

Collect for Today

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice
and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ
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 5.27-32
(Psalm 118.14-29 or Psalm 150)
Revelation 1.4-8
John 20.19-31

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]
(Psalm 30)
Revelation 5.11-14
John 21.1-19

Verse for the Week:

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you
have believed; blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have believed."
John 20 v29

Prayer & Reading Diary Germansweek

Monday

Read: Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]
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 30
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: Revelation 5.11-14
Prayer: The message of love and hope sent to you
Lord on the 'Prayer Tree' in memory of our dear
friends.

Thursday

Read: John 21.1-19
Prayer: The wider community of businesses,
especially during this difficult time.

Friday

Read: Exodus 15.1-2,9-18
Prayer: Our local people who work so hard to make
this Parish a better place.

Saturday

Read: John 10.1-19
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:



* 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 :



* 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

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Church Services:

Sunday 27th April

(2nd Sunday of Easter/ Low Sunday)

8;30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion *

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)

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Lydford – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Meeth - Morning Prayer

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

* I have had NO details for services in Okehampton parishes so assuming this is taking place as normal

Sunday 4th May

(3rd Sunday of Easter)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Service (no details)

Inwardleigh – Morning Service (no details)

Exbourne – Family Service

Northlew - Morning Prayer

Meeth - All Age Worship

Sourton - Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise *

11:00am

Okehampton - Family Service: Café Style

Hatherleigh - Morning Service

Lydford - Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek - Holy Communion

6:30pm

Okehampton - Holy Communion



Grapevine

Low Sunday

27th April 2025



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‘Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed’. These words of Jesus are, of course, in the context of Thomas’s desire for hard evidence before he believes in the Resurrection. Jesus is not belittling the importance of evidence, indeed later in the same Gospel account we read that these things “are written that you may believe”. We cannot have faith in a vacuum but if the evidence were so overwhelming then there would be no need for faith. Indeed, it has been said that the opposite of faith is not doubt but certainty.

In my day job as an academic I seek to uncover evidence through analysing data, so that I can get to a high degree of certainty about a particular question. I am not deploying faith in that context. By contrast my experience as a Christian is that evidence, biblical or from other sources, is only part of the story, so much more is down to faith that could not possibly survive hard analytical scrutiny. I cannot prove what I believe and, if I could, I would not need faith. Which leaves a question to preachers like me as to how much emphasis to give to ‘evidence’ in sermons – less and less as the years go by, I find, and I draw some comfort that so much of Jesus’s teaching took the form of parables, stories to encourage faith rather than to provide proof.

There is too much ‘certainty’ in the world, often misplaced, and not enough exploring through faith.

Michael Winter