

Collect for Today

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
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 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

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

2 Samuel 1.1,17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8.7-15
Mark 5.21-43

Verse for the Week:

“David said to the Philistine, ‘You come at me with sword and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts... whom you have defied.’”

1 Samuel 17:45

Prayer & Reading Diary Northlew

Monday

Read: 2 Samuel 1.1,17-27

Prayer: We pray for those recently bereaved;
comfort them in this time of sorrow and help them to
know that you are there.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 130

Prayer: Look kindly on His Majesty the King and the
Princess of Wales as they continue medical treatment
whilst also having to being in the public eye. Bless
them, Lord, and all other sick people and their
families.

Wednesday

Read: 2 Corinthians 8.7-15

Prayer: We ask for your good care of the land and the
crops now growing. Bless all who work in the
farming community; please let them succeed at their
work without too much interference from others.

Thursday

Read: Mark 5.21-43

Prayer: We thank God for the summer flowers, that
are in abundance everywhere, as they remind us of the
beauty in the world.

Friday

Read: Deuteronomy 15.1-11

Prayer: We ask you, Lord, to watch over our Armed
Forces. Give them courage as they serve our nation.

Saturday

Read: Acts 27.[13-32]33-44

Prayer: We ask that you calm any fears and worries
for those awaiting surgery, that they may soon be back
with their families, once their procedures are over.

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
ruthokehampton@gmail.com

* **Brick Church** takes place **next Saturday (29th)** at
4:00pm in the church hall in Market Street. Lots of
Lego, snacks, a Bible story and prayers. Everyone is
welcome; put the word out.

* **A very warm welcome to Jonathan Cook and his
family.** Jonathan will be ordained Deacon at Exeter
Cathedral on 29th June and will be a second curate in
the Northmoor Team (aren't we lucky?). He will be
living in Northlew and working mainly with Leigh
and the parishes in the northern part of the team.
Please pray for the family as they settle into their new
home and Jonathan begins his work with us.

* Auction of Promises with Supper Saturday 6th July 7 for 7;30.

Church Hall Market Street

Tickets for two course supper just £8

Mish Flexman 07913329148 or there will be a list at
the back of All Saints. Licensed bar.

Come along and enjoy the opportunity to bid for a
service such as gardening, ironing, dog sitting, or a
stint of DIY. Would you like someone to cook a meal
for you or bring you a cream tea, or would you like to
be taught a new skill?

Dates for your Diary:



* 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://jcgmidsommerconcert.eventbrite.com>

* The Two Moors Festival is holding a concert in Okehampton Church this year on **Thursday 10th October** at 7.30. Further details are here.

[Stile Antico \(twomoorsfestival.co.uk\)](http://StileAntico.twomoorsfestival.co.uk)

Festival tickets go on sale on 1st July.

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Church Services:



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

Wednesday 26th June

7:00pm

Jacobstowe – Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 30th June

(5th Sunday after Trinity)

8:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Bridestowe – Christening Service

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

3:00pm

Hatherleigh – Deanery Service followed by tea

Grapevine

4th Sunday after Trinity

23rd June 2024

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In the readings set for this Sunday we have the story of David and Goliath (we probably won't read that one, because it's very long), we have Paul's description of all the things he and his companions had to go through, from beatings to hunger, and from the Gospels we have the stilling of the storm. I suppose if you are looking for a common thread you could say they are about overcoming; in each of them an apparently small power overcomes a greater one.

I did say "apparently". I heard a commentary on the Goliath story which maintained that the giant never had a chance. A slingshot was a deadly weapon. David would have spent many hours of boredom on stony hillsides with nothing to do but perfect his skills. At ten meters he could have hit Goliath between the eyes nine times out of ten. David rejected the king's weapons and chose his own for a reason.

There's a children's song which goes "With Jesus in the boat we can smile at the storm". God has equipped us with what we need to overcome the challenges we will face. It may not seem like it; it may be very tempting to reach for the solutions the world has to offer, but with faith and self-belief we can find a way through. Then we won't need Jesus' gentle rebuke to his disciples; "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?"
Stephen Cook