

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

Genesis 50.15-21
(Psalm 103. [1-7] 8-13)
Romans 14.1-12
Matthew 18.21-35

Readings for Next Week

Jonah 3.10 - 4.11
(Psalm 145.1-8)
Philippians 1.21-30
Matthew 20.1-16

Verse for the Week

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister?
Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?
For we will all stand before the judgement seat of
God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every
knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give
praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable
to God.
Romans 14:10-12

Prayer & Reading Diary Meeth

Monday

Read: Jonah 3.10 - 4.11

Prayer: Pray for all youngsters who are feeling
anxious on returning to schools and colleges - that
they will be safe.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 145.1-8

Prayer: Pray for all teaching staff, who have the
huge responsibility of keeping all pupils in their care
as safe as possible.

Wednesday

Read: Philippians 1.21-30

Prayer: Pray for all in our communities who are
housebound and are still shielding and for those who
have been shielding and are feeling unsure about
moving forward.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 20.1-16

Prayer: Pray for all in care homes - for the staff and
residents and also for their loved ones who are only
allowed to visit for a few minutes each week.

Friday

Read: Ezekiel 33.23,30 - 34.10

Prayer: Pray for all those who work hard to keep our
churches open and welcoming in these difficult times
and give thanks for their reopening.

Saturday

Read: Acts 26.1, 9-25

Prayer: Give thanks to the Lord for this beautiful
area in which we live - seen with fresh eyes during the
period of Lock Down. We are so blessed to have such
beautiful countryside to explore! We pray for Rev
Leigh's leadership and encouragement for us all in
these difficult times.

Notices:



**Government regulations now require the wearing
of face coverings in church.**

Thank you to everyone for the sensible and patient
way you have responded to the need to do church
somewhat differently. There is a danger that as we
get more used to the new situation we will become
more casual about keeping to the rules. Please be very
disciplined about hand hygiene, about face coverings
and about keeping a safe distance wherever possible.
If you want to have a lengthy conversation with
someone please do so outside the building.

The videos for Sunday services are still available each
week. You can access them via the Team website. On
the same channel you will also find all the previous
ones if you should want to dip into any of them. You
will also find daily "Night Prayer" videos: 5-6 minute
reflections and prayers for use last thing at night.

Notices:



You might like to try the daily “Night Prayer” services of 6-7 minutes reflection and prayers designed for use before sleep. You can find them in video form on the same YouTube channel as the Sunday services or as podcasts if you search “Moorthoughts” on any of the major podcast channels.



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Church Services:



Sunday 13th September

9:30 am

Meeth – Holy Communion
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe & Bratton Clovelly – Messy Church
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Belstone – Holy Communion
Jacobstowe – Morning Prayer

11:00 am

Okehampton – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford – Holy Communion

6:30pm

Sourton – Taize Service

Sunday 20th September (These may change)

8:30am

Bratton Clovelly & Germansweek – Celtic Holy Communion

9:30 am

Northlew – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Belstone – Harvest Morning Prayer
Jacobstowe – Holy Communion

11:00 am

Okehampton – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Family Service with Baptism
Lydford – Matins

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When the subject of Christian forgiveness is talked about people often jump to the big scenarios. “You mean if someone killed all of my family I would be supposed to forgive them?” Amazingly, there are some very moving stories of people who have somehow found the strength to do just that but it is hard for most of us to imagine being able to do anything of the kind. Fortunately that is most unlikely to be asked of us.

In the Gospel reading set for today Jesus was asked about the need to forgive and he told the parable of the unforgiving servant: the man who was forgiven a huge debt but refused to forgive a small one, as a result of which he came to a sticky end. The question which led to the story was not about how much we should forgive but how often and the story itself is about the failure to forgive a small debt, not a big one.

So the story encourages us to start with the small things we need to forgive, and the things we need to forgive often. We need to let go of the little things: the ways in which other people don’t do what they said they would or disappoint, irritate and frustrate us. We need to learn to forgive the minor insensitivities and slights, the sense of being passed over or ignored, the petty acts of selfishness or ignorance we encounter every day. If we can start with these small things maybe in time we can learn how to forgive the bigger things as well.

Stephen