

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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)

Liturgy of the Passion:	Liturgy of the Palms:
Isaiah 50: 4-9	Psalms 11
(Psalm 31.9-16*)	Matthew 21: 1-11
Philippians 2: 5-11	
Matthew 26: 14-27: 54	

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 10.34-43 *or* Jeremiah 31.1-6
(Psalm 118.1-2,14-24*)
Colossians 3.1-4 *or* Acts 10.34-43
John 20.1-18 *or* Matthew 28.1-10

Verse for the Week:

In your relationships with one another, have the same
mind-set as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature
God, did not consider equality with God something to
be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself
nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.
Philippians 2.5- 7

Prayer & Reading Diary

Northlew

Monday

Read: Acts 10.34-43

Prayer: Almighty God, we pray for peace in our
world and for all those who are caught up in war. We
also pray for all our world leaders at this time, that
they will use wisdom and patience in all their
decisions.

Tuesday

Read: Jeremiah 31.1-6

Prayer: We ask you, Almighty God, to send to our
area the weather the farmers need to grow their crops
successfully.

Wednesday

Read: Colossians 3.1-4

Prayer: Almighty God, we pray for all our children
and young people as they come to the end of term.
Please let them have time to enjoy play and being with
friends during the holidays.

Thursday

Read: Psalm 118.1-2,14-24*

Prayer: Almighty God, we ask for your blessing on
the bereaved among us. May they feel the comfort of
your love in the certain trust that they will, in time, be
reunited.

Friday

Read: John 20.1-18

Prayer: Dear God, we pray for the sick in our area.
Please bring healing, peace and comfort to those who
are suffering.

Saturday

Read: Matthew 28.1-10

Prayer: Lord, please bless all the services taking
place tomorrow; inspire the clergy and all those
leading services and let your love guide the ones who
are uncertain of the path to take in life.

Notices:



* **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.

* **All Saints Lent lunches:** (homemade soup and
bread) Every Wednesday during Lent from 12-1.30 in
the Hall. All proceeds to Christian Aid.

* **Friday 27th March: All Saints Quiz night.**
7 for 7.30 start in Church Hall. Licensed bar,
refreshments, raffle.£6pp, teams of 4-6. Booking
essential, contact Ruth on 07551 655424 (if you don't
have a team, we will find you one)



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Church Services for Easter Week:



Monday 30/3:

Inwardleigh – Compline @ 7pm
Lydford – Compline @ 9pm

Tuesday 31/3:

Belstone – Compline @ 7pm
Sourton – Compline @ 9pm

Wednesday 1/4:

Lydford – Morning Prayer @ 10am
Okehampton (St. James) – Compline @ 7pm
Bridestowe – Compline @ 9am

Maundy Thursday 2/4:

Okehampton (St. James) – Holy Communion @ 10am
Germansweek – Holy Communion @ 7pm
Okehampton (All Saints) – Holy Communion @ 7pm

Good Friday 3/4:

Okehampton (St. James) – Churches Together Service
@ 10am
Lydford – Station of the Cross @ 10:30am
Sourton – Vigil @ 12 noon
Hatherleigh – Open Air Service @ 12 noon
Exbourne – Hour at the Cross @ 2pm
Okehampton (All Saints) – Service @ 2pm
Northlew – Hour at the Cross @ 3pm
Bratton Clovelly – Station of the Cross @ 7pm

Easter Eve 4/4:

Sourton – Easter Fire & Exsultet @ 7pm

Church Services:



Sunday 29th March

(Palm Sunday)

10:00am

Belstone – United Service for Okehampton,
Sticklepath, Inwardleigh & Belstone

10:30am

Bridestowe – Procession: Meet @ Springfields
Bratton Clovelly - Procession: Meet @ Old Rectory

11:00am

Hatherleigh – Five Parish Service
Lydford - Palm Liturgy

Sunday 5th April

(Easter Sunday)

7:00am

Okehampton – Churches Together Sunrise Service
Followed by breakfast

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Northlew – Holy Communion
Jacobstowe – Holy Communion by Ext.
Meeth - Easter Day Service
Bridestowe – Easter Day Service
Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion
Sourton – Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath – Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford - Holy Communion
Exbourne – Holy Communion by Ext.

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion with Baptism

Grapevine

Palm Sunday

29th March 2026



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Hello, well, there's a hefty list of reading options this week, but my eyes landed on the line that speaks to God's requirements of us; 'Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus, who...' from Philippians 2: 5. Gosh! So it's not enough to admire and thank Jesus for being who he is and doing what he did; we must also be imitators of that quality of character. Many years ago my wife Lynn wrote a poem that encapsulates this thought which I copy below. If you're up for a challenge, ready on!

'Insisting on my rights?'
I have no rights, only wrongs,
But all my wrongs have been forgiven
Because my saviour chose to lay down His rights for me.
My only right was death- the wages of my sin
Yet my saviour laid down His right to deity,
Put on mortality and took my death for me.
And in the face of such amazing love
Can I now stand upon my rights? No way!!!
This place, this ground of grace
Is where I want to stay
For if I move away from here
How can I live?
Can this child of grace
Now seek to place a law
On those around me?
Could I refuse to forgive
Those who would abuse me?
What else can I choose
But to overlook the wrongs of others?
The measure that I use
Has to be what I've received,
Endless grace. Hosanna in the highest, Leigh