

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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)

Jeremiah 17.5-10
(Psalm 1)
1 Corinthians 15.12-20
Luke 6.17-26

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25
(Psalm 65)
Revelation 4
Luke 8.22-25

Verse for the Week:

‘Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh’.
Luke 6 v 21

Prayer & Reading Diary Lydford

Monday

Read: Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25

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 65

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: Revelation 4

Prayer: For all young people and adults involved in education, especially those at the village school.

Thursday

Read: Luke 8.22-25

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: Job 28.1-11

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, for the discussions about the future of the team and the appointment of a new Rector.

Saturday

Read: Acts 14.8-17

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:



* **House/Prayer Group** is this Tuesday 18th at 30 Leeze Park at 7.30pm. Do join us – all are welcome. Contact Rev Gill if any queries.

* **Brick Church** is next **Saturday 22nd** in the Church Hall at 4pm. Spread the word – we are growing in popularity and have Lego® to span the age range. All welcome.

* **Saturday 22nd: Okehampton Street Pastors** have a Commissioning Service at 3pm at Inspiration Church (The Meeting Place, formerly Gospel Hall in Crediton Rd). Street Pastors do valuable work but need more Trustees and rely on the support of the local churches in a variety of ways. Please do go along if you can.

* The diocese are offering something for anyone who loves animals and wants to know more about reaching people through animals in our church ministry. **Connecting Through Pets** is on **Tuesday 11th March**.

Contact Sharon.blyth@exeter.anglican.org or go to <https://forms.gle/5p4L1EoN7GuJcCQU8> for more information.

* **All Saints Church Treasurer.**

After 11 years of loyal service, our treasurer is stepping down after the APCM in April 2025. If you think you may be interested and have the skills for this role, or alternatively that you may prefer to take on part of its responsibilities, for example, reclaiming VAT or GIFT aid claims, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact either Sara Hall or Pete Brayne for further information.

Anyone considered for this role will be subject to fulfilment of the diocesan safer recruitment procedure. Sara Hall 07504 272061 Pete Brayne 07775 878353 Cw.allsaints@gmail.com

Dates for your diary :



* All Saints Okehampton will be open each **Tuesday morning from 10-12** providing an opportunity to reflect, pray and share any anxieties during this time of Vacancy. Refreshments will be available, please feel free to drop in for all or part of the time (bring your knitting if you like, the heating will be on!)

* **Every Thursday:** 10am Communion at St James, Okehampton

* Our **Archdeacon, Douglas Dettmer**, is leading the 11am Communion service at Okehampton on **Sunday 23rd April** and will stay for refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

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Church Services:



Sunday 16th February

(3rd Sunday before Lent)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh - Holy Communion
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion or M/Prayer
Exbourne – Holy Communion
Northlew - Morning Prayer
Meeth – Morning Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Family Service
Lydford – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Joint Service with Methodists

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Sunday 23rd February

(2nd Sunday before Lent)

08:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

09:30am

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

11:00am

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

6:30pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

Grapevine

3rd Sunday before Lent

16th February 2025



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Today's reading from St Luke's gospel contains words of Jesus that would have startled some of his hearers. The poor and hungry deserve help, of course, but to proclaim them blessed and contrast them so favourably with the rich, that is quite a step. There are instances in the Old Testament of such an upheaval to society's norms, for example Psalm 37 proclaiming that the meek will inherit the land. But there are many more examples where God's favour is associated with wealth and prosperity. So, Jesus' radical words would have annoyed some, puzzled many, and given hope to others. How about us? We will all of us have experienced grief so the words of comfort and promise for those who weep will be welcome. Not so many of us will know physical hunger though, and some of us might be uncomfortable when we read "woe to you who are rich".

Jesus challenges us just as much as He did his first followers and as He does in every generation. Each generation and each individual has to decide how to respond both to the promise of blessing and to the risks associated with 'doing well' in this world. One obvious response is to resolve to play a part in the giving of blessing too. Never before, it seems, has the world been in greater need of blessing and the relief of suffering, and our role must be to firmly align with blessing as against woe.

Michael Winter