

Collect for Today

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of
heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his
feet;
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)

Daniel 7.9-10,13,14
(Psalm 93)
Revelation 1.4b-8
John 18.33-37

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

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

Verse for the Week:

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to
this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my
followers would be fighting to keep me from being
handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is
not from here.” **John 18 v36**

Prayer & Reading Diary Lydford

Monday

Read: Jeremiah 33.14-16
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 25.1-9
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: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13
Prayer: For all young people and adults involved in
education, especially those at the village school.

Thursday

Read: Luke 21.25-36
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: Isaiah 51.4-11
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: Romans 13.11-14
Prayer: Adrian and all ordained and lay people who
lead worship in the Northmoor team as they prepare
for tomorrow's 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:



*** Wednesday 27th November: Celtic Evening
Prayer** at Jacobstowe, starting at 7pm.

*** There will be an informal service for Christians
Together Okehampton at 6.30 this Sunday** in the
church hall Market Street. All are welcome.

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

*** Northmoor Team Website and A Church Near
You:** This is a key ‘shop window’ for those looking to
join us. I need one or two folk from each parish
(especially those without websites of their own) to
contact me so that we can find a way to keep your
parish information updated online. This need not be
an onerous task, and you do not need to be a web
developer to do it! - Rev Gill

*** Growing in Prayer:** This free online course is
running from 7.30-9pm for the 4 Mondays in
November. As we prepare for vacancy the need for
“all the saints” to be strengthened in their own gifts
and ministries is important. This is a wonderful
opportunity to grow in your own private prayer and
relationship with God. Book online
at <https://forms.gle/FsaHQTKEosJSC5W2A>. – Rev
Gill.

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
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Church Services:

Sunday 24th November

(Sunday next before Advent/ Christ the King)

8:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – Family Service

Sourton – Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly – Morning Prayer

Northlew - Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe - Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Lydford – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Meeth – Holy Communion

6:00pm

Hatherleigh – Evensong

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



Grapevine

Sunday next before Advent

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My kingdom does not belong to this world”. Thus spoke Jesus to Pilate in words that have a double meaning, signifying both life beyond death and a radical new way of being in this world, living according to the principles of truth and unconditional love Jesus expounded and lived by.

Which of these two kingdom ideas do you find most difficult to grasp? The first requires a depth of faith that some struggle with, and there is nothing wrong with honest struggle and doubt. But the second, if anything, I find even harder. In a deeply secular and materialistic society how do we find a way of living that is not of this world? In the 15th century Thomas à Kempis encouraged the imitation of Christ with instructions concerning inward peace, purity of heart, a good conscience, patience, submission to the will of God and, for the love of Jesus, enduring the loss of comfort and taking up the Cross. Five centuries later, Gandhi wrote: “I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.”

So it would seem that the imitation of Christ has not been entirely successful. Jesus’ kingdom is not of this world but most of his followers, most of the time, appear all too worldly and struggle to translate faith into a radically different way of living. We are not good imitators, but let us draw comfort from God’s unfailing love and generous forgiveness and try to imitate even if we know we will fall short.

Michael Winter