

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)

(The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading)

Acts 10.34-43 or
Isaiah 25.6-9
(Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24*)
1 Corinthians 15.1-11 or
Acts 10.34-43
John 20.1-18 or
Mark 16.1-8

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 4.32-35
(Psalm 133)
1 John 1.1 - 2.2
John 20.19-31

Verse for the Week:

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Jesus was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, so we too might walk in newness of life.” **Romans 6:3-4**

Prayer & Reading Diary Okehampton

Monday

Prayer: Acts 4.32-35

Read: For our church officers Tony, Ann and Ruth.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 133

Prayer: For the refurbishment of the Church Hall project, due to start today.

Wednesday

Read: 1 John 1.1 - 2.2

Prayer: For a good response to the appeal for people to consider their giving.

Thursday

Read: John 20.19-31

Prayer: For imagination as we seek to find ways of making contact with people moving into the new estates.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 53.6-12

Prayer: For the schools in Okehampton; the college and the two primary schools.

Saturday

Read: Romans 4.13-25

Prayer: For Brick Church and Who Let the Das Out, as they seek to make connections with young families.

Notices:



DON'T FORGET THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD THIS WEEKEND!

* **Easter Brick Church: Saturday 30th March**
Church Hall, Market Street, Okehampton.
Lots of Lego, snacks, a Bible story and simple prayers. Everyone welcome (0 – 90+)

Dates for your Diary:



* Re-scheduled Date - Sticklepath Quiz Night Saturday 20th April

7pm for 7:30pm start at Village Hall.
£10 per team of 4. Bring your own refreshments.
There will also be a raffle. All proceeds to St. Mary's Church, Sticklepath. Please book in your team with Niki Wooldridge on 01837 840876

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Easter Church Services:

Wednesday 27th March:

Northlew – Passover Meal 6:30pm
Okehampton – Compline at **All Saints** 8:00pm

Thursday 28th March:

Jacobstowe – Celtic Evening Prayer 7:00pm
Okehampton – Holy Communion & Vigil:
All Saints 7:30pm

Good Friday:

10:00am
Okehampton – CTiO service @ St James
10:30am
Lydford - Stations of the Cross
12 noon
Sourton - An hour at the Cross. Good Friday Liturgy
Hatherleigh – Open air Service
2:00pm
Okehampton – Hour at the Cross: All Saints
3:00pm
Exbourne – Hour at the Cross
Northlew – Hour at the Cross

Easter Saturday:

Bratton Clovelly 7.00pm Exsultet

Church Services:

Sunday 31st March

(Easter Sunday)

7:30am
Okehampton - Early Service @ All Saints
8:30am
Sticklepath – Holy Communion
9:30am
Belstone – Easter Communion
Inwardleigh – Easter Communion
Jacobstowe – Holy Communion by ext'n
Northlew – Holy Communion
Bridestowe – Easter Service by ext'n
Sourton – Holy Communion
Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion
11:00am
Okehampton – Easter Communion
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Meeth – Holy Communion
Lydford – Holy Communion
Exbourne – Easter Communion by ext'n
11:15am
Germansweek – Holy Communion
6:30pm
Okehampton - CTiO Service @ Fairplace

Sunday 7th April

(2nd Sunday of Easter)

9:30am
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Exbourne – Family Service
Meeth – All Age Worship
Belstone – Celtic Service
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Sourton – Holy Communion
10:30am
Sticklepath – Village Praise
11:00am
Okehampton - Family Service @ **All Saints Church**
Lydford – Morning Prayer
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
11:15am
Germansweek – Holy Communion



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Easter Sunday

31st March 2024



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A very happy Easter to you all.

Mark's account of the resurrection, which is the one set for this year, has a strange ending. The women go to the tomb, find it empty and are told by what Mark describes as a "young man" that Jesus has been raised from the dead and they are to go and tell the disciples that he will meet them in Galilee. Then he ends by saying "They told no one because they were afraid."

Afraid of what? Of the angel? Of ridicule or disbelief? Maybe they were afraid because it just seemed too good to be true. They knew Jesus had died and they knew that when people die they stay dead. Maybe they were afraid that the grief and the trauma had added their brains; it's not unusual for grieving people to be frightened by the power of their emotions.

So Mark ends with the women in this suspended state between faith and fear, wanting to believe but scared of the consequences. Is that where you are this Easter morning? You have doubts? Of course you do; it's a big thing to believe, it's what you do with those doubts that matters. We know from the other gospels that the women did tell the others and we know how the story unfolds. Their courage in the face of their fear and uncertainty is the start of the real Easter story. That could be true for you as well.

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