

Collect for Today

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal
and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Readings for This Week (may vary)

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18
(Psalm 90.1-8[9-11]12*)
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24
(Psalm 95.1-7)
Ephesians 1.15-23
Matthew 25.31-46

Verse for the Week:

“After a long time the master of those servants
returned and settled accounts with them.”
Matthew 25 v19

Prayer & Reading Diary Hatherleigh

Monday

Read: Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

Prayer: Give thanks for the church being
delightfully 'sent-up' in Hatherleigh carnival, and pray
for good natured connections from this.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 95.1-7

Prayer: Pray for the new market plans for the town;
for agreement between invested parties and successful
local commitment to fundraising.

Wednesday

Read: Ephesians 1.15-23

Prayer: Please pray for our new church gym project;
for a good social space, physical and mental wellbeing
of users, and connections made with church through
its use.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 25.31-46

Prayer: Please pray again for those attending our
weekly Youth Cafe, for good safe relationships
between attendees and with leaders.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 4.2 - 5.7

Prayer: Give thanks for the progress with church
building works, pray that in doing this we grow closer
together as a church and community family.

Saturday

Read: Luke 19.29-38

Prayer: Please pray for Leigh; for continued
inspiration for all speaking engagements, particularly
school assemblies.

Notices:



- **All Saints Christmas Coffee Morning.**
Sat. 2nd December- 10am to 12 noon
If you have offered **donations** for
the **hampers** please bring them to church on the 19th
or phone Mish on 07913 329148



Ready for Stir Up Sunday?

Dates for your Diary:



- **Tansy Rice Jazz Sextet**

Swing, Latin, Ballads & Tango
St Mary's Church, Sticklepath - **19th November** at 3pm. Tickets in advance - £10, including refreshments. The proceeds will go towards church funds, specifically for replacing the old heaters next year. Contact Carol Johns on 01837 840822 or carolandmikey@gmail.com

- **Christmas Wreath Making Workshops 7.30**

Monday 4th and Friday 8th Dec

Church hall. Refreshments available. Materials provided. Tickets £25. Booking essential.
Phone Mish on 07913 329148

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Church Services:



Sunday 19th November

(2nd Sunday before Advent)

9:30am

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

11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Family Service
Lydford – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Joint Service with Methodists
Exbourne – Morning Prayer

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Sunday 26th November

(Sunday before Advent)

8:30pm

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Bratton Clovelly – Morning Prayer
Sourton – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Family Service @ St Bridget's
Jacobstowe – Holy Communion
Northlew – Morning Prayer

11:00am

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

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

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This week's Gospel is the parable of the talents or bags of gold, but it is *not* about money. It is about the talents, skills and aptitudes that God gives us, an investment by God in each one of us. We need to use these gifts wisely to build up God's kingdom through how we use our time and energy and balance what we do with our time between the different demands on us. While some are called to deploy time and talents in full time ministry most of us are called to live ordinary working lives and it is in the context of work and family, as much as in church, that we deploy our gifts.

Let's take someone who is a good baker of cakes and what a wonderful talent that is! If he or she bakes cakes solely to hide them away in tins for self-indulgent and secret eating that really is like the worthless servant. But if the cakes are beloved of family and friends, if they are used for church fund raising, if they are donated to a homeless shelter, then we are into wise stewardship. All the more so perhaps, if our excellent cake maker takes the trouble to pass on the talent to sons and daughters, neighbours and friends.

So let's each one of us consider what we do with our talents, and this will vary as we get older, so that we play our part as good and faithful servants.

Michael Winter