

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to
yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings for This Week

Ezekiel 33.7-11
(Psalm 119.33-40)
Romans 13.8-14
Matthew 18.15-20

Readings for Next Week

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

Verse for the Week

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments... are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:8-10

Prayer & Reading Diary Lydford

Monday

Read: Genesis 50.15-21

Prayer: For all students and staff returning to schools and colleges this week and for those starting school for the first time.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 103.1-13

Prayer: For the elderly, the housebound, the lonely, those suffering from long-term ill health and those who are finding the present restrictions hard to cope with.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 14.1-12

Prayer: That those in positions of power and influence nationally and internationally may speak and act with wisdom, integrity and compassion as they deal with the problems caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 18.21-35

Prayer: The Churchwarden and P.C.C and for the decisions they make for works needed in the church and grounds. For guidance as they explore ways to support our ministry. For visitors and tourists and for those who help to keep the church open, welcoming, clean and safe for all who enter the church.

Friday

Read: Ezekiel 20.1-8, 33-44

Prayer: For all members of the local community, especially those whose livelihoods have been seriously affected by lockdown, for local businesses and those returning to work from furlough.

Saturday

Read: Acts 20.17-38

Prayer: Adrian and for all those ordained and lay people who lead worship in the Northmoor team as they prepare for services and for those who help to enhance that worship with readings and prayers.

Notices:



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

Although churches are meeting again we are anxious to maintain the online presence of the last few months. Videos and podcasts will continue to be available. You can access these via the link sent out on Friday or Saturday if you get Grapevine by email or by visiting the team website.

A few people have said that they won't be coming back to church until we are able to sing again. Please be aware that the current situation is likely to continue for some considerable time and we miss you! Not being able to sing is a big loss but we are doing our best to make services meaningful in other ways. Come and see what you think.

Face coverings are now mandatory in church for most people. If you find a mask difficult a shield is also acceptable if it covers your mouth and nose. Those leading worship do not need to cover up except at times when they come into closer contact with others. All our churches have detailed risk assessments and we are confident we have done everything we can to keep you safe.

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.

This will be the first full week of school. Please continue to pray for the schools in our area: for the children and the staff. We are especially mindful of our responsibility to support our church schools.



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Church Services:



Sunday 6th September

8:00am

Sourton – Holy Communion

9:30 am

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

11:00 am

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

11:15am

Bratton Clovelly & Germansweek –
Holy Communion

Sunday 13th September (These may change)

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

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I imagine most of the men reading this will have a suit which is reserved for weddings, funerals and possibly interviews. I am not sure what the female equivalent is, but I expect most women also have something kept in reserve for occasions when you need to be smart. Most of the time we don't dress like that, but sometimes we do. At a wedding people will often hire things to wear. It isn't a fancy dress event: we are not pretending to be someone we are not; we just want to look our very best.

St Paul is fond of talking about dressing up. “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ...” he says in the reading set for today. A couple of verses earlier he has said “Put on the armour of light.” You are probably familiar with his famous “Whole armour of God” analogy in Ephesians, with the breastplate of righteousness and the shield of faith. It is a powerful image because we all get dressed every day and we can imagine stepping into these things as we get ready to face the world. This isn't fancy dress: we are not pretending; we are deciding to act out of the best of ourselves and not the worst.

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ: let his righteousness, his mind, his heart be the clothes you choose to wear. Instead of picking up yesterday's jeans and T shirt from a pile in the corner, get the suit out of the wardrobe and face the day with faith and pride.

Stephen