

COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong,
nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 28:5-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Or **Genesis 22:1-14**

PSALM Psalm 89:1-4. 15-18

R *Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.*

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;

you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. **R**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

'I will establish your line for ever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'" **R**

Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness. **R**

For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favour our might is exalted.

Truly, the Lord is our ruler;
the Holy One of Israel is our king. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have

become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-end

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

'Jesus said to the twelve: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

St Martin's, Sherford

11 am Village Service – Lay Led

If you are joining us for the first time, please introduce yourself. You are very welcome!
Please join us for tea/coffee after the service.

THIS WEEK WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

...The departed and those who mourn that they may be comforted and consoled...
for those whose anniversaries we keep at this time Jan Patey, Ann Baverstock, David Lake
and Jean Flawn ...

Notices:

'Teas by the Seas' Every Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm and every Bank Holiday Monday from
11 am to 4 pm into September. Enjoy tea/coffee and cake at St Andrew's Church Beesands,
helping to support many charities. If you can assist by baking cakes or serving, please contact
Ann Foss 07970 702537.

Bible Study meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. The next Bible Study will be on 13th July
2026 2.30 pm in the Old Exchange. All are welcome.

Dates for your diary - further information to follow:

Friday - Sunday 3rd -5th July Flower Festival in St Michael's Church – Refreshments

Thursday 9th July 10.00 am – 12.00 pm St Martin's Pop-up Café. All are welcome.

Saturday, 11th July 12 pm to 4 pm Stokenham Village Fete Raffle Tickets on sale through
the SCOF Office – 01548 581181

Friday 17th July 6.30 pm Music for a summer evening. Organ Recital by Andrew Downton at
St. Winwaloe's Church. Admission Free and Refreshments served

Forthcoming Services:

Wednesday 1st July	Holy Communion	St Michael's	10 am
Sunday 5th July	Evensong (Flower Festival)	St Michael's	5 pm
Wednesday 8th July	Holy Communion	St Michael's	10 am
Sunday 12th July	Holy Communion – Sea Sunday	St Michael's	11 am
	Evensong	St Martin's	6 pm
Wednesday 15th July	Holy Communion	St Michael's	10 am
Sunday 19th July	Holy Communion	St Martin's	11 am
	Morning Praise	St Michael's	11.am
	Evening Prayer	St Andrew's	5 pm
Wednesday 22nd July	Holy Communion	St Michael's	10 am