

## Collect for Today

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer  
with him and be changed into his likeness,  
from glory to glory;  
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

2 Kings 2.1-12  
(Psalm 50.1-6)  
2 Corinthians 4.3-6  
Mark 9.2-9

## Readings for Next Week

Genesis 9.8-17  
(Psalm 25.1-9)  
1 Peter 3.18-22  
Mark 1.9-15

## Verse for the Week

“For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” **2 Corinthians 4:5-6**

## Prayer & Reading Diary

### Monday

**Read:** Genesis 9.8-17

**Prayer:** Risen Lord, we thank you for coming to live among us so that each of us may come to know you and receive your Salvation. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Through him we can come into the presence of God for ever. As living stones, let us pray for the building up of God’s Church and for the world He loves. **Amen**

### Tuesday

**Read:** Psalm 25.1-9

**Prayer:** Risen Lord, our lives are in your hands, and we offer ourselves to you not only all that is behind us but all that lies ahead of us too, throughout our whole lives. By the power of your Holy Spirit we ask you to build us into a spiritual temple where we praise and glorify you in our worship, either alone or with others so that your Church will grow and flourish. **Amen**

### Wednesday

**Read:** 1 Peter 3.18-22

**Prayer:** Risen Lord, our planet, with the stress of modern life is so open to abuse. As we see how during lockdown across the world has helped to bring about improvements, encourage us to see how we can continue these developments as we move forwards. Guide all those in positions of power to see the way to provide true goodness for all and an understanding and acceptance of the values which are built on you. **Amen**

## Prayer & Reading Diary

### Thursday

**Read:** Mark 1.9-15

**Prayer:** Risen Lord, as we live out our daily lives, often alone at this time, help us to follow your teachings when we have family conversations, sometimes in new and different ways. Show us how to follow your Way of Truth and Life, in our current situation and, as living stones, when things move forward and change, help us to build on all we are learning. Help us to be a blessing in our neighbourhood and across our community. **Amen**

### Friday

**Read:** Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

**Prayer:** Risen Lord, you can use and transform all our experiences. We bring before you now those who are living through a time of pain or affliction; of body, spirit, or mind, which they are finding hard to bear. Hear our prayer for all whom, in our hearts, we bring to you. May the light of your face shine upon them and give them hope and peace and your transforming, healing love wash over them. **Amen**

### Saturday

**Read:** Romans 5.12-19

**Prayer:** Risen Lord, we remember all those who have died and pray for them; asking you to lead them into the light of eternity. We pray for those whose lives have been shortened by COVID-19, particularly those who were caring for others. We ask you to bring comfort to those who mourn and that you keep us all in the Way, the Truth and the Life that you offer to everyone so that we may all share everlasting life with you. **Amen**

## Notices:



- We successfully streamed a whole service from All Saints Okehampton last Sunday. I can't guarantee that it will work every time but we have proved the principle. It all depends on a dodgy internet connection and people remembering to press the right button at the right time. Even if everything goes perfectly it isn't great TV but we are learning and I think the potential to reach out to people who can't get to church for whatever reason is exciting.
- Lent groups start soon. There are too many details to include in these notices, so **please see a separate sheet** with all that you need to be part of it. You can join in with more than one if you wish! During Lent you might like to take a look at the Compline videos and podcasts that Stephen has made. They are 5-8 minutes long and designed to be listened to in the evening. If you search "Moorthoughts" you will find your way to the podcasts and if you go to one of the previous Sunday videos and click the "A" just below it then click "Videos" and scroll down you will find the whole back catalogue. They can be watched or listened to in any order.
- We are very aware of how hard this time is for everyone and for some people in particular. If you are aware of anyone you think would value a phone call PLEASE let one of the readers or clergy know.
- Tuesday night Fellowship will not take place during Lent to give people time to attend other things.
- Adrian is planning an **Ash Wednesday** service. Details are in 'Church Services' section on next page.

## Church Services:



### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February:

9:30am  
Bridestowe – Holy Communion  
Belstone – Holy Communion  
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

11:00am  
Okehampton – Holy Communion  
Lydford – Holy Communion

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February:

10:30am  
Lydford – Holy Communion with Ashing

**Services are subject to last minute changes at the moment, so if there are any alterations to this list, updates will be published in the email that comes out later in the week.**

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# Grapevine

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Sunday before Lent

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I expect we all did that science experiment at school where you make a disc with all the colours of the rainbow, stick a pencil through the centre and spin it very fast. If you were to mix those colours together on a palette you would get a murky brown but surprisingly the disc turns white when it is spun. The experiment is attributed to Isaac Newton and demonstrates the nature of visual light: what we perceive as no colour is actually all the colours at once.

One of the things that the disciples who were witnesses to the transfiguration of Jesus most remembered was the way in which his clothes became dazzling white. It was difficult to make cloth white in the first century and you can understand why this detail stuck in their minds. In a landscape of many colours Jesus stood out, like a being from another world.

There is sensitivity about associating whiteness with purity and goodness. It is right to be aware that a casual association of colour with virtue is deeply unhelpful when the colour of your skin says nothing about how good you are. Jesus' skin was probably the colour of any Middle Eastern person but in the vision his clothes became dazzlingly white. In that moment you could say he represented the whole of redeemed humanity: not the absence of colour but all the colours at once.

*Stephen*