

Collect for Today

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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)

2 Samuel 7.1-14a
(Psalm 89.20-37)
Ephesians 2.11-22
Mark 6.30-34,53-56

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

2 Samuel 11.1-15
(Psalm 14)
Ephesians 3.14-21
John 6.1-21

Verse for the Week:

“So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but
you are citizens with the saints and members of the
household of God, built upon the foundations of the
apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as
the cornerstone.” **Ephesians 2:19-20**

Prayer & Reading Diary Bratton Clovelly

Monday

Read: 2 Samuel 11.1-15
Prayer: Church groups and committees, PCC
members, Church Wardens and officers.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 14
Prayer: The young people in the village and those
in education, especially at Boasley Cross School and
Okehampton College; and all those at university and
college.

Wednesday

Read: Ephesians 3.14-21
Prayer: The older people in the community and
those who have recently moved into the village.

Thursday

Read: John 6.1-21
Prayer: The sick at home or in hospital and anyone
suffering either mentally or physically in the
community.

Friday

Read: Song of Solomon 2
Prayer: Methodist chapels and our continuing co-
operation with them and all those who minister in our
churches throughout the team.

Saturday

Read: 1 Peter 4.7-14
Prayer: The Parish Council, Parish Hall Committee
and all other organisations.

Notices:



*** Wednesday 24th July: Jacobstowe**
Patronal Celtic Evening Prayer @7pm

Dates for your Diary:



* 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 21st July

(8th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Exbourne – Patronal Festival
Meeth – Morning Praise
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – United Service with Christening
Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Family Service
Lydford – Morning Prayer

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Sunday 28th July

(9th Sunday after Trinity)

8:30am

Sticklepath - Holy Communion

9:30am

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

11:00am

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

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

Grapevine

8th Sunday after Trinity

21st July 2024



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“And in July the man in cotton shorts, he sits and thinks of being idle. The August man in thousands takes the road to watch the sea and find the sun. September man is standing near, to saddle up and lead the year, and autumn is his bridle.” Those words from Dave Goulder’s classic folk song about the turning of the year came into my head as I sat down to write this. The schools are out, the football’s over, Wimbledon’s finished and summer is... kind of... here. There is a distinct change of mood; things that normally happen don’t happen and things that don’t normally happen do, but we know it’s just a pause: September man is waiting for us.

“Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest for a while.” Those are the words of Jesus to his friends in the Gospel reading set for today. They were pressed in on every side by crowds of people demanding to be healed, eager to be taught. There was so much to do but they had to create space for rest. So they got in a boat.

Summer is our boat. It will carry across to September, but on the way we can rest a while; we can watch the sea and think about being idle. Make the most of it, even if you feel a little lonely at times. Think, pray, take stock, then when autumn comes you’ll be ready to climb into the saddle and ride on.

Stephen Cook