

## Collect for Today

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection,  
both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
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 55.1-5  
Psalm 145.8-9, 15-22\*  
Romans 9.1-5  
Matthew 14.13-21

## Readings for Next Week

1 Kings 19.9-18  
Psalm 85.8-13  
Romans 10.5-15  
Matthew 14.22-33

## Verse for the Week

“Taking the five loaves and two fish he looked up to  
heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave  
them to the disciples and the disciples gave them to  
the crowds. And all ate and were filled.”

**Matthew 14:19-20**

## Prayer & Reading Diary Bratton Clovelly

### Monday

**Reading:** 1 Kings 19.9-18

**Prayer:** Church groups and committees, PCC  
members, Church Wardens and officers.

### Tuesday

**Reading:** Psalm 85.8-13

**Prayer:** The young people in the village and those in  
education, especially at Boasley Cross School and  
Okehampton College; and all those at university and  
college.

### Wednesday

**Reading:** Romans 10.5-15

**Prayer:** The older people in the community and  
those who have recently moved into the village.

### Thursday

**Reading:** Matthew 14.22-33

**Prayer:** The sick at home or in hospital and anyone  
suffering either mentally or physically in the  
community.

### Friday

**Reading:** 1 Kings 11.41 - 12.20

**Prayer:** Methodist chapels and our continuing co-  
operation with them and all those who minister in our  
churches throughout the team.

### Saturday

**Reading:** Acts 14.8-20

**Prayer:** The Parish Council, Parish Hall Committee  
and all other organisations.

## Notices:



This is the first Sunday after the government  
instructions on shielding come to an end and it has  
been encouraging to know that some of those who  
have had to shut themselves away for a long time are  
looking forward to getting out again, including  
coming to church. We are as keen to see you as you  
are to come! Please only do so when you feel  
confident and comfortable, but we will do everything  
we can to ensure that you are as safe as possible when  
you are with us.

Government regulations do not require the wearing of  
face coverings in church, however it is advised at  
those points when social distancing may be difficult,  
for example when entering or leaving the building.  
This includes those leading worship, who will cover  
their faces at points of the service which bring them  
into closer contact with people. If you want to read  
the detailed advice on opening churches for worship  
you can do so here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july>

## Notices:



Although it is natural that people who have not seen each other for a while should want to stop and talk after the service, doing so inside the building is discouraged. If you would like to have a chat please do so outside at a safe distance. The weather is due to be fine this weekend!

Fellowship is such an important part of our life together and at the moment this is only really possible online. Stephen will be hosting regular zoom fellowship meetings starting on Tuesday night (4<sup>th</sup>) at 7:30. A link will be sent later in the week. After a brief time of “How are you?” we will look at a Bible passage together and share thoughts and prayers until 8:30. This is an experiment to test the demand.



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## Church Services:



### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

**8:00am**

Sourton – Holy Communion

**9:30 am**

Bridestowe – Joint Service in Church

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Belstone – Morning Prayer

Northlew - Holy Communion

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Meeth – All Age Worship

**11:00 am**

Okehampton – Morning Prayer

Hatherleigh - Holy Communion

Lydford – Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – Joint Service in Chapel

**11:15am**

Germansweek - Holy Communion

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August (These may change)

**9:30 am**

Jacobstowe - Morning Prayer

Meeth – Holy Communion

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Belstone – Holy Communion

**11:00 am**

Okehampton – Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Holy Communion

Lydford – Holy Communion

Bratton Clovelly & Bridestowe – Messy Church

**6:30pm**

Sourton – Taize Service

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**2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

  
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The feeding of the 5000 is reported in all five gospels: of all the miracles that Jesus did this seems to be the one that had the greatest impact on those who were there. It was spectacular in itself but it also spoke of something deeper. This had echoes of the manna in the wilderness: that time of special closeness between God and the people.

The disciples present the fact that it is late in the day and the people have no food to Jesus as his problem. After all, they are here because of him and if he's not careful things are going to get ugly. Jesus gives it back to them as their problem: “You give them something to eat” he says. The disciples are amazed, indignant and sarcastic all at once: “Where are we going to get food for all this lot? Think we're made of money? Maybe we could feed them with this little boy's lunch!” “Give it to me” says Jesus.

I quite often find myself having that kind of conversation with God. “What can I do? I don't have the resources or the ability or the opportunity.” “Give it to me”. The bread and the fish did not multiply like popcorn in Jesus' hands. It was as the disciples went: breaking and giving, breaking and giving that the miracle took place. It is as we give the little we have into God's hands that the miracle of multiplication happens. God makes the little we have enough for the task we are given: that is our manna in the wilderness.

*Stephen*