

## Collect for Today

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

**Amen**

## Readings for This Week

Exodus 32.1-14  
(Psalm 106.1-6,19-23\*)  
Philippians 4.1-9  
Matthew 22.1-14

## Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Exodus 33.12-23  
(Psalm 99.1-9)  
1 Thessalonians 1.1-10  
Matthew 22.15-22

## Verse for the Week

‘Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit’  
**Matt 21: 43**

## Prayer & Reading Diary Bratton Clovelly

### Monday

**Read:** Exodus 33.12-23  
**Prayer:** Church groups and committees, PCC members, Church Wardens and officers.

### Tuesday

**Read:** Psalm 99.1-9  
**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:** 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10  
**Prayer:** The older people in the community and those who have recently moved into the village.

### Thursday

**Read:** Matthew 22.15-22  
**Prayer:** The sick at home or in hospital and anyone suffering either mentally or physically in the community.

### Friday

**Read:** Isaiah 54.1-14  
**Prayer:** Methodist chapels and our continuing co-operation with them and all those who minister in our churches throughout the team.

### Saturday

**Read:** Luke 13.31-35  
**Prayer:** The Parish Council, Parish Hall Committee and all other organisations.

## Notices:



### • Christmas Shoeboxes – Christian Response to Eastern Europe

This year we will again be donating Shoeboxes through Christian Response to Eastern Europe, based in Exmouth.

The Shoeboxes will need to be brought into All Saint's on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October where they will receive a blessing before their journey to Ukraine and Moldova. Thank you for your support for this very worthwhile cause.

Thank you,  
Ann Ball - P.C.C. Treasurer

• **Songs of Love and Loss.** A time of reflection, thanksgiving and commemoration in a season of remembrance. Do you have someone you would like to remember? Do you have a song or a reading you could share? 5:30 pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November in St Mary's Sticklepath. Followed by refreshments.

• **Good grief Café.** A five week pop up café for those who are grieving, looking at the various aspects of grief and supporting each other. Tuesday mornings starting 24<sup>th</sup> October 10:30-12:00 in the Church Hall Market Street Okehampton. Prior booking essential. Contact Stephen Cook [scook9673@aol.com](mailto:scook9673@aol.com)

• **Clergy/Disabled Parking at All Saints:** This is often full by the time clergy arrive from a previous service to take the 11am at All Saints'. Please could you avoid parking in this area unless absolutely necessary – clergy are often laden with heavy robes and materials for the service, and don't have the option to arrive early, so need the clergy space by the hedge kept free. Much appreciated, Gill

• The **Harvest Praise and Lunch** for Sticklepath was held on Sunday 1st October and was a wonderful occasion. Over £200 was raised for the work of Tearfund.

## Dates for your Diary:



- **Bratton Clovelly** have Harvest Songs of Praise on **15th Oct** at Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall, 4pm followed by food, bar, a raffle including local produce.
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Festival**  
At Meeth , starting at 7pm.
- **All Saints Quiz Night**  
Church Hall, **Friday November 3rd**, 7 for 7.30 start  
Teams of 4/6 £6pp including refreshments  
Licenced bar & Raffle  
Booking essential, contact Ruth on 07551 655424

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## Church Services:



### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October

(19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)

#### 9:30am

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion  
Belstone – Morning Prayer  
Northlew – Holy Communion  
Meeth – Morning Praise  
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion or  
Morning Prayer

#### 11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion  
Hatherleigh – Family Service  
Exbourne – Community Service  
Bridestowe – Joint Service at Methodist Ch.  
Lydford – Morning Prayer

#### 7:00pm

Hatherleigh –Prayer & Praise

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

(20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)

#### 8:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

#### 9:30am

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

#### 11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion  
Hatherleigh – Morning Service  
Exbourne – Morning Prayer  
Meeth - Holy Communion  
Lydford – Holy Communion

#### 6:00pm

Hatherleigh – Evensong

# Grapevine

**Northmoor Churches Weekly News**

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## 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023

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Have you ever had that feeling that the sermon you're listening to was directed at you? Well, often that's the Holy Spirit telling you what you needed to hear. Sorry to deflate your ego but it's unlikely that the vicar was thinking of you on Monday when they wrote it. In this case though, Jesus was very obviously having a pop at the Pharisees who were listening.

In all of Jesus' teaching, he is opening up a well-known Old Testament passage in a new way so it's good to hear them both together for a change. He's saying that the religious leaders of his own day are doing no better than their ancestors who killed the prophets, and making it obvious that he knows what they intend to do to him.

So what is Jesus looking for, and where had they failed? They failed in their call to respond well to God, to acknowledge who He is, and to be a faithful ambassador people. Well, what has that to do with us? He's still looking for the same things from his New Covenant people. So, how are we doing? Let's not ignore Jesus' corrective teaching, it's probably more useful than the encouraging stuff!

*Leigh Winsbury*