

Collect for Today

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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)

Job 1.1; 2.1-10
(Psalm 26)
Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12
Mark 10.2-16

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Job 23.1-9,16,17
Psalm 22.1-15
Hebrews 4.12-16
Mark 10.17-31

Verse for the Week:

‘And he took the children in his arms, placed his
hands on them and blessed them.’ **Mark 10:16**

Prayer & Reading Diary Sourton

Monday

Read: Job 23.1-9,16,17
Prayer: Our clergy, especially Adrian Brook and
his family, lay readers and Sourton lay worship
leader, Caroline North.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 22.1-15
Prayer: Local families, farmers and children;
Boasley Cross Primary School and all the schools in
the Dartmoor MAT.

Wednesday

Read: Hebrews 4.12-16
Prayer: The Sourton Commoners Association and
Sourton Parish Council.

Thursday

Read: Mark 10.17-31
Prayer: Our PCC members and all who care for St
Thomas' Church.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 50.4-10
Prayer: All who visit St Thomas' Church; our
outreach to visitors and to all people seeking faith
and direction.

Saturday

Read: Luke 13.22-30
Prayer: Those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

Notices:



* Harvest service at **Inwardleigh** church with the
choir will be held on **Sunday 13th October** at 3pm
and not 3.30 as previously advertised. There will be
no service in the morning or afternoon.
Also the harvest supper is on **Monday 14th October**
at 7.30pm at Folly Gate parish hall. To book a ticket
please phone Brenda Hooper 07810 124288 or Ann
Chastey 01837 53346.

* 2024 Christmas Shoeboxes

This year we will again be donating Shoeboxes
through Christian Response to Eastern Europe based
in Exmouth. This charity provides valuable support to
Ukraine and Moldova. Please take a look into their
website that covers the support they provide.
The Shoeboxes will need to be brought into All
Saints' somewhere near the end of October where
they will receive a blessing before their journey to
Europe. Lists of the suggested items are available on
the notice board in Church. I can email a copy if you
are not able to pick one up. If you would prefer to
make a donation towards a box please contact me for
the Church bank details. Thank you for your support
for this very worthwhile cause.

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* There will be a series of pub discussions in the
Devonshire Inn in Sticklepath on the **3rd, 10th and
17th of October, 12:30-2:00pm**.
This time the title is "All things woke". The subjects
are "Is immigration a problem?" "Sex, gender, male
female, what's it all about?" and "Is climate change
really an emergency?" The sort of thing you might
talk about in a pub but in a slightly more organised
way. Hosted by Stephen Cook and Derek Moore.
Pasties available if notified in advance 07790909442

Dates for your Diary:



Thursday 3rd October

Jacobstowe - Harvest Celebration @ 7pm

Friday 11th October

Meeth - Harvest Festival @ 7pm

* 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 6th October

(19th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Family Service

Meeth - All age Worship

Sourton – Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Cafe Church in Church Hall

Hatherleigh – Holy Communion

Lydford - Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – Jnt Harvest Festival @ Methodists

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

5:00pm

Sticklepath - Pet Memorial Service

6:00pm

Northlew - Harvest Festival, followed by supper

6:30pm

Okehampton - Holy Communion in All Saints

Sunday 13th October

(20th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Jacobstowe - Morning Prayer

Northlew - Holy Communion

Bridestowe – Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath - Harvest Service in Village Hall

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Meeth - Morning Prayer

2:30pm

Northlew - Harvest Festival at Methodists

3:00pm

Inwardleigh – Harvest Service



Grapevine

19th Sunday after Trinity

6th Oct 2024



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Just verses after being told welcoming children in Christ's name is to welcome God Himself, the disciples are found rebuking people bringing their children to Jesus (v13). Understandably Jesus 'was indignant' (v14) and reminded them of what he had (just) told them (v14). Though at least it's not just me who quickly forgets what I heard in a sermon!

What of this emphasis on Jesus's touch? In an age where touch is idolised or demonised, physical touch can be an awkward topic. Yet, Jesus touched the leper, the child, the widow, the ill. These children were being brought to Jesus by family/friends specifically for him to touch them (v13). Holding a person, even just a handshake, tells the world something. Do we actually care? But also, as the body of Christ, how are the church collectively 'touching' the world?

Of course touch can be misused, but do we need everything from teaching, to banking and even sex done via 'touch' digitally. Is the internet protecting anyone? It is our call as the body of Christ to model healthy, safe, healing, respectful touch in real life. Obviously, always ask for permission if unsure. Yet, perhaps a hug, or asking for a hug (even just a high-five), might be the most Jesus-like thing you could do this week? Touch is an important model of Christ's love.

Jonathan Cook