

Collect for Today

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family
to himself:

strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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)

Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-28
(Psalm 34.11-20 or Psalm 127.1-4)
2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17
Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Isaiah 43.16-21
(Psalm 126)
Philippians 3.4b-14
John 12.1-8

Verse for the Week:

“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds
everything together in perfect harmony”

Colossians 3:14

Prayer & Reading Diary Sourton

Monday

Read: Isaiah 43.16-21

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

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 126

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

Wednesday

Read: Philippians 3.4b-14

Prayer: The Sourton Commoners Association and Sourton Parish Council.

Thursday

Read: John 12.1-8

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

Friday

Read: Isaiah 35.1-10

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

Saturday

Read: Romans 7.21 - 8.4

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

Notices:



*** Okehampton Deanery Meeting: Thursday 27th March** at Whiddon Down Village Hall, at 7pm.
(next to the Post Inn) All welcome.

*** Prayer during the Interregnum**

Every Monday morning at 10.30am 8 people, at the moment, are praying specifically that the right person is appointed as Incumbent. The joy is you can pray sitting on your sofa, out for a walk, wherever you are at that time for as long or as short a time as you wish. The point is you have a group of people all praying at the same time for the same thing. If you would like to join with us, please do. If you could drop me an email mwebberm@yahoo.co.uk, or phone 07791798983 saying that is what you are doing that would be encouraging. Many thanks. Maurie

*** Okehampton All Saint's Parish Church** is open every Tuesday morning between 10am and 12 noon for prayer. This is an opportunity to meet and pray with others, or just to sit quietly. Refreshments will be available.

*** LENT LUNCHESES:** During Lent, there will be soup lunches in support of Christian Aid, at All Saints Church Hall, 12noon to 1pm, each Thursday starting on 6 March. No need to let anyone know – just turn up!

*** St James Chapel**, in the centre of Okehampton, is open all day, every day. **Every Thursday:** 10am Communion at St James, Okehampton.

Dates for your diary :



* The Fairtrade Group are hosting a **Quiz Night** on **Friday April 4th** 7:30 at the Church Hall Market Street. Teams of 4 to 6 £5 per person to include an interval pasty. Please bring your own drinks. To register please email : rarw48@gmail.com

* **Swing into Spring Jazz Festival: Sunday 6th April** at St Mary's Church, Sticklepath @k 3pm. Tickets £12 from Carol Johns – 01837 840822 or email: carolandmikey@gmail.com

* **Sticklepath Quiz Night: Saturday 12th April** at Sticklepath Village Hall. 7pm for a 7:30pm start. £10 per team of 4. Raffle available – bring your own refreshments. Please book your team in with Niki Wooldridge on 01837 840876. All proceeds to St Mary's Church, Sticklepath

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Church Services:



Sunday 30th March

(Mothering Sunday)

9:30am

Belstone – Mothering Sunday Service
Inwardleigh - Mothering Sunday Service
Bridestowe – Mothering Sunday United Service
Bratton Clovelly – Mothering Sunday Service

10:00am

Northlew - Mothering Sunday Service

11:00am

Okehampton - Mothering Sunday Service
Hatherleigh – Five Parish Service
Exbourne – Mothering Sunday Service
Lydford – Mothering Sunday Service

11:15am

Germansweek – Mothering Sunday Service

5:00pm

Sourton - Holy Communion (said BCP)

Sunday 6th April

(5th Sunday of Lent/ Passion Sunday)

09:30am

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

10:30am

Sticklepath – Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Café Style Family Service
Hatherleigh - Holy Communion
Lydford - Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

6:30pm

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Grapevine

Mothering Sunday

30th March 2025



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It's reassuring to remember that Jesus grew up in a typical family. Fully human and fully divine, our God is personal. Our God knows what it is to go through the day-to-day – the “daily grind” as one hymn puts it. Jesus did not grow up in a palace. Jesus grew up with a working family: a family living precariously under Roman occupation, and having to survive amidst the fragility that brings. Jesus' earthly father – the man of the house – seems to have died before Jesus grew up. As the eldest son, Jesus would have continued working the family business. Mother Mary was clearly intelligent – she was well read and knew the scriptures, as well as being devout – it seems likely she managed the household affairs as so many women have done quietly over the centuries.

Today we also remember the pain of Mary – seeing her infant, child, and then adult Yeshua develop in faith, knowing the sword would pierce her own soul too. And we remember Jesus' love for his own Mother, we remember that Jesus “saw” women's plight in a society and religious system where many were invisible.

As people of faith, we are all called to take a share in the responsibility of loving people. Today is a day to give thanks for those who meet our physical and practical needs, but also a day to give thanks for those who meet our emotional and spiritual needs, and those whose needs we help to meet ourselves.

Whatever mix of pain or joy today brings for you, may you know the love of Christ, the sisterhood of Mother Mary, and the comfort of Sophia Holy Spirit, alongside you in God's household of faith.

With love in Christ, Revd Gill