

Collect for Today

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of
love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before
you.
Grant this for your only Son 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)

Genesis 3.8-15
(Psalm 130)
2 Corinthians 4.13 – 5.1
Mark 3.20-35

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

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

Verse for the Week:

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we
are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being
renewed day by day. **2 Corinthians 4 v16**

Prayer & Reading Diary Exbourne

Monday

Read: 1 Samuel 15.34 - 16.13
Prayer: We give thanks for all Vicars, Readers and
Lay Worship Leaders, guide, encourage and
strengthen them throughout all our Communities.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 20
Prayer: As Staff and Pupils return after a short break,
pour your wisdom, patience and diligence into all
Schools and Colleges.

Wednesday

Read: 2 Corinthians 5.6-10[11-13]14-17
Prayer: Comfort, heal and console all who are
suffering in any way.

Thursday

Read: Mark 4.26-34
Prayer: We give thanks especially today for all those
who gave their lives that we might have freedom and
live a life of openness from any form of Tyranny.

Friday

Read: Deuteronomy 10.12 - 11.1
Prayer: We pray for those all over the World who are
suffering Oppression, Famine, War, Flood and so
many other Disasters, use your healing hand to
strengthen their lives and put an end to injustice in any
form.

Saturday

Read: Acts 23.12-35
Prayer: As the weekend sets in give us time to
appreciate all the things you have given us,
family, friends, countryside, health and so much more
that we take for granted. Help us take time to show
our appreciation for your loving hand.

Notices:



* Okehampton Deanery Treasurer

Okehampton Deanery needs someone to pick up part
or all of the Deanery Treasurer role. You do not need
to be a synod member to do this. Training is available,
and a full handover will be given. The most urgent
need is someone to pay expenses and maintain the
accounts, this may be something you can do in the
interim, even if you aren't available to take on the
whole Treasurer role. Please do consider whether God
might be calling you to this key role. Philip, the
outgoing treasurer, is very happy to discuss what's
involved: p.lynn@btinternet.com or [01837 849144](tel:01837849144)

*** Parish editors for Northmoor Team or A
Church Near You websites:** We need volunteers to
assist with updating individual parish pages. 1-2-1
training available. Those who already do this for
parishes, please consider including the Team/ACNY
website in your remit? Bare minimum is we need
someone from each parish as a key news
contact. Contact Rev Gill for more information.

*** Treasurer for the Church Hall,
Okehampton:** Our current treasurer has given notice
that she will finish in July (or earlier if someone
comes forward). If you would like to be part of a great
team managing this community asset in the heart of
Okehampton, contact Rev Gill for more
information. (or pass her number on to someone who
might – they don't need to be churchgoers).

Dates for your Diary:



*** Saturday June 8th: Concert by the West Devon Chorale** at All Saints - 5pm Tickets £15 advance/ £16 on the door (students and under 18's £8) Contact Mish Flexman on 07913 329148 for details

*** 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!

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Church Services:



Sunday 9th June

(2nd Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

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

11:00am

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

2:30pm

Northlew – Service followed by Tea

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

Grapevine

2nd Sunday after Trinity

9th June 2024



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The verse I've chosen today probably speaks to most of us, given the age profile of our congregations – 'outwardly we are wasting away'; well may be that's a bit over-stated but once we get to a certain age, things don't quite work as they used to. And it can be a bit depressing – I can't walk as once I did, and certainly not run, my hair is thinning and grey. My family, affectionately I hope, sometimes refer to me as the old 'plodger' combining in a new word plodding and codger! But, hey there's hope for me yet – "inwardly we are being renewed day by day."

How often have you heard someone say 'I don't feel old inside' or 'you're only as old as you feel'? And right here in Scripture, we see a spiritual truth to these claims, as through God's good grace we are renewed inwardly, spiritually refreshed, enlivened with hope. There is an inward life that is important even when the limbs are creaking, footsteps uncertain. Now I know that some are also affected by mental ill-health or dementia. The Church has an important role, alongside professional carers, in providing support and a safe place for those who are not only wasting away outwardly but may no longer be as personally aware of inward renewal as once they were. We walk with such people and together seek to hold on to our faith that God is Love and we can trust Him to renew in His own time.

Michael Winter