

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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 (may vary)

Revelation 7.9-17
(Psalm 34.1-10)
1 John 3.1-3
Matthew 5.1-12

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Micah 3.5-12
(Psalm 43)
1 Thessalonians 2.9-13
Matthew 24.1-14

Verse for the Week:

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”
Matthew 5:8

Prayer & Reading Diary Inwardleigh

Monday

Read: Revelation 7.9-17

Prayer: For our church officers; Julianne, Dot, Brenda and Janet and our ministers; Maurie, Gill and Stephen.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 34.1-10

Prayer: For the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for repairs and major improvements to the building.

Wednesday

Read: 1 John 3.1-3

Prayer: For imaginative ways to connect with new building taking place in Folly Gate

Thursday

Read: Matthew 5.1-12

Prayer: For our friends in Oak Chapel and for ever greater unity between our churches

Friday

Read: Deuteronomy 17.14-20

Prayer: For the children of the parish, who have grown up with a connection to the church and are now becoming teenagers and young adults.

Saturday

Read: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

Prayer: That God will grant wisdom as we seek to make the most of the opportunities we have.

Notices:



- This Sunday, the **Okehampton service** will be in the church hall at 11:00 am. As this is All Saints Sunday, it will be a service of Holy Communion in the context of an all-age service with the theme of "The communion of saints".

- 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 5th November** in St Mary's Sticklepath. Followed by refreshments.

Services for Thursday 2nd November

6:30pm

Bridestowe – All Souls Service

7:00 pm

Hatherleigh – All Souls Service

Dates for your Diary:



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

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

Church Services:



Sunday 12th November

(Remembrance Sunday)

9:30am

Inwardleigh – Remembrance Service
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

10:15am

Bridestowe – Remembrance Service

10:40am

Jacobstowe – Joint Service with Exbourne
Hatherleigh – United Remembrance at War Memorial
followed by Service in church @ 11am

10:45am

Okehampton – Remembrance Service
Belstone – Remembrance Service
Lydford – Holy Communion
Northlew – United Service of Remembrance

11:00am

Meeth – Joint service with Hatherleigh

3:00pm

Sticklepath – Remembrance Service

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Church Services:



Sunday 5th November

(All Saints Sunday/ 4th Sunday before Advent)

9:30am

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

10:30am

Sticklepath – Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton – Family Service @ Church Hall
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford – Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

5:30pm

Sticklepath – Songs of Loss and Love

6:00pm

Jacobstowe – Quarterly Evensong

6:30pm

Ashbury Church– Service of Light

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If I'm honest, I have always struggled with the idea of saints. Perhaps it is the protestant in me, fearing the reintroduction of a set of intermediaries between us and God. Mainly it's because the characters you read about or see framed in stained glass seem either impossibly holy or, frankly, somewhat bizarre. With some of them, like Augustine, or Francis, or Benedict, I do feel a connection, but their promotion to sainthood seems to be a denial of their humanity, which is the part I most connect with.

So I was pleased to read again Jesus' description of sainthood at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount; the passage we sometimes call the beatitudes. The verse which particularly spoke to me was "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." We are all aware of the way in which our "hearts", the inner core of ourselves, gets polluted by the world around us and here is an encouragement to seek something better.

Purity is achieved by filtration; the fine mesh that holds back the pollutants. No one is completely pure, but if we filter what we hear, see, think and say with the ambition of achieving greater purity, greater clarity, then we will be moving in the direction Jesus encouraged. No one will put us in stained glass with a halo round our head, but we will be blessed with a clearer vision of God, and in our own small way we will be worthy of the title the Bible gives to all of us; we will be a "saint".

Stephen Cook