

St Michael, St Martin & St Andrew  
Churches

Stokenham - Sherford - Beesands



# Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 26th October 2025 - 8am



St. Michael and All Angels Church - Stokenham

**Please take this pew sheet for reflection**

## COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE EPISTLE

*Ephesians 4.17-end*

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind; having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who, being past feeling, have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; if so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: that ye put off, concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed

out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil-speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

## **GOSPEL**

*St. Matthew 9.1-8*

Jesus entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee. And behold, certain of the Scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee? or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitude saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, who had given such power unto men.

### **THIS WEEK WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

... The departed Judy Dix and those who mourn that they may be comforted and consoled...  
for those whose anniversaries we keep John Peters, Sally Jeffries

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES: -** **please check website & social media for updates**

From October to March evening prayer at St Andrew's will revert to 4pm

**Sunday 2nd**

**11am St Michael's, Stokenham Holy Communion (CW)**

**3pm St Michael's, Stokenham Service of Light for Loved Ones**

**Wednesday 5th Holy Communion 10am St Michael's followed by refreshments**

**Sunday 9th**

**11am St Michael's, Stokenham Act of Remembrance & Remembrance Holy Communion**

**6pm St Martin's, Sherford Evensong**

**Wednesday 12th Holy Communion 10am St Michael's followed by refreshments**

**Sunday 16th**

**11am St Martin's, Sherford Holy Communion (CW)**

**4pm St Andrew's, Beesands Evening Prayer**

**Wednesday 19th Holy Communion 10am St Michael's followed by refreshments**

**Sunday 23rd**

**8am St Michael's, Stokenham Holy Communion (BCP)**

**11am St Michael's, Stokenham Holy Communion (CW)**

**11am St Martin's, Sherford Village Service**

**Wednesday 26th Holy Communion 10am St Michael's followed by refreshments**

**Sunday 30th**

**Benefice Holy Communion**

### **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025**

If you have a group who would like to take part in the 2025 "Christmas Tree Festival"  
or you can volunteer to help please contact the parish office - [office@ssbparish.co.uk](mailto:office@ssbparish.co.uk)