

Collect for Today

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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)

2 Samuel 18.5-9,15,31-33
(Psalm 130)
Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2
John 6.35,41-51

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14
(Psalm 111)
Ephesians 5.15-20
John 6.51-58

Verse for the Week:

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love. As Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Ephesians 5:1-2

Prayer & Reading Diary Jacobstowe

Monday

Read: Psalm 148 v 1-4 and 12-13

Prayer: For children and young people on holiday from school and their parents.

Tuesday

Read: Matthew 18 v 1-5, 10 and 12-14

Prayer: For the community of Jacobstowe and all those who support the Church.

Wednesday

Read: Matthew 18 v 15 -20

Prayer: For the towns and cities where there has been unrest and violence. Pray that peace and respect will prevail.

Thursday

Read: Galatians 4 v 4-7

Prayer: For our new curate, Jonathan as he continues to get to know the Benefice, and for his family.

Friday

Read: Matthew 19 v 3-12

Prayer: For those in our parishes who are unwell that they may find strength.

Saturday

Read: Matthew 19 v 13-15

Prayer: For our farmers as they work hard to bring in the harvest after a difficult year.

Notices:



* **Belstone:** St Mary's Church is holding their Matronal Festival **THIS Sunday 11th August at 3.30pm.** Gather at the Memorial stone for a walk on the moor, followed by tea in St Mary's Church and a short Service at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for all or part of the celebrations.

* **Inwardleigh** at St. Petroc's **THIS Sunday 11th August at 9.30am** there will be a special LAMMAS DAY SERVICE . Lammas also known as 'Loaf Mass Day' is a festival to mark the blessing of the First Fruits of Harvest. There will be refreshments after the service. We look forward to seeing everyone.

* We will be serving **Cream Teas, Savouries and delicious cakes** at **Sourton Parish Hall** on August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th as well as September 1st in aid of St Thomas a Becket Church. Enjoy a walk or cycle along the Granite Way and pop in for a light lunch or treat yourself to a lovely home made tea. Bring your friends and family.



Dates for your Diary:



* **All Saints Okehampton** is holding a **church open day on 14th September** with all kinds of things happening.

*Volunteers are needed and there is a meeting to plan on **Wednesday 21st August at 2:00 pm** in the church hall and everyone is welcome.*

* 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 11th August

(11th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Inwardleigh – Lammas Day Service
Bridestowe – Morning Prayer
Jacobstowe – Morning Prayer
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion
Northlew – Holy Communion

11:00am

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

3:30pm

Belstone – Matronal Service
Walk at 3:30pm followed by tea & Service at 5pm

Sunday 18th August

(12th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Exbourne – Holy Communion
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion
Bridestowe – Coach Trip to Bude

11:00am

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

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Wednesday 21st August

7:00pm

Jacobstowe – Celtic Evening Prayer

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I am writing this the morning after the rioting and disorder came to Devon, as Plymouth became the latest focus for trouble. Maybe by the time you read it things will have calmed down, I hope so, but we have certainly been given a glimpse beneath the surface and what we have seen is ugly. People who throw bricks at police officers or who terrorise neighbourhoods deserve to be punished; there's no excuse for it, but when the smashed glass has been cleared up and the streets returned to normal, we would be wise to ask what we need to do to live peaceably together on a small island.

Maybe the reading from Ephesians set for today holds a clue. "Let no evil talk come out of your mouths... be kind to one another... tender-hearted and forgiving as God in Christ has forgiven you." It begins with what we say, and there has been violent language on both sides in recent days. The only effective counter to violence and hatred is kindness and love. That is phenomenally difficult, especially as hatred is instant and satisfying and kindness takes time and costs.

"You are the light of the world..." Jesus said to his little band of followers. It's our job as churches to be beacons of kindness, gentleness and hope. We are to be salve for a hurting society, letting the angry people who feel no one listens or cares know that we hear them, and we care. We can't change the world, but we can change our little bit of it, and peace is made up of millions of small acts of kindness.

Stephen Cook