

Collect for Today

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained
by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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)

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

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 9.36-43
(Psalm 23)
Revelation 7.9-17
John 10.22-30

Verse for the Week:

“Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes,
and his sight was restored” **Acts 9.18**

Prayer & Reading Diary Jacobstowe

Monday

Read: Deuteronomy 5. 1-22

Prayer: On this Bank Holiday, we give thanks for times of quietness and relaxation. We pray for those who work in hospitality, the NHS, the care sector and elsewhere today.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 98

Prayer: We thank you for the recent Farming Community Network event in Holy Week. We continue to pray for all those involved in agriculture in our parishes.

Wednesday

Read: Ephesians 2. 1-10

Prayer: We pray for links between our church and the community and give thanks for the practical help given.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 5. 13-16

Prayer: We pray for our PCCs and especially for all who are continuing in office or have taken on new responsibilities following APCMs.

Friday

Read: Ephesians 3. 1-13

Prayer: We are thankful for our freedoms. We pray for parts of the world where there is war or oppression.

Saturday

Read: Ephesians 3. 14-end

Prayer: We pray for all those who are unwell and suffering in mind, body or soul.

Notices:



* My last Sunday in the Northmoor team is **6th July**, and it would be lovely if you could join me at the 6.30pm Holy Communion in All Saints' Church. – *Rev Gill George*

* 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 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

Sunday 11th May

(4th Sunday of Easter)

9:30am

Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

Northlew - Holy Communion

Jacobstowe – Jnt. Service with Exbourne

Bridestowe - Morning Prayer

Belstone – Morning Service (no details)

Inwardleigh - Morning Service (no details)

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Holy Communion

Lydford – Holy Communion

Meeth - Morning Service

Grapevine

3rd Sunday of Easter

4th May 2025



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“Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder...”. I can almost hear him, 2000 years later. I imagine him muttering, angry, head bowed, looking down instead of around or up, blinkered, single-minded, determined and knocking everything else aside and... angry. He knew the scriptures, he prayed several times a day, he worshipped God, he was devout and loved God and God’s people. It was in God’s holy name that he was “still breathing threats and murder” and pity the human who got in his way.

This was someone who felt they were listening to God. Someone who felt they had the authority of God. Someone who felt they were in relationship with God. I have no doubt Saul aspired to Abraham’s status as “Friend of God”. Yet with each breath came an undercurrent of threats and murder. No one could stop him. Until he approached Damascus and amidst blinding light Jesus asked a simple question. “Why?”

I am sure most of us know the feeling of being angry and determined to the extent we *breathe* it. I am sure, too, that most of us are not only friends of God but know the joy of being a beloved child of God. But we can rejoice this Eastertide that Christ still stops us on the road and asks us “Why?”. In our serving God, what is our “Why?”. What is our purpose? Why are we doing the things we are doing? If we are driven to do things a certain way, why? Be blessed this week by taking time to stand before the Light of the World and answer Jesus’ question “Why?”

With love in Christ, Revd Gill