

Collect for Today

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32
(Psalm 25.1-8)
Philippians 2.1-13
Matthew 21.23-32

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 5.1-7
(Psalm 80.9-17)
Philippians 3.4b-14
Matthew 21.33-46

Verse for the Week

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit but in humility count others better than yourself. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others.”
Philippians 2:3-4

Prayer & Reading Diary Bridestowe

Monday

Read: Isaiah 5.1-7

Prayer: At this difficult time we pray for all those living in Bridestowe and in the wider world who are filled with fear and foreboding that they may feel safe and have the gift of your Peace.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 80.9-17

Prayer: We pray for our school: All the children and staff that they keep healthy and are not made anxious about all the worry going on around them.

Wednesday

Read: Philippians 3.4b-14

Prayer: We pray for all those working at home instead of going out. May they manage to make it a positive experience for themselves and for their families.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 21.33-46

Prayer: We give thanks for all who serve us in the community, in our shop and pubs and for postmen, refuse collectors, parcel deliverers and many others and pray they will stay healthy.

Friday

Read: Proverbs 2.1-11

Prayer: We pray for our Methodist brethren as they prepare to re-open there for the first time on Sunday, that it will be a joyful experience.

Saturday

Read: 1 John 2.1-17

Prayer: We pray for all who are living through this time alone that they will get the chats on the telephone they need and smiles and practical help from their neighbours. Please help each one of us to play our part as we are able.

Notices:



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

- The new restrictions seem to have left the rules regarding churches more or less the same. Here is the latest update from the Church of England website: “Following the [announcement by the Prime Minister of new measures to limit the spread of coronavirus](#), the Church of England is continuing to engage with Government departments to review advice to churches. The Prime Minister emphasised that we can draw comfort from the fact that places of worship as well as schools and businesses are staying open. We note the change from a maximum of 30 attending weddings to a maximum of 15 from Monday September 28 and will study any detailed documents when they are available and amend advice to churches accordingly.”
- Cases in our area remain low and it is vital that we do nothing that might contribute to changing that. Please continue to follow the safety measures that are in place: be careful to observe social distancing, especially when entering and leaving the building, sanitize your hands, cover your face and hold any lengthy conversations outside the building.

Notices:



- The idea that we are stuck with this situation until well into next year is depressing. The nights are closing in and the weather is changing. We need to renew our efforts to look out for each other, to support each other in any way we can and to build the bonds of fellowship. If you are aware of anyone who is struggling or would just appreciate a phone call PLEASE let us know.



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Church Services:



Sunday 27th September

8:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

9:30 am

Northlew – Family Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Holy Communion
Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Meeth – Patronal Holy Communion
Exbourne – Morning Prayer

11:00 am

Okehampton – Harvest Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Morning Prayer
Lydford – Holy Communion

Sunday 4th October (These may change)

8:00am

Sourton – Holy Communion

9:30 am

Northlew – Holy Communion
Bridestowe – Joint Service in Church
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Belstone – Morning Prayer
Meeth – All Age Worship
Exbourne – Harvest Morning Prayer

11:00 am

Okehampton – Morning Prayer
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Joint Service in Chapel

11:15am

Bratton Clovelly & Germansweek – Holy Communion

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Jesus told homely stories. The one included in the gospel reading for today about the man with two sons, one of whom said he would do what his father asked and didn't and the other who said he wouldn't do it and did, probably rings true in all of us. We have all had experience of people promising much and delivering little. We all know what it's like to be told no and then find the thing has been done after all.

This story was told to religious people. The Pharisees had questioned Jesus' authority to teach and to act in the way that he was. They were good with words: it was their stock in trade. They could argue the finer points of the law and when there wasn't a rule about something they could invent one. Jesus told this simple story to expose their hypocrisy: which was better: words or deeds?

We Christians are good with words: our church services are full of them: beautifully crafted prayers, stirring songs, sermons, readings, canticles and psalms but if it is all words then we are like the boy who said he would work in the field but then just stayed in bed. Jesus doesn't ask us to say things; he asks us to do things. What difference has being a Christian made to what you have done today? We need to be doers, not just talkers.

Stephen