

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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

Isaiah 55.10-13
Psalm 65.[1-7]8-13*
Romans 8.1-11
Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 44.6-8
Psalm 86.11-17
Romans 8.12-25
Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Verse for the Week

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those
who are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the Spirit of life
in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and
death.”

Romans 8:1-2

Prayer & Reading Diary

Monday

Reading: Isaiah 44.6-8

Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God,
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Tuesday

Reading: Psalm 86.11-17

Prayer: Most gracious God and Father,
in whose will is our peace,
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit
the peace which is founded on justice
may be established throughout the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Wednesday

Reading: Romans 8.12-25

Prayer: Lord God of Abraham,
bless the children of your covenant, both Jew
and Christian;
take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart,
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,
when the Gentiles shall be gathered in,
all Israel shall be saved,
and we shall dwell together in mutual love and
peace under the one God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Amen

Prayer & Reading Diary

Thursday

Reading: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Prayer: Merciful God,
creator of all the people of the earth,
have compassion on all who do not know you,
and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and
power,
gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd;
Christ our Lord.

Amen

Friday

Reading: 1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.16-28

Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God,
the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who
suffer:
hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any
trouble,
and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and
refreshment,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Saturday

Reading: Acts 4.1-22

Prayer: O God of unchangeable power and
eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery,
and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual
providence
carry out the work of our salvation:
and let the whole world feel and see
that things which were cast down are being raised up
and things which had grown old are being made new
and that all things are returning to perfection
through him from whom they took their origin,
even Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen

Notices:



It was lovely to be back in some of our churches last Sunday and to see how many of you were there: well done. We recognise that not everyone is able or willing to gather for worship as yet and we will make every effort to ensure that people continue to feel cared for and included. Although it may not be possible to continue the online services in their present form, some kind of simpler services will carry on for the next few months at least.

Please be assured that if you come to church we will do everything we can to make sure you are safe. Detailed risk assessments have been carried out, which we are following to the letter. Although church is different because there are some things we are not allowed to do the essentials are still there and the atmosphere last Sunday was very positive. Do come if you can: for your sake but also because it is our calling to gather and pray for our community at this time of great need.

Church Services:



Across the team churches are having to assess how and when they will be able to open for worship. In some cases we may not know until a few days before. For the next few weeks we will confirm on Friday or Saturday which churches will be offering worship on Sunday. **PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE EMAIL AND CIRCULATE TO THOSE YOU THINK MAY NOT BE IN THE LOOP.** The fixed pattern at the moment is that Okehampton, Lydford and Hatherleigh will have a service every Sunday at 11:00 am. Other churches as announced. Please be understanding and patient until a more regular pattern emerges.

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There is a recognised cycle associated with trauma: from shock and denial to the heroic “I can beat this” phase, to disillusionment, to depression, to emergence and living more wisely. The national trauma we are living through has some of the marks of that. Last Sunday saw the final “clap for carers” event and may mark the end of the heroic phase. We are certainly into the disillusionment phase: looking for everything and anyone to blame.

Maybe at this moment we most need to hear the words from Romans 8; one of the readings set for today. “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” People expect us to be in the business of disapproval and condemnation but our faith begins with an understanding of God’s decision not to condemn us. Even though we are guilty as charged we are met not with justice but with fatherly compassion and forgiveness.

Condemnation gets you nowhere: whether it is government policy, or people in power not following the rules, or sun seekers crowding onto a beach or young people filling the streets. Our role as people of faith is to bless, not to curse; we are a people of forgiveness and hope: because we have not been condemned we choose not to condemn others. Already disillusionment is mingled with depression. Our nation will need our voice if we are to find a way through to living more wisely.

Stephen