

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to
yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
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 8.[1,6,10-11] 22-30,41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6.10-20
John 6.56-69 *or*

Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18
Psalm 34.15-22
Ephesians 6.10-20
John 6.56-69

Readings for Next 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

Verse for the Week:

‘But as for me and my household, we will serve
the Lord’
Joshua 24:15b

Prayer & Reading Diary Lydford

Monday

Read: Song of Solomon 2.8-13

Prayer: the community we live in, especially for those
who take leadership roles on various committees and
those who work to keep the community spirit.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 45.1-2,6-9*

Prayer: for the elderly, the housebound, the lonely,
those finding life hard and difficult to cope with, those
suffering from long-term or life-threatening ill health.

Wednesday

Read: James 1.17-27

Prayer: that those who are away on holiday or are
visiting this beautiful area may find stimulation for body,
mind and spirit and also peace with themselves and with
others.

Thursday

Read: Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23

Prayer: for those who help to keep the church and its
surroundings open, welcoming, clean and safe for those
who enter the area to attend services, to pray and reflect,
or just to visit.

Friday

Read: Jonah 3.1-9

Prayer: our churchwarden and PCC as they work to
keep the church relevant, for the mid-week Morning
Prayer service with its ministry for visitors and locals.

Saturday

Read: Revelation 3.14-22

Prayer: Adrian and all ordained and lay people who
lead worship in the Northmoor team as they prepare for
services, for those who help to enhance that experience
and that those who attend worship this week may do so
with open hearts and minds.

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:



* 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 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

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

Grapevine

13th Sunday after Trinity

25th Aug 2024



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In the reading from Joshua, we find the people of Israel renewing their national covenant with God; much as we, in many of our churches, renew our baptism vows on Easter day each year. However, it didn't take long for God's people in Joshua's day to forget their promises and go their own way when following God ceased to suit them. In the gospel reading, many who had followed Jesus turned away after he delivered some teaching they both failed to understand and found pretty distasteful. Following this, Jesus asks his disciples; 'are you going to leave me too?' Peter answers, 'where else is there to go?' You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed that you are the Holy One of God'.

How good at 'sticking' are we? How soon after Easter day to we find ourselves wandering away from God's best for us? Do we forget our promises to God when things get unpleasant or difficult? Or are there things He requires of us that we find distasteful or repellent? In the Ephesians reading, Paul implores us to simply stand; to not retreat, wearing God's provision of armour; so let us do so, and say with Peter 'where else would we go?' And with Joshua, 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord'.

Leigh Winsbury