

Collect for Today

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear
the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also, may have grace and power faithfully
to fulfil them;
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 16.2-15
(Psalm 105.1-6,37-45*)
Philippians 1.21-30
Matthew 20.1-16

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Exodus 17.1-7
(Psalm 78.1-4,12-16*)
Philippians 2.1-13
Matthew 21.23-32

Verse for the Week

‘The workers who were hired about five in the
afternoon came and each received a denarius. So
when those came who were hired first, they expected
to receive more. But each one of them also received a
denarius. When they received it, they began to
grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were
hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you
have made them equal to us who have borne the
burden of the work and the heat of the day.’
Matthew 20: 9-1

Prayer & Reading Diary Sourton

Monday

Read: Exodus 17.1-7
Prayer: Our clergy, especially Adrian Brook and his
family, lay readers and Sourton lay worship leader,
Caroline North.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 78.1-4,12-16*
Prayer: Local families, farmers and children;
Boasley Cross Primary School and all the schools in
the Dartmoor MAT.

Wednesday

Read: Philippians 2.1-13
Prayer: The Sourton Commoners Association and
Sourton Parish Council.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 21.23-32
Prayer: Our PCC members and all who care for St
Thomas' Church.

Friday

Read: Luke 11.37-54
Prayer: All who visit St Thomas' Church; our
outreach to visitors and to all people seeking faith and
direction.

Saturday

Read: Isaiah 48.12-21
Prayer: Those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

Notices:



• Gill's Ordination as Priest:

Our curate, Gill, will be priested at 3pm on Sunday
24th September at All Saints' Okehampton. ***It is
essential that you give your name to Ruth Cartledge
in advance if you are planning to attend.***
Parking at All Saints Church is limited and we are
expecting a considerable number of guests at this
service. Gill and two others (Phill and Pete) are being
ordained so there will be a large number of their
family members and friends arriving by car. So
- **please, please, please** team up with others to share
car seating or even better walk to church.

• 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

- **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

- Just lately, I've had a few people concerned I'll be leaving soon after ordination. I won't be! Curates can't move onto their own parish until they've done 3 years with someone else – which means you've got me until Summer 2025 at the very earliest. Hopefully that's reassuring – although it's always nice to be told I'll be missed! The feeling's mutual – **Gill**

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Church Services:

Sunday 24th September

(16th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

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

11:00am

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

3:00pm

Okehampton – Gill's Ordination

6:00pm

Hatherleigh – Evensong

Sunday 1st October

(17th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Belstone – 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



Grapevine

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Today's Gospel reading is a familiar parable. Though each worker started to work in the vineyard at a different hour, at the end of the day they all received the same pay. Those who worked longer hours were upset that those who worked less received the same pay as they did. The idea is quite simple - everyone comes to the vineyard (faith) at different points in their lives. Some people are lifelong disciples of Jesus, and some come to God only toward the end of their lives. Jesus points out that all receive the same reward because of the generosity of the owner of the vineyard (God). He might have added that the idea of giving people different proportions of Heaven is absurd! In the kingdom of God, both groups are treated the same. We should not complain that God is also generous to others.

In short, this is a parable about the kingdom of God and not an instruction about employment practices. Having said that, in Jesus' day many small farmers were being forced off their land because of debt they incurred to pay Roman taxes. Consequently, large pools of unemployed men gathered each morning, hoping to be hired for the day. They are the displaced, unemployed, and underemployed. Those still waiting at five o'clock have little chance of earning enough to buy food for their families that day. If the vineyard owner represents God, this is a powerful message that in God's kingdom, displaced and unemployed workers find work that meets their needs.

Michael Winter