

Collect for Today

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Amen

Readings for This Week (may vary)

Acts 10.34-43 *or*
Isaiah 65.17-25
(Psalm 118.1-2,14-24*)
1 Corinthians 15.19-26
or Acts 10.34-43
John 20.1-18 *or*
Luke 24.1-12

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 5.27-32
(Psalm 118.14-29 *or* Psalm 150)
Revelation 1.4-8
John 20.19-31

Verse for the Week:

‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, He is Risen!’ **Luke 24: 5b-6a.**

Prayer & Reading Diary Inwardleigh

Monday

Read: Acts 5.27-32

Prayer: Today is Ethel Spier's 100th birthday celebrations, so we give thanks, and also pray for those in our parish who are no longer able to attend Sunday services.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 118.14-29

Prayer: We ask for prayer for our faculty application and the urgent need for a replacement heating system, since ours is decommissioned.

Wednesday

Read: Revelation 1.4-8

Prayer: Today we pray for those in our parish who are grieving the loss of loved ones, especially the loss of a spouse.

Thursday

Read: John 20.19-31

Prayer: We pray for those among us who are sick and suffering, and especially that our community network is strengthened so that we are able to identify and care for those in need.

Friday

Read: Exodus 12.1-13

Prayer: For those in the newer houses, that they feel welcomed into the existing community and are able to engage with church. We pray for those who are lonely and isolated, and that the church and community together are able to combat poor mental health.

Saturday

Read: 1 Peter 1.3-12

Prayer: For those whose livelihoods are based in the parish - whether agricultural, hospitality or commercial - and that we are able to get along and work together for the good of all.

Notices:



* 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. 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.

* **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 :



* **SOURTON VILLAGE HALL CREAM TEAS**, Cakes and Savouries on Easter Monday: 21st April 1:30pm – 5:30pm Cream Tea only £7.00 In Aid of the Church of St Thomas á Becket, Sourton

* **All Saints Coffee morning and Spring Fare.**

When ~ Saturday 3rd May 10 am to 12 noon

Where ~ Church Hall Okehampton.

Time ~ 10 am to 12 noon.

Please come and support us in raising funds for the next phase of the hall refurbishment when we hope to make improvements to create disabled access toilets and baby changing facilities.

Donations of cakes, preserves, plants and spring themed crafts will be gratefully received either on the day or by contacting Mish Flexman on 07913329148 or mishflexman@gmail.com

Holy Week Services:

Monday 14th April

7pm – St James, Okehampton: Compline

Tuesday 15th April

7pm – Hatherleigh: Relic or Red Herring

7pm – St James, Okehampton: Compline

Wednesday 16th April

7pm – St James, Okehampton: Compline

7pm – Jacobstowe: Holy Week Reflective Service

Thursday 17th April: Maundy Thursday

10am – St James, Okehampton: Holy Communion

7pm – Meeth: Passover Meal

7pm – Bridestowe: Joint Service with Methodists

7pm – All Saints, Okehampton: Holy Communion

Friday 18th April: Good Friday

10am - CTiO Service at St James

10:30am - Lydford: Station at the Cross

12 noon – Hatherleigh: Open Air Service at The Sq.

12 noon – Sourton: Devotional Service

2 pm – All Saints: Hour at the Cross

2pm – Exbourne: Hour at the Cross

3pm – Northlew: Hour at the Cross

Saturday 19th April: Easter Saturday

7pm – Sourton: Easter Fire & Exsultet

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Church Services:

Sunday 20th April

(Easter Sunday)

7:00am

Okehampton - Sunrise Service & Breakfast

8:00am

Sourton – Holy Communion

9:30am

Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

Bridestowe - Easter Service

Northlew - Easter Service

Jacobstowe - Holy Communion

Belstone – Easter Service

Inwardleigh – Easter Service

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh - Holy Communion

Lydford - Easter Holy Communion

Exbourne – Holy Communion by Ext.

Meeth - Easter Service

6:00pm

Okehampton - Easter Celebration at Fairplace

Wednesday 23rd April

7pm – Bridestowe: Patronal Service for St George

Sunday 27th April

(2nd Sunday of Easter/ Low Sunday)

9:30am

Sourton - Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

Northlew - Morning Prayer

Bridestowe - Family Service

Belstone – Morning Service (no details)

Inwardleigh - Morning Service (no details)

10:30am

Lydford – Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Meeth - Morning Prayer

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong



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Easter Sunday

20th April 2025



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Here we are, at the crown of the year; Easter day, the day when we celebrate that death was defeated by Jesus; in himself, but also for us. No one else in history has ever done this, certainly no leader of any religion, and no one claims they have; only Jesus. This single fact is the heart of our faith, as fully explained by Saint Paul in 1 Cor. 15: 12-34, worth a look today!

Now, to believe this is a big ask and many theologians have tried to creep around it claiming metaphor, or some such thing. There is an old adage in farming that says, ‘where there’s livestock there’s deadstock’, and I remember looking at a three-day dead ewe in my farmyard one Easter, waiting for the NFSS truck to come around and thinking just what it would take to see that walking again; not very likely!

And yet we know Jesus did it.

We know from history; multiple records of the time, witnesses who went to their deaths rather than change their story, who began this thing called the church which was unstoppable because of this one event. If you are unsure of these things, may I suggest you either read the book, or watch the film ‘The Case for Christ’, which follows the story of Lee Strobel, an atheist reporter, attempting to disprove the resurrection but who eventually comes to know and believe in the Lord Jesus. And we know because He also lives in us with His transforming, life-giving power and presence; the presence that fuels our faith with peace and Joy.

May this truly be your experience this Easter, and every day, until that same power that raised Jesus, raises us to meet Him face to face.

Leigh Winsbury