

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection
and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Readings for This Week (may vary)

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

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 7.55-60
(Psalm 31.1-5,15-16*)
1 Peter 2.2-10
John 14.1-14

Verse for the Week:

*'They devoted themselves to the apostles'
teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of
bread and to prayer.'* **Acts 2: 42.**

Prayer & Reading Diary Bratton Clovelly

Monday

Read: Acts 7.55-60
Prayer: Church groups and committees, PCC
members, Church Wardens and officers.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 31.1-5,15-16*
Prayer: The young people in the village and those
in education, especially at Boasley Cross School and
Okehampton College; and all those at university and
college.

Wednesday

Read: 1 Peter 2.2-10
Prayer: The older people in the community and
those who have recently moved into the village.

Thursday

Read: John 14.1-14
Prayer: The sick at home or in hospital and anyone
suffering either mentally or physically in the
community.

Friday

Read: Ezekiel 37.1-12
Prayer: Methodist chapels and our continuing co-
operation with them and all those who minister in our
churches throughout the team.

Saturday

Read: John 5.19-29
Prayer: The Parish Council, Parish Hall Committee
and all other organisations.

Notices:



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

* **Wednesday 29th 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:



* 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
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Church Services:



Sunday 26th April

(4th 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

Sunday 3rd May

(5th Sunday of Easter)

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Exbourne – Family Worship
Meeth - All Age Worship
Sourton – Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath – Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Cafe Style Church @ Ch. Hall
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford - Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

Grapevine

4th Sunday of Easter

26th April 2026



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Of this weeks' readings, my eye landed on this moment in Acts, where the early church appears to be at its best, immediately after the first Pentecost. Now, through the best of motives, many churches have sought to emulate this moment, but the thing is, it was a moment and much has changed since then, both in the church and in the world. You may disagree, but I think the book of Acts is primarily 'descriptive' rather than 'prescriptive'; a record of events to learn from rather than a list of instructions. That said, surely there is a recipe of basics here for the healthy diet and behaviour of God's people. Notice the elements; they were devoted to the fellowship, that is to each other, to the apostles' teaching, to the breaking of bread [the sacrament] and to prayer. On top of this, they practised some pretty extreme hospitality and sharing of practical resources.

So my question is, if these are the basics for the embryonic church, to what great heights have we grown since then? Well, if we haven't gone on to anything significantly better, we should probably return to these basics and see what happens.

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