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 4.5-12 (Psalm 23) 1 John 3.16-24 John 10.11-18

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 8.26-40 (Psalm 22.25-31) 1 John 4.7-21 John 15.1-8

Verse for the Week:

"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved"

Acts 4:12

Prayer & Reading Diary Bratton Clovelly

Monday

Read: Acts 8.26-40

Prayer: Church groups and committees, PCC members. Church Wardens and officers.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 22.25-31

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 John 4.7-21

Prayer: The older people in the community and those who have recently moved into the village.

Thursday

Read: John 15.1-8

Prayer: The sick at home or in hospital and anyone

suffering either mentally or physically in the

community.

Friday

Read: Daniel 3.16-28

Prayer: Methodist chapels and our continuing cooperation with them and all those who minister in our churches throughout the team.

Saturday

Read: Hebrews 11.32 - 12.2

Prayer: The Parish Council, Parish Hall Committee

and all other organisations.

Notices:



* The new **Northmoor Team Website** is now up and running, just search for Northmoor Team Ministry.

* Men's Prayer Rally

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

To pray for our country to recover the Christian faith and for us to be encouraged to profess it in the public Sphere.

Sunday 21st April 3.00pm @ Simmons Park, Okehampton

Contact Revd. Adrian Brook 01837 861580 or your local church minister for more details

* There is a **Celtic Evening Prayer service** at Jacobstowe on Wednesday 24th April, at 7pm.

* There is a **Coffee Morning and Plant Sale** in aid of All Saints Flower Fund on **Saturday April 27th** at the home of Sara and John Hall, 2 Church Path Okehampton from 10am. Please support and bring your friends; donations of plants welcome.

* Sunday 5h May – Songs of Life and Hope: 5pm at St Mary's, Sticklepath

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

* An Italian Evening in Belstone Village Hall on Saturday 11th May, 6.30 for 7pm

Join us for a relaxing evening of live music from "Moorland Mandolins", a two course Italian style home cooked meal, with a Bar and Raffle. Tickets £15 to be bought in advance available from belstonevillage.net

For further information, or tickets, contact Edwina on 07967179769

(This event is in aid of St Mary's Church, Belstone.)

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Church Services:



Sunday 21st April

(4th Sunday of Easter)

9:30am

Northlew – Morning Prayer Exbourne – Holy Communion Meeth – Morning Praise Belstone – Morning Prayer Inwardleigh – Holy Communion Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion Lydford - Morning Prayer Hatherleigh - Family Service Bridestowe - Joint Service with Methodists **7pm** Hatherleigh - Prayer and Praise

Sunday 28th April

(5 Sunday of Easter)

8:30am

 $Sticklepath-Holy\ Communion$

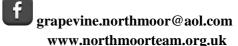
9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Jacobstowe – Holy Communion by Ext.
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Family Service
Bratton Clovelly – Morning Prayer
Sourton – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Morning Service
Meeth – Holy Communion by Ext.
Lydford – Holy Communion
Exbourne – Morning Prayer
6:00pm
Hatherleigh - Evensong

Grapevine 4th Sunday of Easter 21st April 2024





Just look at humanity - what are we like?! Jesus, whilst on this earth, talked about being the Good Shepherd, about God loving everyone, and healed people in body, mind and spirit. Jesus preached about another way – one of service, and protecting the vulnerable and weak - but got crucified for it. Then, in our Acts reading today, we see Jesus' followers – Peter and John – arrested as they say "because of a good deed done to someone who was sick".

We have a message, a gospel, to proclaim and it's so good it scares people sometimes. Power seems to be more important than peace. Control, more important than care. People don't like to be told if you love your life you must lose it, or to love your neighbour as yourself.

I was watching an episode of *Pilgrim* the other night, and someone was surprised to learn Jesus was a human being in history. They thought he was made up. Yet Jesus Christ of Nazareth was a human being, located in our time and space, whom God raised from the dead. It's incredible. But then, the truth is incredible too – this human being is also God. Come to earth. Human.

There is one major difference between Christianity and other religions – we have a God who is vulnerable and became a victim of humanity's hate. Yet in that weakness there lies strength, salvation and true power to raise the dead, heal the sick, and know fullness of life simply by calling on the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for us sheep. Yes – hard to believe – such grace is given us!

With love in Christ, Rev Gill