

# The Benefice of Glastonbury with Meare

## An invitation to enter into the Silence



### Weekly Collects and Daily Readings Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 21st November

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

Psalm 46

**Holding on to the Silence** is a simple daily office with an invitation for everyone within the Benefice and beyond to join in during the week, as and when they can. As we enter a further national Lockdown with very limited social contact for some and continuing shielding for others, the Daily Office and readings can offer us a way of praying together and connecting with each other in the silence; of reconnecting with and listening to, the 'still small voice within'.

Knowing that others are reading, praying and dwelling in the silence at the same time as ourselves can be deeply reassuring – knowing too that God is with us all. May we continue to find hope in that knowing.

Therefore, let us take time to enter the stillness and to dwell in the silence with God.

*“The Father spoke one Word, which was His Son, and this Word  
He always speaks in eternal silence, and in silence must It be heard by the soul.”  
St John of the Cross*

We continue through Ordinary Time.



**To live a spiritual life is to discover a way of being that encompasses all we are as human beings, connecting our inner person with our outer life, reflecting our best aspirations and our less-than-perfect realities. Ian Adams**

**Collects and Readings for the week  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November**



**Peace does not depend on anything, certainly not upon our certainty of moral righteousness. It depends upon humble desire to do what is right. Peace rests upon the decision always to struggle towards goodness, whatever our condition. *Sister Wendy Beckett***

**Collect for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or*

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Daily Readings**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Matthew 25:1-13 Remembrance Sunday
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 17:11-19
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 17:20-25
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 17:26-end
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 18:1-8



**Collects and Readings for the week**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**



**The goodness of the world, stricken or not, is incontestable and definitive. If it is stricken it is also healed in Christ. *Thomas Merton***

**Collect for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or*

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Daily Readings**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Matthew 25:14-30
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 18:35-end
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 19:11-28
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 19:41-44
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 19:45-48
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Luke 20:27-40

