

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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)

Amos 8.1-12
(Psalm 52)
Colossians 1.15-28
Luke 10.38-42

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Hosea 1.2-10
(Psalm 85*)
Colossians 2.6-15[16-19]
Luke 11.1-13

Verse for the Week:

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" **Luke 10: 38-40**

Prayer & Reading Diary Inwardleigh

Monday

Read: Hosea 1.2-10
Prayer: We pray for the church members that can no longer get to our church.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 85*
Prayer: We pray for those who have lost a special member of their family and hope they will be comforted.

Wednesday

Read: Colossians 2.6-15[16-19]
Prayer: We pray for those who are sick and are separated because of their illness.

Thursday

Read: Luke 11.1-13
Prayer: We pray for the farmers and growers who make up a large part of our community.

Friday

Read: Song of Solomon 2
Prayer: We pray for the children of the schools and college who can now enjoy their break from their studies.

Saturday

Read: 1 Peter 4.7-14
Prayer: We pray for Paul and his team as he prepares for the craft show at the church in August.

Notices:



* South Tamar Mission Community

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils of the Benefice of Milton Abbot, Dunterton, Lamerton, Sydenham Damerel, Marystowe and Coryton warmly invite you to join them for the **Licensing of The Reverend Gillian George** as Priest in Charge by the Bishop of Plymouth, The Right Reverend James Grier on **Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at 7pm in the Parish Church of St Constantine, Milton Abbot, PL19 0PA**

Parking is available at Milton Abbot Primary School
PLI 9 OPS Refreshments will be served after the service

Visiting clergy and licensed lay ministers are invited to robe in choir dress

RSVP with numbers, including if robing, to
liz.padmore46@gmail.com by Sat 12th July

* 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 :



* **Saturday 2nd August: 10am -3.30 pm**

Art Day at All Saints Church.

Free day making art for all ages. We will be exploring the animals of the Bible. All materials provided, lunch/ light refreshments available.

Book your free place

at churchhallokehampton@gmail.com

* **Sunday 3rd August: 3pm Afternoon Concert at**

All Saints with the Tarka Ensemble (clarinet quintet)

Admission by donation, Cream teas £5.

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Church Services:



Sunday 20th July

(5th Sunday after Trinity)

8:30am

Sticklepath - Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh - No Service (Village Fair)

Bratton Clovelly - Morning Prayer

Meeth – Morning Praise

Exbourne – Holy Communion

Northlew – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Family Service

Lydford – Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – United Service at Methodists

7:00pm

Hatherleigh - Prayer and Praise

Wednesday 23rd July

Jacobstowe – Pastoral Festival @ 7pm

Sunday 27th July

(6th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Bridestowe – Family Service

Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

Belstone - Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh - Holy Communion

Jacobstowe – Holy Communion

Northlew - Morning Prayer

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11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh - Morning Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Meeth - Holy Communion

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

Grapevine

5th Sunday after Trinity
20th July 2025



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Are you a Martha or a Mary, a doer or a listener, an activist or a contemplative? And if you are a Martha, do you complain about those who don't help? Or maybe as a Mary you despair about all the hustle and bustle. 'I wish they would get stuck in and do something'. 'I wish they would slow down and listen'. Not unfamiliar sentiments in or outside of church.

In reality, for all of us there are times to be active and times to reflect, times when it is right to give rein to the inner Martha or channel the inner Mary. As in the book of Ecclesiastes, there is "a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak".

As Christian disciples, we have to discern when the times are right for us to do things and when to hold back. We also have to discern when it is right to ask. 'If you want something done ask a busy person' runs a familiar adage, but this is not good theology. People can be too busy for their own spiritual wellbeing and some people are just waiting to be asked. Jesus saw to the heart of both Mary and Martha and He sees into our hearts too. May we know when to be Martha, when to be a Mary, and when and from whom to seek help.

Michael Winter