

Collect for Today

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Amen.

Readings for This Week

Isaiah 25.6-9
(Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24)
Acts 10.34-43
Mark 16.1-8

Readings for Next Week

Acts 4.32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1.1 - 2.2
John 20.19-31

Verse for the Week

“We are witnesses to all that he did in Judea and
Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him
from a tree but God raised him on the third day.”

Acts 10:39-40

Prayer & Reading Diary

Okehampton

Monday

Read: Acts 4.32-35

Prayer: For all the teaching and support staff at St James and Okehampton Primary schools please pray for rest and refreshment over their Easter break.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 133

Prayer: That new governors for the joint local board for St James and Okehampton Primary schools step forward.

Wednesday

Read: 1 John 1.1 - 2.2

Prayer: For encouragement for all young people in the town that they have made it through unprecedented times and now they will be able to grow and thrive.

Thursday

Read: John 20.19-31

Prayer: For teachers who will have the responsibility of assessing and grading the work of their students instead of exams.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 26.1-9, 19

Prayer: For the life of All Saints: that people may grow in confidence to return to worship.

Saturday

Read: Luke 24.1-12

Prayer: For the building project: that the installation of the new toilet may go well and prove to be a blessing.

Notices:



- Stephen is having a few days off this week so there will be no recorded service for next Sunday (11th). However the link for the equivalent service last year will be posted. Next Sunday's service will be streamed as usual.
- Changes in government regulations mean that we are now allowed to sing outside. Some of the churches in the team will be taking advantage of this over this weekend. As the temperature is due to drop, please come dressed for a last hymn in the open!

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Church Services:



Services in Holy Week

• **Weds 31st March** 8:00 pm - Online reflective service for Holy Week on Zoom: details with the “Sunday Plus” email later this week or email Stephen for link.

• **Maundy Thursday** 7:30 pm Holy Communion -
All Saints Okehampton

• Good Friday Hour at the Cross:

Belstone 12:00

Sourton 12:00

Okehampton 2:00pm

Northlew 3:00pm

• Easter Saturday

7:00pm Exulstet - Lydford

8:00 pm Compline - All Saints Okehampton

• Easter Day

7:00 am “Sunrise service” All Saints Okehampton
(Outside if fine)

9:30am

Holy Communion - St Petroc’s Inwardleigh

Holy Communion - St Mary’s Belstone

All Age Worship - Meeth

Holy Communion - Northlew

Holy Communion – Sourton

11:00am

Holy Communion - All Saints Okehampton

Holy Communion - Hatherleigh

Holy Communion by ext. - Exbourne

Holy Communion – Lydford

11:15am

Holy Communion by ext. - Germansweek

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Next to where I live there is a row of lime trees. They are very tall and rather splendid and in the summer they are so attractive to bees that the trees themselves seem to buzz. A couple of years ago they were pollarded. By the time the tree surgeons had finished they looked like a row of tall poles and I was sure they had killed them but when spring came new shoots began to grow and last summer the bees were back. In ten years or so they will need to be pruned again.

The reason the trees were able to survive such drastic treatment was that their life was not in their branches but in their core. There was a deeper inner life that was able to regenerate and begin again. We see that same story all around us at the moment, as seemingly dead things show renewed signs of life.

Easter is a spring festival but although the death and resurrection of Jesus has parallels with the death and rebirth we see in nature it is much more than that. In the resurrection the cycle is broken and we have a glimpse of the eternal as the future breaks into the present. This is not just the old life returning; this is a new order of life beginning. It is hard to believe but it is possible if you realise that life is not in the branches but in the core. Our faith is in the God who was before all things and in whom all things hold together, for whom all things are possible; even the resurrection of the dead.

Stephen