

# The Benefice of Glastonbury with Meare

## An invitation to enter into the Silence



### Weekly Collects and Daily Readings Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September

“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 challenging times 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.



**Love is the vocation that includes all others. St Therese of Lisieux**

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**Care as lavishly as you are able, for you cannot exhaust the love of God. Anon**

**Collect for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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.

**Collect for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September: Holy Cross Day**

Almighty God,  
who in the passion of your blessed Son  
made an instrument of painful death  
to be for us the means of life and peace:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Daily Readings**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September– Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Matthew 18:21-35
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	John 3:13-17 Holy Cross Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Luke: 7:31-35
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Luke 7:36-end
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Luke 8:1-3
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Luke 8:4-15



**Collects and Readings for the week  
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**Feelings of peace, tranquility, joy and delight – whether in prayer or not –  
accept them gratefully from God. They are gifts freely given, through no merit of our  
own, which we should enjoy and relish. Gerard Hughes**

**Collect for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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.

**Collect for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September: Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

O Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector  
to be an apostle and evangelist:  
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches  
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Daily Readings**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Matthew 20:1-16
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Matthew 9:9-13 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Luke 9:1-6
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Luke 9:7-9
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Luke 9:18-22
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Luke 9:43b-45

