

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection
and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Readings for This Week (may vary)

Acts 9.36-43
(Psalm 23)
Revelation 7.9-17
John 10.22-30

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 11.1-18
(Psalm 148*)
Revelation 21.1-6
John 13.31-35

Verse for the Week:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh
me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside
the still waters. **Psalms 23 vv1-2**

Prayer & Reading Diary Lydford

Monday

Read: Acts 11.1-18
Prayer: Visitors to church and village. Holiday
makers. Our neighbours, especially any who are long
term or terminally ill.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 148*
Prayer: Local Government Officers. Parish and
District Councillors. Newly elected County
Councillors. Dartmoor National Park.

Wednesday

Read: Revelation 21.1-6
Prayer: Those who work in our towns and villages,
especially in the agricultural sector and the local
charities we support.

Thursday

Read: John 13.31-35
Prayer: Our children and young people and the
schools and colleges they attend. Those whose calling
is to help educate them. Church volunteers – cleaners,
sacristans, flower arrangers, Churchwardens, P.C.C.
members.

Friday

Read: 2 Samuel 7.4-13
Prayer: All those who attend worship on a regular or
casual basis and explore what they can do to enhance
or add to that special time for themselves or the
congregation.

Saturday

Read: Acts 2.14a,22-32[33-36]
Prayer: The ordained ministers, Licensed Lay
Ministers and trained local worship leaders, organists,
choir members, lesson readers, intercessors in the
Team. Those tasked with deciding the future of
ministry in the Team and who will lead it.

Notices:



* My last Sunday in the Northmoor team is **6th July**,
and it would be lovely if you could join me at the
6.30pm Holy Communion in All Saints' Church. –
Rev Gill George

* Prayer during the Interregnum

Every Monday morning at 10.30am 8 people, at the
moment, are praying specifically that the right person
is appointed as Incumbent. If you would like to join
with us, please do. If you could drop me an email
mwebberm@yahoo.co.uk, or phone 07791798983
saying that is what you are doing that would be
encouraging. Many thanks. Maurie

* **Okehampton All Saint's Parish Church** is open
every Tuesday morning between 10am and 12 noon
for prayer. This is an opportunity to meet and pray
with others, or just to sit quietly. Refreshments will be
available.

* **St James Chapel**, in the centre of Okehampton, is
open all day, every day. **Every Thursday:** 10am
Communion at St James, Okehampton.

Dates for your diary :



* All Saints Quiz Night

Raising funds for Hall refurbishment

Friday 16th May 7pm for 7;30

Church Hall, Market St., Okehampton.

Teams of up to 6.

£6 per person to include refreshments

Licensed bar

Booking essential 07551 655424

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Church Services:



Sunday 11th May

(4th Sunday of Easter)

9:30am

Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

Northlew - Holy Communion

Jacobstowe – Jnt. Service with Exbourne

Bridestowe - Morning Prayer

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh - Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Holy Communion

Lydford – Holy Communion

Meeth - Morning Service

Sunday 18th May

(5th Sunday of Easter)

8:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Exbourne – Holy Communion

Northlew - Morning Prayer

Meeth - Morning Praise

Bratton Clovelly – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh - Family Service

Lydford - Morning Prayer

Bridestowe - United Service with Methodists

7:00pm

Hatherleigh - Prayer and Praise

Grapevine

4th Sunday of Easter

11th May 2025



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This week's appointed Psalm is the much-loved Psalm 23, the Lord is my Shepherd. It is often chosen for funeral services, though its message is more about how the Lord is with us during life rather than His promises for after death. I am writing this two weeks in advance, because of holiday plans and, such is the volatile state of the world, I find myself wondering what will be on all our minds in a fortnight's time. What will be the latest news from Ukraine and Gaza? What new disaster or scandal or political story will be dominating the news headlines? It is hard to be optimistic about the state of the world these days and hence the words of Psalm 23 with their words of reassurance and comfort are as compelling to us in our age as they have been for so many down through the years: 'Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever'. This is not, of course, a promise of a trouble-free life but rather that, whatever we face in life, God's mercy and goodness is ever-present. Dwelling in His house is a good analogy – am I stretching the metaphor too far to say that while dwelling in someone's house implies a closeness and comfort it also offers scope for being ourselves? I look back to my childhood home and recall the security but also the self-discovery that took place at home.

Michael Winter