

## Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your  
faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

## Readings for This Week

Genesis 24.34-38,42-49, 58-67  
(Psalm 45.10-17)  
Romans 7.15-25a  
Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

## Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Genesis 25.19-34  
(Psalm 119.105-112)  
Romans 8.1-11  
Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

## Verse for the Week

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying  
heavy burdens, and I will give you rest”

**Matthew 11 vs.28**

## Prayer & Reading Diary Bratton Clovelly

### Monday

**Read:** Genesis 25.19-34

**Prayer:** Church groups and committees, PCC  
members, Church Wardens and officers.

### Tuesday

**Read:** Psalm 119.105-112

**Prayer:** The young people in the village and those  
in education, especially at Boasley Cross School and  
Okehampton College; and all those at university and  
college.

### Wednesday

**Read:** Romans 8.1-11

**Prayer:** The older people in the community and  
those who have recently moved into the village.

### Thursday

**Read:** Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

**Prayer:** The sick at home or in hospital and anyone  
suffering either mentally or physically in the  
community.

### Friday

**Read:** Deuteronomy 28.1-14

**Prayer:** Methodist chapels and our continuing co-  
operation with them and all those who minister in our  
churches throughout the team.

### Saturday

**Read:** Acts 28.17-31

**Prayer:** The Parish Council, Parish Hall Committee  
and all other organisations.

## Notices:

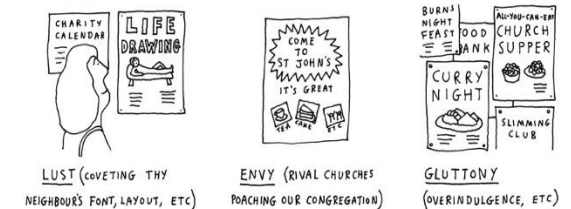
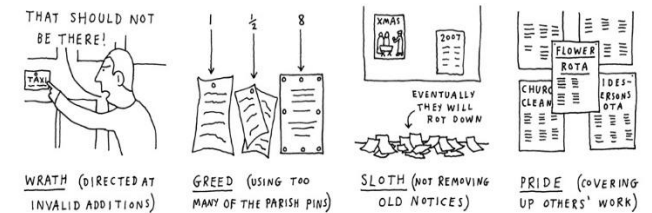


- Just a reminder if you need it that there is a short  
service of **Prayer Book communion** every Thursday  
in St James Okehampton at 10:00 am.

- Confirmation Group 2023.** Confirmation group  
will be meeting in July each Monday evening at 7pm.  
Dates are 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July. We will be  
meeting in Hatherleigh (location tbc), and the  
Confirmation Service will be at All Saints,  
Okehampton at 10.30am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

## CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS



## Future Events:



- **July 7th to 9th:** Hatherleigh Festival - the usual blend of live bands, talks, exhibitions, workshops, market stalls etc.

It includes bug hunting and bat walk and talk in the churchyard led by Jo Pullin on Saturday

There is an Open-Air Service in the Town Square at 11am on **Sunday 9th**, which is followed at 1pm by an exhilarating Ceilidh led by Revd Leigh (Winsbury) and his family. (Please see the 'Festival' website for all the information).

- **July 15th** from 12 noon till 4pm: Hatherleigh Church Fete. in the Rectory Garden.

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## Church Services:



### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July

*(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)*

#### 9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion  
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer  
Jacobstowe – Morning Prayer  
Northlew – Holy Communion  
Bridestowe – Morning Prayer  
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

#### 10:30am

Hatherleigh – Joint Festival Service

#### 11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion  
Meeth – Morning Prayer  
Lydford – Holy Communion

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July

*(6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)*

#### 9:30am

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion  
Belstone – Morning Prayer  
Bridestowe – Joint Service @ St Bridget's  
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion  
Exbourne – Patronal Service  
Northlew – Holy Communion

#### 11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion  
Hatherleigh – Family Service  
Lydford – Morning Prayer

#### 7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer & Praise

# Grapevine

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Wow, it's suddenly got dark and gloomy in my study today as the rain pours down! We notice these things more after a bit of sunshine, don't we? Yet we desperately need that rain, and it's no wonder the Bible refers to 'water of life' both literally and spiritually.

Today's reading from Genesis has the meeting of Rebekah as she collects water at the spring. I have, on my desk, an olive wood carving of the gospel 'woman at the well' – pitcher on her head, flowing robes, and the well head. The need to keep coming back to drink from that well of living water is fundamental to my faith and spirituality. Jesus offers this cleansing, healing, sustaining, refreshing water of life in abundance, but we do need to turn up with our pitcher!

We have a God who delights in abundance – just look at the accusations of Jesus being a glutton and drunkard, or the battle about eating ears of wheat on the Sabbath, or healing those in need on the Sabbath, and taking the flack for it. The gospel message is so, so simple: "Come unto me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls". And if this is not coming easily, please do contact us and we can explore further together.

*with love in Christ, Gill*