

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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)

(Liturgy of the Passion)

Isaiah 50.4-9a

(Psalm 31.9-16*)

Philippians 2.5-11

Mark 14.1 - 15.47 *or*

Mark 15.1-39[40-47]

(Liturgy of the Palms)

Mark 11.1-11 *or*

John 12.12-16

(Psalm 118.1-2, 19-24)

Readings for Next 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

Verse for the Week:

“And every tongue shall confess that Jesus, Messiah,
is Lord, to the glory of God, the father”

Philippians 2:11

Prayer & Reading Diary Northlew

Monday

Prayer: Acts 10.34-43

Read: Almighty God, we beg you to make all
world leaders pause in what seems like a prelude to
war.

Tuesday

Read: Isaiah 25.6-9

Prayer: As schools break up for Easter, send a
period of sun and the chance to play outside.

Wednesday

Read: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Prayer: We ask you Lord, for much needed spring
weather for the nation's farmers.

Thursday

Read: Acts 10.34-43

Prayer: We pray for all sick people; comfort them
and their families. Give them good health and peace
of mind.

Friday

Read: John 20.1-18

Prayer: We ask your protection for our Armed
Forces, when confronting danger. Grant safe passage
to our merchant shipping in these uncertain times.

Saturday

Read: Mark 16.1-8

Prayer: We ask for your care and comfort for those
recently bereaved: so many well-loved people, locally,
have passed away over recent months. Give them
peace and patient understanding in their bereavement.

Notices:



* **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:

Tuesday 26th March:

Okehampton – Compline at St James 8:00pm

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: **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

Exbourne – Hour at the Cross

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 24th March

(Palm Sunday)

9:30am

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe – Holy Communion

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – Family Service @ St. Bridget's

Sourton – Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Lydford – Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Bridestowe – Palm Sunday Service @ Methodists

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Meeth – Holy Communion

6:00pm

Hatherleigh – Evensong

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



Grapevine

Palm Sunday

24th March 2024



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Whoever said the church should stay out of politics needs to take one look at the politically subversive nature of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

The account of Jesus riding into Jerusalem is scant. Instead, the greatest proportion of text is taken up in detail regarding the preparations. The verses make clear that Jesus had spend time preparing a parody of the usual 'military procession' well in advance, even down to his code to the donkey-owner.

Jesus' message about what 'power' and 'rule' should look like, was orchestrated it carefully almost as a piece of 'street theatre'. Jesus challenges notions of kingship with a parody by riding on a small donkey, his feet probably dragging the floor a little. Jesus, the Messiah, enters the holy city as one who has humbly rejected domination. He comes as a Messiah identified with the poor. He comes as a Messiah who is vulnerable and non-violent, making his point by taking on the role of a jester, enacting in a humorous and disorientating way what it means to 'rule'. There is a carnival atmosphere – almost comical - and it is liberating for the crowds.

The actions of the crowd would have been considered treason in that occupied territory. They were using titles reserved for Caesar alone. Those at the bottom of society suddenly and openly challenge the dominant social and religious order.

So, what would you do if you knew your card was marked? By this time Jesus knew he was likely to end up on a cross. Today, let's not miss the politics of Jesus' Palm Sunday Carnival.

Rev Gill George