

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find
their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.
Amen

Readings for This Week

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32
(Psalm 25.1-8)
Philippians 2.1-13
Matthew 21.23-32

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Isaiah 5.1-7
(Psalm 80.9-17)
Philippians 3.4b-14
Matthew 21.33-46

Verse for the Week

“To you O Lord, I lift up my soul: O my God,
In you I trust” **Psalms 25 v1**

Prayer & Reading Diary Northlew

Monday

Read: Isaiah 5.1-7

Prayer: At Harvest Festival time, we pray for
farmers and all who provide our ‘daily bread’.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 80.9-17

Prayer: Northlew has lost many well-loved people
over recent times; we pray for their souls and we
thank God for the time we had with them.

Wednesday

Read: Philippians 3.4b-14

Prayer: Our fervent prayers are offered for the many
thousands around the world who have been struck by
terrible natural disasters. We pray to God to comfort,
heal and feed the survivors.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 21.33-46

Prayer: We pray for peace in the world and a halt to
the build up of conflict.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 49.13-23

Prayer: Bless all children; may they be able to lead
fulfilled and happy lives and to know that Christ is in
their lives.

Saturday

Read: Luke 12.1-12

Prayer: We thank you, Lord, for all the many
blessings of this life; please help us to treasure life.

Notices:



• Christmas Shoeboxes – Christian Response to Eastern Europe

This year I hope to again donate Shoeboxes through
Christian Response to Eastern Europe, based in
Exmouth. The charity originally supported Moldova
but now, with its close proximity to Ukraine, they are
also supporting Ukrainian refugees in Moldova and, in
addition, are going into Ukraine itself.

I have put information and a Newsletter from the
charity on the noticeboard at the back of Church.
Please take time to read it. You can also read all about
their brilliant work on their website. I have also placed
lists of items welcomed in the Shoeboxes. Both for
children and grandparents! The charity also welcomes
new, warm, children’s clothing. If you are able, please
donate to this worthwhile cause.

Shoeboxes will need to be completed by the end of
October. If you prefer to donate financially, I will be
very happy to receive donations to supplement the
small amount we hold in the P.C.C. account for this
purpose. Last year the cost of filling an exciting
Shoebbox was £22 and I expect, this year, will be a
little more.

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

Dates for your Diary:



- **Saturday 30th September: Quiz Night**
Sticklepath Village Hall, 7pm for 7:30pm start. £10 per team of four – BYO refreshments. Please book your teams in advance with Nikki Wooldridge on 01837 840876

- **Thursday 5th October: Harvest Festival Thanksgiving** at Jacobstowe, starting at 7pm

- **Friday 6th October: Fun evening with French cuisine**, music and more. Church hall at 7pm. Tickets £18 with all profits going to Hall refurbishment. To reserve a ticket or for more information email mishflexman@gmail.com

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Church Services:



Sunday 1st October

(17th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer
Exbourne – Holy Communion
Meeth – All Age Worship
Sourton – Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath – Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton – Family Service
Hatherleigh – Harvest Festival
Lydford – Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

6:30pm

Northlew – Harvest Festival

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer & Praise

Sunday 8th October

(18th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

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

10:30am

Sticklepath – Harvest Praise followed by
Lunch in Village Hall

11:00am

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

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“Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you”. The Collect for this Sunday is a favourite of mine and is evocative of the old catechism “What is the chief end of man?” (Answer: “Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him for ever”).

I’m often asked what ‘being called’ feels like – unsurprisingly, in reference to ordination. But call is much bigger and less specific than that. We are all ‘called’, and the words of today’s collect show us the direction of travel.

For many years my heart was restless. I worked hard, but feeling I wasn’t doing what I was on this earth for, despite promotions. The word ‘rest’ in today’s collect might be better termed ‘abiding’, not just for clergy, but for all who wonder what their calling is. Existential questions arise no matter how old we happen to be – and asking them is not necessarily a sign of anything being wrong. We are on a journey, and need to ‘change trains’ at certain points.

Yet sometimes there seems no answer to what we might be here for, and life can feel pointless. Maybe it’s just occasionally, when a glimpse into the night sky gives a sense of a life and meaning bigger than our imagination can comprehend. Or sometimes we simply have a vague sense of ‘missing the mark’.

But, in the midst of it all, we will not go far wrong if we remember (and pray) the words of today’s Collect. In Christ we find our true identity, being, hope, fulfilment, rest, wholeness and purpose. Our calling.

With love in Christ, Gill