

Collect for Today

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ
is gone before,
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)

Acts 16.16-34
(Psalm 97)
Revelation 22.12-14,16,17,20,21
John 17.20-26

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31
(Psalm 8)
Romans 5.1-5
John 16.12-15

Verse for the Week:

But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”
Acts 16:28

Prayer & Reading Diary Exbourne

Monday

Read: Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31

Prayer: We ask your blessing on Staff and Children as they return to School refreshed after Half Term, give them all strength and encouragement for a busy end of Summer term.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 8

Prayer: For all older students taking Exams, grant them resilience and continued fortitude with trying times as they revise and enter unknown areas.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 5.1-5

Prayer: We thank you for the blessing of all our Clergy, Readers, Lay Worship Leaders in our area, as they are stretched so far and wide, continue to provide inspiration and guidance for them and in turn for us.

Thursday

Read: John 16.12-15

Prayer: War, famine, selfishness and all manner of chaos surround us daily, we beseech you to encourage peace, harmony, unity and love throughout the World, even in our small areas of life.

Friday

Read: Exodus 3.1-15

Prayer: Lord, so many are suffering with bereavement, illness, pain and life difficulties. we ask you to come into their lives and relieve some of the suffering.

Saturday

Read: John 3.1-17

Prayer: We thank you for so much beauty and good things that surround us, and ask you grant us the right way to utilise our skills to bring more into others’ lives to brighten the world and our friendships.

Notices:



* **Thursday 29th May is Ascension Day**, which is a Principal Feast in the church calendar. In addition to the 10am Service in St James’ Chapel, there will be a 6:30pm Communion service at All Saints Church.

* **Sunday 1st June @ 6.30pm: St James Church, Jacobstowe.**

Concert by the Washaway West Gallery Choir.
Tickets £5 in advance from Hilary on 01837 851718 or 074019 46462. Tickets available on the door, subject to availability. Light refreshments included. All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer support.

* **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

Dates for your diary :



Wednesday 28th May

Jacobstowe – Celtic Evening Prayer @ 7pm

Thursday 29th May (Ascension Day)

Okehampton -

St. James' Chapel @ 10am

All Saints - Holy Communion @ 6:30pm

* **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.

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Church Services:



Sunday 1st June

(7th Sunday of Easter/ Sunday after Ascension)

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Sourton – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Family Service

Meeth - All Age Worship

10:30am

Sticklepath – Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Café Style Family Service @ Ch. Hall

Hatherleigh -Holy Communion

Lydford - Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

6:30pm

Okehampton – Holy Communion

Northlew - Ashbury Light Service with BBQ @5:30pm

Sunday 8th June

(Trinity Sunday)

9:30am

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh - Holy Communion

Jacobstowe – Morning Prayer

Bridestowe - Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

Northlew – Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Lydford – Holy Communion

Meeth - Morning Prayer

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7th Sunday of Easter

1st June 2025



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Love is bigger than safety, or winning. The Kingdom of heaven is bigger than our small plans for life. Paul was imprisoned, and God saved him by a miraculous earthquake. I think most of us would have cashed our chips in at that point and escaped... 'But'...Paul doesn't.

Amidst his own needs, Paul sees the needs of someone who he could easily have disregarded as the enemy, or overlooked on the way to freedom. Instead, Paul's ambition, prayers and dreams, were not to be safe and victorious, but a genuine sharing of the love of God, and for the kingdom of God for all people. And so, in seeing his guard intending harm upon himself, Paul sees the challenge to his vision not as being stuck, still in prison, but in the harm that would come to that precious man, the guard.

Let us not be so blinkered with short term goals that we miss the grandeur, beauty, love and vision of the Kingdom of Heaven being birthed by the Holy Spirit every moment. Let us pray this week that God will reveal areas of life we thought were 'done', that he still has greater, richer, deeper, more selfless and spiritual plans to bless the world around us, and to bless us with the deep joy of sharing in his ineffable heavenly work.

Jonathan Cook