

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

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

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28

Verse for the Week

“If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified and confesses with the mouth and so is saved.”

Romans 10:9-10

Prayer & Reading Diary Germansweek

Monday

Read: Isaiah 56.1, 6-8

Prayer: Our special church of St Germanus in Germansweek. Pray for our Clergy, Churchwardens, PCC and Bell Ringers, all of whom make it so special.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 67

Prayer: The parents of our young children in Germansweek and surrounding areas, may they encourage (by example) their young ones to be part of our Christian faith.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Prayer: The message of love and hope sent to you Lord on the ‘Prayer Tree’ in memory of our dear friends.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 15.10-28

Prayer: The wider community of businesses.

Friday

Read: 2 Kings 4.1-37

Prayer: Our local people who work so hard to make this Parish a better place.

Saturday

Read: Acts 16.1-15

Prayer: Love, Joy and Laughter in this community. Keep us well to continue to perform our daily lives but remembering THY WILL BE DONE.

Notices:



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

There are some exemptions and if you find covering your face difficult you are advised to look at the regulations to see if you may be excused. It is inconvenient, but we are adapting to it and we hope it may give people even more confidence that it is safe to come to church.

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!

Stephen has begun “Night Prayers”, which are daily 7-10 minute reflections for use at the end of the day available as a podcast. There is a reading, a thought and a series of prayers in the Celtic tradition. Lots of people are reporting disturbed or difficult sleep patterns and we are hoping you may find this soothing and settling as you prepare for sleep. A podcast is an audio programme that you can listen to with a click or you can download and listen wherever and whenever you like. You can find this podcast if you search for “Moorthoughts” on any of the major platforms: Spotify, Breaker, Radiopublic, Pocket casts, and Google podcasts.

Notices:



If you do email, you are strongly encouraged to receive Grapevine this way. You will then also receive the weekly bulletin containing any last minute changes to service times etc. and the occasional “Grapevine Plus” which is a news and inspiration bulletin to which anyone can contribute.



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Church Services:



Sunday 9th August

9:30 am

Jacobstowe - Morning Prayer
Meeth – Holy Communion
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Belstone – Holy Communion
Bratton Clovelly & Bridestowe – Messy Church

11:00 am

Okehampton – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford – Holy Communion

6:30pm

Sourton – Taize Service

Sunday 16th August (These may change)

8.30am

Bratton Clovelly & Germansweek – Celtic
Holy Communion

9:30 am

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

11:00 am

Okehampton – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford – Matins

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We've all seen the cartoons where a character runs over a cliff edge and hangs for a moment in the air, arms and legs whirling. Then they realise where they are and gravity takes over. Fortunately in cartoon world they always survive. It's funny because it relates to our experience: sometimes it can feel as if we are holding things together by sheer will power and if we stop to think, even for a moment, we will plunge downwards.

In the gospel reading set for this Sunday the disciples see Jesus walking on the water and Peter, with commendable courage, gets out of the boat and starts to walk towards him. Then he begins to notice the wind and the waves and immediately he starts to sink. Jesus reaches out and takes his hand “Where is your faith?” he asks.

When someone freezes with panic on a rock climb the instructor will say to them “Look at me.” The instructor can't get them out of the situation: they have to do it themselves, but first they have to recover their confidence and self-belief and the best way to do that is to look into the eyes of someone who believes in them. You can see where this is going. We need to take our eyes off the wind and the waves and fix them on Jesus. We can't walk on water but we can get through this with him.

Stephen