

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us
in great humility; that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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)

Jeremiah 33.14-16
(Psalm 25.1-9)
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13
Luke 21.25-36

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Baruch 5.1-9 or Malachi 3.1-4
(*Canticle*: Benedictus)
Philippians 1.3-11
Luke 3.1-6

Verse for the Week:

“Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.”
1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

Prayer & Reading Diary Meeth

Monday

Read: Malachi 3.1-4

Prayer: We give thanks for our bell ringers and hope for more ringers when our tower is fully restored.

Tuesday

Read: Philippians 1.3-11

Prayer: We pray that Leigh's Advent Course is well attended and that we learn more about Gods will.

Wednesday

Read: Luke 3.1-6

Prayer: We pray for the Archbishop and the Deanery and General Synod representatives at this difficult time.

Thursday

Read: Psalm 80

Prayer: We give thanks for the community spirit which motivated the Meeth Christmas Fair.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 64.1-7

Prayer: Please pray for all the charities which support the lonely, elderly and homeless that they are well supported this Christmas.

Saturday

Read: Matthew 11.2-11

Prayer: We give thanks for the children taking part in nativity plays that they may learn the true magic of Christmas.

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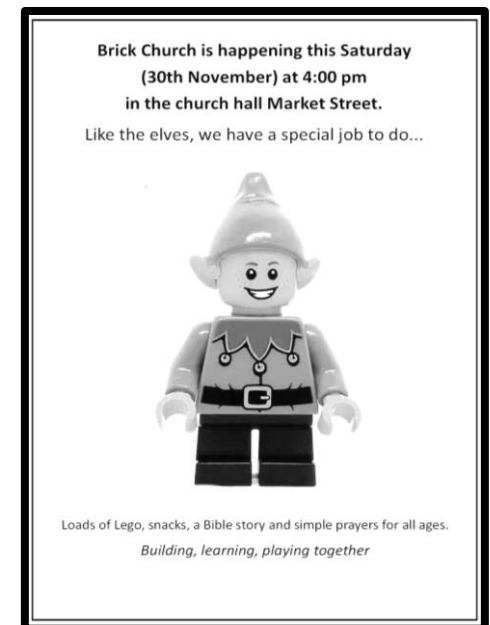


* **Saturday November 30th** is the **All Saints Christmas Craft and Coffee morning** in the Church Hall from 10am -12 noon

* This Sunday, **December 1st is Christingle** at 11 at All Saints Church and there will be a service of Holy Communion at church at 6.30pm.
Sunday December 8th is Communion with the Toy Service.

* **Tuesday 3rd December: Christingle** at Northlew, starting at 2:30pm

* **Wednesday 11th December: Carol Service** at Jacobstowe, starting at 7pm



Dates for your Diary:



* Monday 9th Dec: Christmas Wreath Making

Workshop at 7pm in the Church Hall, Okehampton.
Materials provided. Booking Essential
To book or for further information call Mish Flexman
on 07913329148

* Bridestowe Christmas Tree Festival in St Bridget's Church.

Opening times: December
Sunday 15th 11.00am to 7.00pm
Monday 16th to Saturday 21st 10.00am to 7.00pm
Sunday 22nd 11.00am to 4.00pm

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Church Services:

Sunday 1st December

(1st Sunday of Advent)

9:30am

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

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Christingle
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford - Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek - Holy Communion

4:00pm

Belstone – Christingle & Toy Service

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Christingle

6:30pm

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Sunday 8th December

(2nd Sunday of Advent)

9:30am

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

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion Toy Service
Hatherleigh – Morning Service
Lydford – Holy Communion
Exbourne – Morning Prayer
Meeth – Samuel Jerman Service



Grapevine

1st Sunday of Advent

1st Dec 2024



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I can remember as a child working out how old I would be in the year 2000 and thinking how impossibly far away it seemed. Now the millennium is just a memory. When I first got my driving licence, I noticed with amusement that it expired when I was 70. That is still a little way off, but not so far as it was. Christmas, which seemed a very long way away at the start of the year, is now approaching fast.

Future things become present things: it is part of what the word Advent means. There were hundreds of years between the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the new. The prophets had looked forward to a saviour who would usher in a new relationship between God and his people. Hope had grown dim with waiting. Then a young woman received an angelic visitor. The future became the present, the present became history.

We believe that Jesus will come again, that this age of waiting will come to an end, that there will be a new dawn of peace and justice. It hasn't happened yet, but we believe it will: that the future will become the present. Preachers are fond of saying that we should be ready when Jesus comes again, but I am never sure quite how you could possibly be ready for such a thing. I just want to say don't lose hope: the Lord is coming. Future becomes present.

Stephen Cook