

The Benefice of Glastonbury with Meare

Holding on to the Silence 2019



Weekly Collects and Daily Readings from Sunday 1 to Saturday 14 September

Collect for Sunday 1 – Saturday 7 September

Eternal God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Collect for Sunday 8 – Saturday 14 September

God of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**



Daily Readings:

Sunday 1 September

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. *1 Peter 2.9-10*

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition and of unspeakable love. *Washington Irving*

Monday 2 September

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. *1 Peter 2.11-12*

There is but one God; Eternal Truth is his name. *Sikh devotions*

Saturday 14 September

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. *1 Peter 3.13-15a*

Wine is constant proof that God loves us and wants to see us happy. *Benjamin Franklin*

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Tuesday 3 September

For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. *1 Peter 2.13-15*

I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I woke and saw that life was service
I acted and behold! Service was joy. *Rabindranath Tagore*

Wednesday 4 September

As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor. *1 Peter 2.16-17*

O Lord, baptize our hearts into a sense of the conditions and needs of all people. *George Fox*

Thursday 5 September

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. *1 Peter 2.18-20*

God is not hugely concerned as to whether we are religious or not. What matters to God, and matters supremely, is whether we are alive or not. *Bishop John V Taylor*

Friday 6 September

If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. *1 Peter 2.20-21*

From the unreal lead me to the real, from darkness lead me to light, from death lead me to immortality. *Hindu Upanishads*

Saturday 7 September

'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. *1 Peter 2.22-23*

The essential ingredient of a growing faith is a sturdy undercurrent of doubt. *Martin Israel*

Sunday 8 September

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. *1 Peter 2.24-25*

He deserves Paradise who makes his companions laugh. *Qur'an*

Monday 9 September

Wives, in the same way, accept the authority of your husbands, so that, even if some of them do not obey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Do not adorn yourselves outwardly by braiding your hair, and by wearing gold ornaments or fine clothing; rather, let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight. *1 Peter 3.1-4*

Theatre is a place where profound, elusive and unique senses are generated and shared. *Benedict Nightingale*

Tuesday 10 September

It was in this way long ago that the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves by accepting the authority of their husbands. Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham and called him lord. You have become her daughters as long as you do what is good and never let fears alarm you. *1 Peter 3.5-6*

If only we knew how to look at life as God sees it, we should realise that nothing is secular in this world. *Michel Quoist*

Wednesday 11 September

Husbands, in the same way, show consideration for your wives in your life together, paying honour to the woman as the weaker sex, since they too are also heirs of the gracious gift of life—so that nothing may hinder your prayers. *1 Peter 3.7*

Earth and Heaven are in us. *Gandhi*

Thursday 12 September

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. *1 Peter 3.8-9*

Like old vases, human beings have mended cracks that only become visible close up. *Mark Oakley*

Friday 13 September

For 'Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.' *1 Peter 3.10-12*

The Godward journey is a journey on which every individual is launched, all unknowingly, at birth. *Christopher Bryant*