

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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)

Song of Solomon 2.8-13
(Psalm 45.1-2,6-9*)
James 1.17-27
Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Proverbs 22.1-2,8,9,22,23
(Psalm 125)
James 2.1-10[11-13] 14-17
Mark 7.24-37

Verse for the Week:

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and
slow to become angry. **James 1 v19**

Prayer & Reading Diary Meeth

Monday

Read: Proverbs 22.1-2,8,9,22,23

Prayer: We pray for people here on holiday that they
may appreciate the beauty of our area.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 125

Prayer: Please help our PCCs in the running of our
churches and send spirit led volunteers to fill the
vacant offices.

Wednesday

Read: James 2.1-10[11-13] 14-17

Prayer: We pray for our children and grandchildren
returning to school or further education that their
holiday has refreshed them and Renewed their
concentration.

Thursday

Read: Mark 7.24-37

Prayer: We pray that the remedial work to our church
tower may proceed smoothly.

Friday

Read: Jonah 3.10 - 4.11

Prayer: We pray and give thanks for the role of
Historic Churches and hope that our Cream tea will
be well supported as we endeavour to raise funds to
help them in their work.

Saturday

Read: Revelation 8.1-5

Prayer: We pray for the street pastors that they are
able to defuse difficult situations.

Notices:



* All Saints Cafe Church on Sunday 1st September

will be at 11am in the Church Hall . This will be an
opportunity to see the work done so far which
includes new heating and lighting.

* **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
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.

* **Sunday 22nd September: Jim Causley event**

St Mary's church Sticklepath at 3pm.
Tickets £12 to include tea and cake.
Please contact 01837 840822 or email for ticket bookings: carolandmikey@gmail.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 1st September

(14th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Exbourne – Family Service
Northlew – Holy Communion
Meeth – All Age Worship
Sourton – Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath – Village Praise

11:00am

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

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

2:30pm

Meeth – Cream Tea for Devon Historic Society
At Village Hall

Sunday 8th September

(15th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

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

11:00am

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

Grapevine

14th Sunday after Trinity

1st Sept 2024



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There are verses in scripture which shout out and grab our attention in a disturbing way. Precisely which verses will vary from person to person according to our personalities and vulnerabilities. For me today 's verse from the first chapter of James is one of those and I dare say I'm not alone. Why? Because many of us, myself included, are fond of the sound of our own voice, have opinions and on occasion are inclined to express them angrily. We might try to convince ourselves that we are expressing righteous anger and sometimes that may be so but, let's be honest, we are much more likely to be angered over things that affect us personally. Oh those petty irritations of life that can lead us to sound off, often to those nearest and dearest; the politicians and celebrities who infuriate us; the car drivers we encounter who really should read their Highway code again! The list is potentially endless. We look out on a world where these personal angers are sometimes magnified and spill over into warfare and riots, intolerance and racism.

James's injunction to listen more than to speak and to be slow to speak, is profoundly counter-cultural in a world where self-expression, as opposed to self-control, and individuality, as opposed to collective responsibility, are lauded. Anger starts with individuals and we need to guard against that in our daily lives, because unchecked it may lead to fractious families, disputes with neighbours and, if unleashed more widely, societal breakdown. *Michael Winter*