church.

*** We will be serving Cream Teas, Savouries and delicious cakes at Sourton Parish Hall** on August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th as well as September 1st in aid of St Thomas a Becket Church. Enjoy a walk or cycle along the Granite Way and pop in for a light lunch or treat yourself to a lovely home made tea. Bring your friends and family.

Dates for your Diary:



* The **Two Moors Festival** is holding a concert in Okehampton Church this year on **Thursday 10th October** at 7.30. Further details are here.

[Stile Antico \(twomoorsfestival.co.uk\)](http://Stile Antico (twomoorsfestival.co.uk))

Festival tickets go on sale on 1st July.

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Church Services:

Sunday 28th July

(9th Sunday after Trinity)

8:30am

Sticklepath - Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – Family Service

Jacobstowe - Holy Communion

Bratton Clovelly -Morning Prayer

Sourton - Morning Prayer

Northlew - Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Exbourne - Morning Prayer

Meeth - Holy Communion

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong



Sunday 4th August

(10th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Family Service

Meeth – All Age Worship

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Sourton – Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath – Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton – Family Service

Hatherleigh – Holy Communion

Lydford – Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

Grapevine

9th Sunday after Trinity

28th July 2024



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This is 'Mary Magdalene Sunday', so, a few thoughts...

There have been two opposite false stories told about this Mary; one, that she was a 'woman of ill repute', often repeated in the church over the centuries and even popping up in modern Christian films such as 'Risen'. The other, that she has been deliberately maligned by the church because she was actually the wife of Jesus and bore his children. This last one pops up in Dan Brown novels and is based on the later pseudopigrapha gnostic gospels written long after the biblical period.

Does all this matter? Yes, the truth always matters. Neither of these tales tell the truth about Mary; a devoted disciple of Jesus who had been set free by him from demon possession. She is honoured in scripture as being among the first to witness to his resurrection and is key to the story. We must beware of such attacks on the character of Jesus' contemporaries as we should be to those against God's people in our own day. We are, and always will be, under attack from Satan, whose name 'Ha,satan' literally means, the accuser. Let us be ready to defend the truth of scripture, and each other's reputations as we seek to bring the light of Christ into the world.

In love, Leigh