

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 2.14a,22-32
(Psalm 16)
1 Peter 1.3-9
John 20.19-31

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 2.14a,36-41
(Psalm 116.1-3,10-17*)
1 Peter 1.17-23
Luke 24.13-35

Verse for the Week:

“God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all
witnesses of it.” **Acts 2:32**

Prayer & Reading Diary Sourton

Monday

Read: Acts 2.14a,36-41
Prayer: Our clergy, especially Adrian Brook and
his family, lay readers and Sourton lay worship leader,
Caroline North.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 116.1-3,10-17*
Prayer: Local families, farmers and children;
Boasley Cross Primary School and all the schools in
the Dartmoor MAT.

Wednesday

Read: 1 Peter 1.17-23
Prayer: The Sourton Commoners Association and
Sourton Parish Council.

Thursday

Read: Luke 24.13-35
Prayer: Our PCC members and all who care for St
Thomas' Church.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 40.1-11
Prayer: All who visit St Thomas' Church; our
outreach to visitors and to all people seeking faith and
direction.

Saturday

Read: 1 Peter 5.1-11
Prayer: Those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

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.

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Dates for your Diary:



* **Quiz Night: Saturday 11th April @ Sticklepath Village Hall.** Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Teams of 4, £10 per table. Bring your own refreshments. Raffle available. Quiz in aid of St. Mary's, Sticklepath. Reserve your table – Niki Wooldridge on 01837 840876

* **All Saints Spring Coffee Morning: Saturday 18th April 10~12 noon. Church Hall, Market St.**
Please bring donations of cakes, preserves, crafts and plants to the hall before 10am or leave them at the back of All Saints. All profits will go to All Saints, so please do whatever you can to support

* **Spring Jazz Concert on Sunday 10th May: St Mary's Sticklepath 3- 5pm**
Tansy Rice - Vocals, Martin Jenkins - Keys
Jim Rintoul - Double Bass, Eddie Kingdom - Percussion. Reserve tickets £12 (to include refreshments) From Derek Moore 01837 840316 or Tansy Rice 07795 042619

Church Services:



Sunday 12th April

(2nd Sunday of Easter)

9:30am

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Jacobstowe - Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Holy Communion
Bratton Clovelly - Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Morning Service
Lydford - Holy Communion
Meeth - Morning Prayer
Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th April

(3rd Sunday of Easter)

8:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion
9:30am
Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Exbourne – Family Worship
Bridestowe – United Service/Morning Prayer
Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion
Sourton – Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Family Service
Lydford - Morning Prayer
Meeth - Holy Communion

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Grapevine

2nd Sunday of Easter

12th April 2026



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The mothering of God, and the Church as the body of Christ, is a metaphor. Perhaps one of the most powerful ways we have of glimpsing a sense of God's love, because our own mothers are so precious. What higher compliment than for people to try to express the inexpressible love of God, by pointing to you - to mothers - and saying 'God's love is impossible to express, but it's something like her care for me'.

This day is primarily about God's love, and about the Churches (that is the body of Christ today), nurturing us. Witnessing to each of us the resurrection and divinity of Christ that we might believe also. But it inevitably, and wonderfully, also acts as an opportunity to celebrate, mourn, or grieve our experiences of being mothered. And, for you wonderful mothers, reflecting on your own mothering joys and struggles.

Let Christ mother you today, the greatest mother of all, however you feel. And let us remember that just as no mother is perfect, the church is not perfect in this age. And, just as Peter witnessed Christ himself rise from the dead - perhaps we might pray that the Church in this generation might rise again from an ebb in the tide. And that as the world witnesses the body of Christ rising again in His Church, they may themselves, believe.

Amen.

Jonathan Cook