

**TODAY'S  
COLLECT, READINGS &  
POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he  
suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the  
cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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.

**First Reading - Isaiah 55:1-9**

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens

are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

**Gospel – Luke 13:1-9**

There were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"

No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?"

No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'

He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Today at Broadclyst we welcome Jasmine Ann Hutchings, daughter of Greg and Rachel. Jasmine will be baptized on 14 March.

In Pinhoe we welcome Aaron Jon Hallett Davies, son of Sarah and Jonathan, being baptized today.

**THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICES**

**Broadclyst**  
10.00am Together for Worship **Parish Church**

**Pinhoe**  
8.30am Holy Communion **Hall Church**  
10.30am Family Communion **Parish Church**

**Rockbeare**  
10.00am Holy Communion **Parish Church**

## PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### Government, at home and abroad

King of kings, we pray for regimes that deny people basic provision and freedom. Please intervene in those nations and local communities where corruption and oppression are destroying peace and prosperity. We pray about the growing influence of extreme right wing racist groups in our own British politics. We ask God to restrain them and grant wisdom to the government and others as they consider freedom of speech legislation. Amen.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon 8 Bufts, 10.30am in Broadclyst Church  
Tues 9 House Group 10.30am  
26 Harrington Lane  
Wed 10 Lent Course, 7.30 to 9pm  
Broadclyst Church  
Thur 11 Bible Forum, Hall Church at 7.30pm  
Fri 12 Events Committee 10am Rockbeare  
Sat 13 Prayer Breakfast 8.00am Hall Church  
Church Coffee Morning 10.30am  
Hall Church

## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES

### Broadclyst

10.00am Parish Eucharist **Parish Church**

### Pinhoe

8.30am Holy Communion **Hall Church**  
10.30am Matins **Parish Church**  
10.30am Mothering Sunday Worship  
**School Church**

Members of the Matins congregation are invited to join the school church for coffee and flowers.

### Clyst Honiton

10.00am Holy Communion **Parish Church**

### Sowton

6.30pm Evening Prayer **Parish Church**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only  
God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## 'When I Survey...Christ's Cross and Ours' Lent Course 2010

Wednesdays 7.30pm - 9.00pm  
Broadclyst Church  
10th, 17th and 24th March.

Pinhoe Annual Church Meeting  
25th March  
7.30pm  
Pinhoe School

### Bible Forum

Thursday 11 March  
7.30pm

Hall Church, Pinhoe

Come and ask questions, share discoveries as we  
'Read the Bible in a Year'.

Open to everyone,  
including people not taking part in the project.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Exodus 2:1-10  
Second Reading – Colossians 3:12-17  
Gospel – Luke 22:33-35

*Keeping*

# IN TOUCH

*with the Churches in*



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

***WELCOME  
TO OUR  
SERVICE***

If you are a visitor, or are new to the area or our Church please make yourself known. There is coffee after some of our mid-morning services - please do stay if you can so that we can get to know you.

### Take time to pray

Many people value a few minutes quiet prayer time before the service starts, it is important that we respect this.  
Indeed all of us could well use this time to be still with God in preparation for our worship.