

Collect for Today

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully
to fulfil them;
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)

Proverbs 1.20-33
(Psalm 19* *or Canticle*: Wisdom of
Solomon 7.26 - 8.1)
James 3.1-12
Mark 8.27-38

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Proverbs 31.10-31
Psalm 1
James 3.13 - 4.3,7-8a
Mark 9.30-37

Verse for the Week:

“Those who want to save their life will lose it, and
those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake
of the Gospel, will save it. For what will it profit
them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?”

Mark 8:35-36

Prayer & Reading Diary Exbourne

Monday

Read: Proverbs 31.10-31

Prayer: We ask you to give strength and fortitude to
all starting the new School Term, support the young
and give their Parents comfort in knowing the
Children will be in safe hands.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 1

Prayer: Guide all the Staff in Schools and University
as they too take on the huge task of educating and
caring for our youngsters, may they use their talents
wisely.

Wednesday

Read: James 3.13 - 4.3,7-8a

Prayer: Look kindly on all Ministers, Readers and
Lay Worship leaders in this Benefice as they lead us
in Faith, and continued reassurance of your presence
in our lives.

Thursday

Read: Mark 9.30-37

Prayer: We ask your healing hands to rest on so many
suffering with illness; sadness; grief; loneliness;
mental health issues; and personal problems, bring
calm; reassurance and your love into their lives.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 45.9-22

Prayer: Pray for all our Communities, make us more
Patient, Understanding, Compassionate, Forgiving
and Loving in all situations.

Saturday

Read: Revelation 14.1-5

Prayer: Lord there are so many Disasters, Wars, and
Divisions in this World, use your presence and
guidance to bring humanity back to living peacefully
and solidly together as one.

Notices:



* St James, Jacobstowe, invites you to join us for a
traditional cream tea on **Saturday 14 September**
from 2 to 4.30pm in aid of Devon Historic Churches
Trust.

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

* **FREE Treasurer Training:** the first of these is
this Wednesday, 17th Sept at Buckfastleigh. Then
there's one at Exeter on 21st. Open to all church
treasurers and others interested in parish finance. 10-
4pm with lunch provided. Email
elizabeth.anderson@exeter.anglican.org to book, or
online [https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/finance/pa-
rish-finance/treasurer-training/](https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/finance/pa-rish-finance/treasurer-training/)

* **FREE poster training** this week. Tips on design,
and how to use the popular (free) software to create
posters and images quickly and easily. Friday 19th
Sept 2-4pm. Online. Open to all.
<https://forms.gle/PJK7TGakVZ3Cku2M> to book.

(The link above hasn't copied over as a link – you may
want to try the one published for this event in last
week's GV instead)

<https://forms.gle/PJK7TGakVZ3Cku2M6>

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 15th September

(16th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Holy Communion by ext.

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Meeth – Morning Praise

Bridestowe – Harvest Festival with Methodists

Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton – Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Family Service

Lydford – Morning Prayer

7:00pm

Hatherleigh - Prayer and Praise

Sunday 22nd September

(17th Sunday after Trinity)

8:30am

Sticklepath - Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Harvest Festival

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 - Patronal Holy Communion

Exbourne – Harvest Festival

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

Wednesday 25th September

Jacobstowe – Celtic Evening Prayer @ 7pm

Grapevine

16th Sunday after Trinity

15th Sept 2024



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Your friends don't want you to suffer. Your friends will tell you that you shouldn't blame yourself, that it wasn't your fault, that they're sure it will be OK. Your friends will tell you that you did fine and anyone who says otherwise doesn't know what they're talking about. Your friends will tell you to take the easy route and not to worry about it. That's what friends are for, but you shouldn't always listen to them.

Each of Jesus' temptations at the start of his ministry were things friends might say. "Think about yourself, everything will be fine, take the easy route." In each case Jesus stuck to his purpose, countering temptation with scripture. Then, the Bible says, the devil left him, seeking a more opportune time. Now, in the Gospel reading set for this Sunday, at a critical moment in his ministry, that opportune moment came, and Peter, out of friendship and with the best of intentions, became the mouthpiece of the tempter. "We will never let this happen to you..." he says. "Get behind me Satan," says Jesus.

God isn't our friend in that way. God won't tell us to ignore the truth, that everyone does it, that we're only human. God won't tell us it's fine when it isn't. God won't tell us to take the easy route and ignore the right one. If we are wise, we will realise the best advice doesn't always come from the people who love us the most.

Stephen Cook