

Collect for Today

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne
of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship
at his feet;
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

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24
(Psalm 95.1-7)
Ephesians 1.15-23
Matthew 25.31-46

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 64.1-9
(Psalm 80.1-8)
1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Mark 13.24-37

Verse for the Week

“I pray...that with the eyes of your heart enlightened
you may know what is the hope to which he has called
you, what are the glorious riches of his inheritance
among the saints and is the immeasurable greatness of
is power for us who believe.” **Ephesians 1:17-19**

Prayer & Reading Diary Inwardleigh

Monday

Read: Isaiah 64.1-9

Prayer: For our church officers: Philip, Julianne,
Brenda and Janet.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 80.1-8

Prayer: For the many church members who are
vulnerable or struggling with illness.

Wednesday

Read: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Prayer: For the church tower project, which is
stalled at the moment, but remains a major
challenge.

Thursday

Read: Mark 13.24-37

Prayer: For wisdom as we think towards Christmas
and decide what services will be possible.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 1.1-20

Prayer: That people who live in the parish will
continue to see St Petroc's as “Their church” and to
want to be part of its life.

Saturday

Read: Matthew 21.1-13

Prayer: That it will soon be possible to pick up on
projects like the choir, the hand bells, the Sunday
School and the all age services which were such a
blessing last year.

Notices:



- We are as much in the dark as anyone about what the situation will be when the current period of lock down ends. The government seems set on returning to a tiered system and it is likely that some form of corporate worship will resume before and during Christmas. We are therefore planning Advent and Christmas services, albeit in a modified form and hoping for the best.
- It is nice to know that people are keeping in touch with each other by phone. Please continue to do so and have a look through your contacts list and think if there is anyone who might appreciate a call. You don't have to talk for long for them to know they have been remembered and are cared about.
- Every Tuesday is Zoom fellowship night from 7:30-8:30 pm. This is an opportunity to catch up with others and to think a little together about a passage for the coming Sunday. The link you need will be sent with the information about the Sunday service. There is plenty of information on the Exeter Diocese website and on the Church of England website. You can join in with Morning Prayer at the cathedral and all sorts of things. Do check it out.
- If you have watched too much day time TV and you want something to turn your brain over, take a look at the “Living in Love and Faith” resources recently made available by the C of E. This is the church's attempt to get to grips with the tricky issues around human sexuality and all members of the church are being asked to engage with it over the course of the next few months ahead of discussions in General Synod in 2020.
<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>

Notices:



- Churches are allowed to be open for private prayer. The churches in the team each have their own policy on this. St James in the centre of Okehampton will be open on Sundays and Thursdays and you are positively encouraged to pop in and pray. Material will be provided to help you pray for the world, for our country and for our local area. Please carefully observe the usual rules.

- All Saints Okehampton and St Mary's Belstone are planning to organise a collection of Christmas wrapped Toys in aid of Women's Refuge, Torquay. Further details will be given but it would be great if everyone could support this worthwhile cause especially this year as the Refuge so needs our support. Further details will follow, as it is hoped to deliver presents in early December.

Church Services:



Please note all Church services are cancelled for the 4 weeks of lockdown.

Video services will continue and opportunities to get together online will be expanded.

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It is hard to feel powerless, especially if you are someone who likes to be in control. I have been helping out by doing a day a fortnight with the chaplaincy team at the RD and E and I often think that people in hospital are rightly called “patients”. They spend their time waiting: for tests, for doctors’ rounds, for medication, for operations, for discharge dates, even for bedpans. If they weren’t patient when they came in they have to learn patience once they are there. It is hard to find yourself the one to whom things are done.

Nature has a way of reminding us that we are much less powerful than we like to think. Floods, hurricanes and global pandemics put us in our place and rightly so: you only have to zoom out a little to see Planet Earth as a tiny speck in a vast and indifferent universe. We are not in control; we never have been and we never will be; thinking we are is an illusion.

This is Christ the King Sunday. This is the day that we remember that Jesus is Lord. This is the day we celebrate the fact that no matter how much we muck things up in the end God’s will will be done. This is the day when we rejoice that Jesus, our friend and our brother, is seated at the right hand of the Father, far above all princes and rulers. This is the day we pray with extra conviction “Thy kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”

Stephen