

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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)

1 Samuel 15.34 - 16.13
(Psalm 20)
2 Corinthians 5.6-10[11-13]14-17
Mark 4.26-34

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

1 Samuel 17.[1a, 4-11, 19-23] 32-49
Psalm 9.9-20 or 1 Samuel 17.57 – 18.5, 10-16
Psalm 133
2 Corinthians 6.1-13
Mark 4.35-41

Verse for the Week:

“We walk by faith, not by sight”
2 Corinthians 5.7

Prayer & Reading Diary Bridestowe

Monday

Read: 1 Samuel 17.[1a, 4-11, 19-23] 32-49
Prayer: We pray for all the leaders in the Northmoor Team - for encouragement when things go badly, for patience and for wisdom.

Tuesday

Read: 1 Samuel 17.57 – 18.5, 10-16
Prayer: We pray for our school - for the children and all members of staff.

Wednesday

Read: Psalm 133
Prayer: We pray for our covenant with the Methodist church, that it may flourish and grow.

Thursday

Read: 2 Corinthians 6.1-13
Prayer: We pray for all the local farmers, busy making silage and hay. May the weather enable them to make a good crop.

Friday

Read: Mark 4.35-41
Prayer: We pray for anyone feeling lonely and afraid - whatever the reason may be. Help us to reach out to them with your love and comfort.

Saturday

Read: Psalm 9.9-20
Prayer: We pray for families in which members have become estranged. May differences be resolved and the family reunited.

Notices:



* Okehampton Deanery Worship & Afternoon Tea Sunday 30th June at 3pm at St John's, Hatherleigh

Come and sing, pray, worship and enjoy tea together.
More info? Email Ruth on
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* **Safeguarding training:** Don't forget all PCC members and also others undertaking outward-facing roles in church have to do this. If you are online, save your parish safeguarding reps some stress by completing the necessary training (normally the Basic and the Foundation course) at the following link: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/> Then you will have a couple of nice certificates to send your parish rep and bring a smile to their face!

* **Roots and Shoots:** If you are not receiving this regular email bulletin from the Diocese you are missing a treat! It has a lot of useful information for parishes, so please sign up here: <https://exeter.anglican.org/who-we-are/email-bulletin/>

Dates for your Diary:



* Saturday 15th June: Hatherleigh Church Fete

To be opened by Mrs Jan McKinnel at 2pm, in the Town Square & Old Schools, including music from Hatherleigh Silver Band, Cream Teas, Stalls & Games. Everyone welcome!

* Friday 21st June: Midsummer Concert at St James Jacobstowe at 7.30pm

Join us for a magical evening of traditional folk music by Wren Music's Hannah Cumming and Jon Dyer accompanied by the Sister Moon vocal harmony group. A complimentary glass of Pimms and a bowl of Strawberries and cream will be served in the interval. Tickets are £12 and can be booked online at Eventbrite at:

<https://jcgmidsummerconcert.eventbrite.com>

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Church Services:



Sunday 16th June

(3rd Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Exbourne – Holy Communion
Meeth – Morning Praise
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion/M. Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Lydford – Morning Prayer
Hatherleigh – Family Service
Bridestowe - United Service at Methodists

5:00pm

Northlew - Evening Prayer

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Sunday 23rd June

(4th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

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

11:00am

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

6:00pm

Hatherleigh – Evensong

Grapevine

3rd Sunday after Trinity

16th June 2024



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I have done a lot of gardening in the past, although I'm not very much into flowers (unless I can admire what someone else has grown). My favourite is growing vegetables. I haven't done that for a couple of years though – largely through lack of time, but also because I've found I'm not good at looking after them once they've been sitting there quietly growing, not seeming to do much. I give up on them far too quickly! The bit I really love, however, is sowing seeds in my little heated propagators, watching them emerge, and then bringing them on to become strong enough to plant outside.

The gospel passage for today speaks of sowing a very small mustard seed, letting it do its germinating out of sight, and then it growing tall. The type of mustard Jesus referred to was likely to be the black mustard (*Brassica Nigra*), which grows to 9 feet. It's clearly not the smallest seed, however, despite what Jesus says – he's using hyperbole to make a point. The seed grows secretly, and even though we've planted it, we don't know what's happening to it. You can't tell how it's doing simply by outward appearances.

That point goes well with our continuation of 2 Corinthians which includes, today, the famous "We walk by faith not by sight" (5.7). The Corinthians passage contains a concentrated number of 'whammies', so I do encourage you to read in outside of listening in church. In them meantime, remember: we are to train our eye to look at things with faith and hope, using the eyes of Christ, not judging by outward appearance. Be thankful this week that God sees faith growing, even where we can't.

With love in Christ, Revd Gill