

Collect for Today

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Amen

Readings for This 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

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

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

Verse for the Week:

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

Matthew 28.5-7

Prayer & Reading Diary Okehampton

Monday

Read: Acts 2.14a,22-32

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for our services of Easter celebration in our churches yesterday. May the wonderful message of Easter live in our hearts and be present in our daily lives.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 16

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for our beautifully decorated churches for Easter, and for the gifts of lilies and flowers in remembrance of deceased love ones. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, and be forever be in our hearts.

Wednesday

Read: 1 Peter 1.3-9

Prayer: Loving God, we pray for Claire our vicar, for her work amongst us and also for her outreach into the community. We pray for the fellowship of Churches together in Okehampton, and our united effort to bring the message of God's love to all.

Thursday

Read: John 20.19-31

Prayer: Loving God we pray for our schools, teachers, pupils and parents as the Easter holidays begin.

Friday

Read: Exodus 12.1-17

Prayer: Loving God we pray for the outreach of our church hall and for all the different groups that meet there. We pray that it may always be a place of warmth and welcome.

Saturday

Read: 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

Prayer: Heavenly Father as we approach Sunday, may all those who come to our services to bring you praise and worship, know the gift of peace you bring to us in your Son Jesus, and find fellowship in our meeting together.

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.



Dates for your Diary:

* Sourton Cream Teas & Savouries: Easter

Monday – 6th April in Sourton Hall. 1:30 – 4:30pm
In aid of Paediatric Ward, RD&E. Contact – Jenny on 07879 253903 or Ruth on 07967 35750

* 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 for Easter Week:



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

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Church Services:



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

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 - Holy Communion

11:00am

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

Grapevine

Easter Sunday

5th April 2026



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There is so much to think about in Holy week, it's very difficult to cram it all into a small number of words. But in this remarkable week, we see Jesus travel from the celebration of Palm Sunday, through the following days which would see him arrested and tried, and all his friends desert him. By Good Friday, he will suffer the most horrible death imaginable. All this is followed by the remarkable, joyous and world changing events of Easter Sunday – when the disciples went to visit the tomb, they found it empty! Jesus had been victorious over death, and offers an invitation to everyone to follow him to into eternal life.

One of the astounding things that I have reflected on over the years is this. Jesus did all that – for me. Yes, for the whole world too. But this is the reality. If I had been the only person who had come to faith as a result of Jesus, the cross still would have happened. That is quite simply mind blowing.

We naturally tend to put ourselves down, so often thinking the worst of ourselves. But if anything, the message of Easter is exactly the opposite. God loves each one of us *so much* that he was prepared to lose all his friends and go to the cross for each one of us. I wonder how often we just sit with that fact, and remember just how much God loves us.

Easter Sunday is quite simply, all about God's love. It is good news, the best news. And I wonder where we can show that love to others this Easter season.

Happy Easter, Claire Reynolds