

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find
their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 31.10-31
(Psalm 1)
James 3.13 - 4.3,7-8a
Mark 9.30-37

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Esther 7.1-6,9,10; 9.20-22
(Psalm 124)
James 5.13-20
Mark 9.38-50

Verse for the Week:

‘Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my
name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me does
not welcome me, but the one who sent me’

Mark 9: 37

Prayer & Reading Diary Northlew

Monday

Read: Esther 7.1-6,9,10; 9.20-22

Prayer: We thank God for the harvest and the skill
and patience of our farmers.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 124

Prayer: Lord, we pray that the world's leaders find
the maturity and will to bring peace to all nations.

Wednesday

Read: James 5.13-20

Prayer: We pray for all those who are bereaved,
especially those with no family support.

Thursday

Read: Mark 9.38-50

Prayer: We ask your blessing on our schools and
teachers, so that our children can learn in a safe and
calm environment.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 48.12-22

Prayer: We pray for our police and armed forces, so
they will have the patience and skills needed in a
turbulent world.

Saturday

Read: Luke 11.37-54

Prayer: Bless tomorrow's services and those leading
them and let your love guide those who are uncertain
of their path in life.

Notices:



* **This Sunday's** cream teas at Sourton parish hall in
aid of Marie Curie nurses is cancelled due to a
burst water pipe.

* **Thursday 19th** is free training in making posters
for church.
Contact grace.stanhope@exeter.anglican.org for more
info)

* **Saturday 21st** is free training for treasurers and
anyone with an interest in church
finance. Contact elizabeth.anderson@exeter.org.uk fo
r more info.

* There is also a new 4-session GROW course
beginning soon (these are very popular free courses
run by the Diocese). The upcoming GROW is on
Children, Youth and Schools work. It's on **19th &
26th Sept, and 3rd & 10th Oct.** If you want to learn
more about how we can GROW in this area, please
contact sharon.blyth@exeter.anglican.org

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.

Contact Details:



- Revd Stephen Cook (Team Rector)
01837 659297 SCook9673@aol.com
- Revd Adrian Brook (Team Vicar)
01837 861580 ajbrook2020@outlook.com
- Revd Leigh Winsbury (Team Vicar)
01837 810680 lwinsbury@googlemail.com
- Ruth Carlidge (Team Administrator)
07551 655424 northmoorpa@gmail.com
- Maurie Webber 01837 53845
mwebberm@yahoo.co.uk
- Canon Tim Newcombe
01837 52901 tnewcombe001@gmail.com
- Revd Gill George (Curate) 07947
604160 revgillgeorge@gmail.com
- Revd. Jonathan Cook (Curate) 07716318022
rev.jonathan.cook@gmail.com

Church Services:



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 - Harvest Festival

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

Sunday 29th September

(18th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Bridestowe – Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton – Joint Service with Belstone and
Inwardleigh @ Okehampton

Hatherleigh – Five Church Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Grapevine

17th Sunday after Trinity

22nd Sept 2024



grapevine.northmoor@aol.com



www.northmoorteam.org.uk

In this week's gospel reading, Jesus is sorting out his disciples' ego problems. Of course, none of our churches would suffer from a problem like that, would they? Well, it does come up, again and again. Jesus' solution? Become like a child again; remember the wonder, the delight, the simplicity of just enjoying life, yes, and God's presence, without being too clever or stuffy about it.

In Matthews's version he then encourages his disciples to 'let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them'. And of course we'd all like to see more children in our churches wouldn't we? At least until we get some, then we discover that they are noisy, disruptive and demanding. Apparently that's another aspect of 'childlikeness' that God would like his followers to demonstrate; worth a thought.

This whole business of 'letting the children come' seems to me to be of the utmost importance. If our churches are to have a future, we must attract, have and hold our younger generations, and the last few decades have displayed that we've not done terribly well at this. It is unlikely that we will ever again see children in church behaving like they did in the 1950's. Let's take a good hard look at what we do, who we are, and what that looks and feels like to anyone new [young or old] who ventures through our doors. How is our welcome? Our hospitality? Are we too clever or stuffy to embrace the disruption of new life? Let's not be for 'each generation shall praise your works to the next'. [Ps. 145: 4]

Leigh Winsbury