

The Benefice of Glastonbury with Meare

An invitation to enter into the Silence



Weekly Collects and Daily Readings Sunday 24th January – Saturday 6th February

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

Psalm 46

Holding 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.

At this time, we complete our Epiphany journey, we celebrate the presentation of Christ in the Temple and from Wednesday 3rd February we return to Ordinary Time. As we continue our spiritual journey with Christ, we do so in challenging and unsettling times and within further lockdowns and restrictions. When so many of us are separated from others, the Daily Office and readings can continue to 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 in Epiphany Time for the whole of week 1 and move into Ordinary Time on Wednesday 3rd February. The Daily Offices for Epiphany and for Ordinary Time can be found on the website.



God is a circle whose centre is everywhere and circumference is nowhere.
Timaeus of Locris

**Collects and Readings for the week
Sunday 24th January – Saturday 30th January**



In a word, never let go on these three things: Faith, hope and love. And know that the greatest of these will always be love. *I Corinthians 13:1-13*

Collect for Sunday 24th January

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 25th January Conversion of Paul

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your 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.

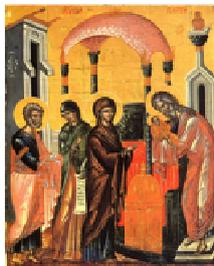
Daily Readings

Sunday 24th January – Saturday 30th January

Sunday 24 th January	John 2:1-11	
Monday 25 th January	Matthew 19:27-end	Conversion of Paul
Tuesday 26 th January	Mark: 3:31-end	
Wednesday 27 th January	Mark 4:1-20	
Thursday 28 th January	Mark 4:21-25	
Friday 29 th January	Mark 4:26-34	
Saturday 30 th January	Mark 4:35-end	

**Collects and Readings for the week
Sunday 31st January – Saturday 6th February**

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The best prayer is to rest in the goodness of God, knowing that that goodness can reach right down to the very depths of our need. *Julian of Norwich*

Collect for Sunday 31st January 4th Sunday of Epiphany

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 Tuesday 2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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 31st January – Tuesday 2nd February

Sunday 31 st January	Mark 1:21-28
Monday 1 st February	Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday 2 nd February	Luke 2:22-40 Presentation of Christ in the Temple

**Collects and Readings for the week
Sunday 31st January – Saturday 6th February cont...**



Focus on God in the present moment. “The Kingdom of God is among you.” God is constantly connected to us. *Gerard Hughes*

We now move into Ordinary Time

Collect for Wednesday 3rd – Saturday 6th February

Almighty God,

by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service:

strengthen us by your Holy Spirit

and make us worthy of our calling;

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 of our salvation,

help us to turn away from those habits which harm our bodies

and poison our minds

and to choose again your gift of life,

revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Daily Readings

Wednesday 3rd February – Saturday 6th February

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Mark 6:1-6a **Ordinary Time begins today**

Thursday 4th February

Mark 6:7-13

Friday 5th February

Mark 6:14-29

Saturday 6th February

Mark 6:30-34

