

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

## Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 2.42-47  
(Psalm 23)  
1 Peter 2.19-25  
John 10.1-10

## Verse for the Week:

Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has  
made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord  
and Messiah. **Acts 2 v36.**

## Prayer & Reading Diary Belstone with Sticklepath

### Monday

**Read:** Acts 2.42-47

**Prayer:** Please pray for the young people in our communities as exam time approaches in schools, colleges and at universities. Remember also, the students of the Promise School as they adapt to their temporary learning environments.

### Tuesday

**Read:** Psalm 23

**Prayer:** Please pray for those within our communities who are experiencing poor health and living with anxiety. May they feel supported by those around them.

### Wednesday

**Read:** 1 Peter 2.19-25

**Prayer:** Please pray for the visitors who enjoy the beauty and peace of our villages. May they feel welcomed and refreshed.

### Thursday

**Read:** John 10.1-10

**Prayer:** Please pray for our PCC members and all who care for our Churches.

### Friday

**Read:** Nehemiah 9.6-15

**Prayer:** Please pray for peace in the world especially at this time.

### Saturday

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

**Prayer:** Please pray for our Clergy, especially Claire Reynolds and her family and all those who take our services.

## Notices:



\* **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Bridestowe**  
Patronal Service at St. Bridget's for St. George @ 7pm

\* **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April: Jacobstowe**  
Celtic Evening Prayer @ 7pm

\* **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 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

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## Church Services:



### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

(3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)

**9:30am**

Belstone – Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe – Holy Communion

Bridestowe – Holy Communion

Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

**11:00am**

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Meeth - Family Service

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

**6:00pm**

Hatherleigh - Evensong

# Grapevine

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026



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The lectionary readings for the Sundays following Easter juxtapose the Gospel accounts of the appearances of Jesus to His disciples in the immediate aftermath of the Resurrection with readings from the Acts of the Apostles covering the rapid growth of the early church a little later. In other words, we see both how those fearful disciples came to understand the Risen Christ and then their fearless response in proclaiming the gospel. Today's Acts reading is another portion of a dramatic sermon by Peter leading to many changed lives. The Peter who had denied and doubted his Saviour now risking his own life and liberty to proclaim the good news of the kingdom, Resurrection power at work in a life transformed. And the rest, as they say, is history, although beyond the New Testament accounts, the history of Peter is fragmentary and disputed. Did he end up in Rome, its first Bishop, later to be martyred by Nero? It is perfectly possible but hard to prove. What is clear is that he was a monumental figure of the early church. He had been singled out by Jesus as the rock on which the church would be built and, through his robust and direct preaching, so it proved. In contrast to the complicated theology of Paul, Peter's appeal is to the heart: Jesus is Lord and Messiah and his Risen power is available to all. The lectionary readings serve to shift the Easter story from one Resurrection event to Resurrection power at work in the world.

*Michael Winter*