

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience
is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14
(Psalm 111)
Ephesians 5.15-20
John 6.51-58

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

1 Kings 8.[1,6,10-11] 22-30,41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6.10-20
John 6.56-69

Verse for the Week:

“I am the living bread that came down from
heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.
This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life
of the world.”
John 6:51

Prayer & Reading Diary Hatherleigh

Monday

Read: 1 Kings 8.[1,6,10-11] 22-30,41-43
Prayer: Please pray for our ministry team which has
grown by 1 curate and 1 LLM that we learn to work
well together and develop healthy team relationships.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 84
Prayer: Please pray for our weekly coffee morning,
that the right encounters happen to support those in
need of a listening ear.

Wednesday

Read: Ephesians 6.10-20
Prayer: Pray for good movement forward for the
plans for the new Hatherleigh market.

Thursday

Read: John 6.56-69
Prayer: Pray for our youth cafe as Jonathan Cook
takes up the leadership of this project; that he and the
rest of the team connect well with the young people
who come.

Friday

Read: Ecclesiasticus 3.17-29
Prayer: Please pray that our need of PCC officers is
met by God's appointed people.

Saturday

Read: Revelation 1
Prayer: We're in wedding season! Please pray for the
5 couples married here this month, that their weddings
go well, more importantly that they have successful,
happy marriages.

Notices:



*** 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 All Saints Church and everyone is welcome.

*** Thursday 19th September** 2-4pm online: **Free training** for anyone involved in making posters and notices etc. for their church. Our team is desperately short of people to do this, so find your creative side and learn how to communicate the church message through this essential ministry. Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/PJK7TGakVZ3Cku2M6>

*** 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:



* 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 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

Sunday 25th August

(13th 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
Northlew - Morning Prayer
Sourton - Morning Prayer

11:00am

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

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

Grapevine

12th Sunday after Trinity

18th Aug 2024



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This is my body given for you... this is my blood shed for you.” As Christians we are so used to those words that we can forget how bizarre they are. In the gospel set for today Jesus starts talking about people eating his flesh and drinking his blood and the people are shocked. Even if they didn’t take him literally the image is bad enough, especially for Jewish people who would not eat flesh and blood combined.

Jesus sometimes used extreme language; like tearing out your eye or cutting off your hand. The effect is to bring you up short and force you to ask what he means. We have argued about how we should understand these words ever since and the debate hasn’t ended yet.

The people at the time wanted him to perform the ultimate miracle and bring down manna from heaven. That would have proved beyond doubt he was the Messiah. Jesus tells them that was just a temporary fix for a passing hunger; he is offering something far better. You want bread from heaven? Here I am! Eat me!

Stephen Cook