

The Benefice of Glastonbury with Meare

An invitation to enter into the Silence



Weekly Collects and Daily Readings Sunday 11th October – Saturday 24th October

“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. Particularly during these increasingly challenging times and when many are still self-isolating, 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.

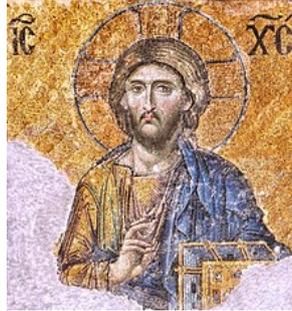
*“The Father spoke one Word, which was His Son, and this Word
He always speaks in eternal silence, and in silence must It be heard by the soul.”
St John of the Cross*

We continue through Ordinary Time.



**Holiness comes wrapped in the ordinary. There are burning bushes all around you.
Every tree is full of angels. Hidden beauty is waiting in every crumb.**
Macrina Wiederkehr

**Collects and Readings for the week
Sunday 11th October – Saturday 17th October**



**Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away:
God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.” *Theresa of Avila***

Collect for Sunday 11th October

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.

or

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

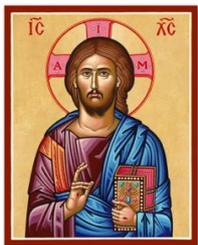
Daily Readings

Sunday 11th October – Saturday 17th October

Sunday 11 th October	Matthew 22:1-4
Monday 12 th October	Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday 13 th October	Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday 14 th October	Luke 11:42-46
Thursday 15 th October	Luke 11:47-end
Friday 16 th October	Luke 12:1-7
Saturday 17 th October	Luke 12:8-12



**Collects and Readings for the week
Sunday 18th October – Saturday 24th October**



Community is not about emotional harmony, but forgiveness and celebration.
Henri Nouwen

Collect for Sunday 18th October

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for Monday 19th October: Festival of Luke the Evangelist

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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.

Daily Readings

Sunday 18th October – Saturday 24th October

Sunday 18 th October	Matthew 22:15-22
Monday 19 th October	Luke 10:1-9 Festival of Luke the Evangelist
Tuesday 20 th October	Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday 21 st October	Luke 12:39-48
Thursday 22 nd October	Luke 12:49-53
Friday 23 rd October	Luke 12:54-end
Saturday 24 th October	Luke 13:1-9

