

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your
incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
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 31.7-14
(Psalm 147.13-21)
Ephesians 1.3-14
John 1.[1-9]10-18

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Isaiah 43.1-7
(Psalm 29)
Acts 8.14-17
Luke 3.15-17,21,22

Verse for the Week:

‘In Christ we are set free by the blood of his death,
and so we have forgiveness of sins. How rich is God’s
grace, which he has given to us fully and freely.’

Ephesians 1.7-8

Prayer & Reading Diary Sourton

Monday

Read: Isaiah 43.1-7

Prayer: Our clergy, especially Adrian Brook and his family, lay readers and Sourton lay worship leader, Caroline North.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 29

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

Wednesday

Read: Acts 8.14-17

Prayer: The Sourton Commoners Association and Sourton Parish Council.

Thursday

Read: Luke 3.15-17,21,22

Prayer: Our PCC members and all who care for St Thomas’ Church.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 42.1-9

Prayer: All who visit St Thomas’ Church; our outreach to visitors and to all people seeking faith and direction.

Saturday

Read: Acts 19.1-7

Prayer: Those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

Notices:



* St Mary’s Belstone Presents

The Life and Times of the Reverend Stephen Cook
As you may be aware, our Team Rector, Stephen Cook, is retiring in early January and, as our farewell tribute to him, St Mary’s Church Belstone is planning an evening entitled “**The Life and Times of the Rev Stephen Cook**”.

Everyone is invited to join us in Belstone Village Hall at 7.00 pm on **Friday 10th January** when ‘**This is Your Life Meets Desert Island Discs**’. Doors open at 6.30pm for an evening of music, memories and laughter, as we take a light hearted look at Steve’s life so far.

What was life like for him growing up at the end of the 50s and into the 60s? Why did he join the police force? What happened in his life that brought about a change of career? Has he any great plans for his retirement?

The whole evening will be interspersed with personal musical interludes that have a connection to his story. Free entry with soft drinks, tea, coffee, light refreshments and a paid bar, **Everyone welcome.**

For more info, contact Edwina on 07067179769 or edwinarobinhill@outlook.com

Dates for your diary :



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 Cartlidge (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) 07768 836077
rev.jonathan.cook@gmail.com



Church Services:



Sunday 5th January

(2nd Sunday of Christmas)

9:30am

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

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Family Service
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford – Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek - Holy Communion

6:30pm

Okehampton - Holy Communion for
Epiphany

Sunday 12th January

(Baptism of Christ/1st Sunday after Epiphany)

09:30am

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

11:00am

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

3:00pm

Sticklepath - Holy Communion

Grapevine

2nd Sunday of Christmas

5th Jan 2025



grapevine.northmoor@aol.com



www.northmoorteam.org.uk

This is the time when those aspirations for the year come up against the hard rock of reality. Our determination to be a better person: to eat less, exercise more and get a grip come up against all the appetites and laziness that caused us to feel the need to make changes in the first place. It can be a frustrating experience.

My advice, for what it is worth, is don't try. "Try" is a loaded word which sets us up for failure because it implies pushing ourselves beyond the limits of our capabilities. It's a bit like walking away from something to which we are attached by a bungee rope: the further we go the stronger the attraction back becomes until eventually we can no longer resist. It is better first to unfasten the rope and then walk free.

I think this is what St Paul meant when he urged his readers to "Consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to righteousness". We are to make the mental shift from being slaves to being free: to say to ourselves "I am better than this: I don't need this[this is not who I want to be." As Christians we can back that up by understanding that in Christ, we are a new creation: we no longer need to be defined by what used to be: we can live out of the new self, not the old. I would like to wish you a very happy New Year and pray that this will be one in which you find that God has cut the rope and left you free to walk away.

Stephen Cook (from 2018)