

Collect for Today

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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)

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

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Liturgy of the Palms:
Luke 19.28-40
(Psalm 118.1-2,19-29*)

Liturgy of the Passion:
Isaiah 50.4-9a
Psalm 31.9-16*
Philippians 2.5-11
Luke 22.14 - 23.56 *or*
Luke 23.1-49

Verse for the Week:

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do
you not perceive it?”. **Isaiah 43 v 18-19**

Prayer & Reading Diary Belstone

Monday

Read: Luke 19.28-40

Prayer: Spring has definitely sprung and sees the
beginning of high numbers of visitors to our parish. Please
pray they know Christ in our churches and in the hospitality
our communities provide.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 118.1-2,19-29*

Prayer: Pray for those in our communities who live alone,
and for those who grieve. Help us to meet them in their
need, to be a friend to the friendless, and to mourn with
those who mourn.

Wednesday

Read: Isaiah 50.4-9a

Prayer: Today is Sticklepath Coffee Morning and Post
Office. It's also a good time for people to meet. We give
thanks for those who work hard to keep this happening
every week, and pray your blessing on all involved.

Thursday

Read: Psalm 31.9-16*

Prayer: Today is Belstone Coffee Morning. We pray
again for all those who make it happen each week, and for
those who attend - whether visitors or locals.

Friday

Read: Philippians 2.5-11

Prayer: There are so many wonderful community events
being prepared in both our communities, so we give thanks
for their dedication, and that you are working through them
to bless and strengthen our communities.

Saturday

Read: Luke 22.14 - 23.56

Prayer: Today we give thanks that St Mary's, Sticklepath
is a haven for the whole community. We pray for your
guidance to the group who manage it, that they know your
blessing, and for your help and provision to get new
heaters. Tomorrow, we meet again for our monthly joint
service with Sticklepath Community Church, so give thanks
for the witness of our shared fellowship.

Notices:



*** Congratulations to Gill George.** On Sunday
30th March, it was announced that Gill has a new role
as Priest in Charge of the South Tamar Mission
Community (6 rural parishes West of Tavistock), so
she will be leaving in the next few months. It would
be lovely if a group of us could attend her Licensing
Service in the new parishes, so when we have a date
for that we'll let you know! Please hold Gill and Dave
in your prayers during this transitional phase.

* 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.

*** 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 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

Sunday 13th April

(6th Sunday of Lent/Palm Sunday)

9:30am

Jacobstowe - Morning Prayer

Northlew - Holy Communion

Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh - Morning Prayer

10:30am

Bridestowe – Joint Palm Sunday Service

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Lydford – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Meeth - Morning Prayer

Grapevine

Passion Sunday

6th April 2025



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In Isaiah 43:16-21, God reminds His people of His mighty acts in the past—parting the sea, making a way through the waters—but then shifts the focus: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!” (Isaiah 43:18-19). This passage speaks of divine renewal, urging us to lift our eyes beyond past victories or struggles and embrace the fresh work God is doing.

Similarly, In Philippians 3:14 Paul encourages believers to keep moving forward, not becoming stuck in past successes or failures, but striving toward the calling of God.

Both passages emphasize movement—God leading His people toward something new and believers pressing on toward their ultimate goal in Christ. However, dwelling too much on the past, whether in nostalgia or regret, can keep us from perceiving the new things God is bringing forth in our lives. Biblically, God often speaks of things as though they already exist because His purposes are certain (Romans 4:17). When He asks us to *see*, He is inviting us to trust in His promises, even before they are fully realized. This requires faith—just as the Israelites had to trust that God would make a way through the wilderness before they could physically walk on it. So, while *seeing* may sometimes refer to an already tangible reality, more often it is a call to spiritual vision—recognizing what God is doing even before it is fully visible in the natural world. So today's question is, “What can You see?” *Olive Bush*