

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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)

Isaiah 5.1-7
(Psalm 80.1-2,9-20*)
Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2
Luke 12.49-56

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Jeremiah 1.4-10
(Psalm 71.1-6)
Hebrews 12.18-29
Luke 13.10-17

Verse for the Week:

‘The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.’
Isaiah 5 v7

Prayer & Reading Diary Lydford

Monday

Read: Jeremiah 1.4-10

Prayer: Those who work in village businesses, or work from home or travel further afield. Those engaged in agriculture and animal husbandry. The able senior citizens and those with long term health problems.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 71.1-6

Prayer: Local Government Officers. Parish and District Councillors. Dartmoor National Park staff. Those who do hours of voluntary work in the community.

Wednesday

Read: Hebrews 12.18-29

Prayer: Visitors to church and village. Those who leave prayers for us to share with them. Holiday makers from or to the community.

Thursday

Read: Luke 13.10-17

Prayer: A closer involvement with children and young people. Church volunteers – cleaners, sacristans, flower arrangers, Churchwardens, P.C.C. members.

Friday

Read: Jonah 2

Prayer: All those who attend worship on a regular or casual basis. May we explore what we can do to enhance or add to that special time for ourselves or the congregation or for the rest of the community.

Saturday

Read: Revelation 1

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 shape of ministry in the Team and who will lead it.

Notices:



* ALL SAINTS DISABLED TOILET

This toilet is temporarily out of action. Please use the toilets in the car park. Sorry for the inconvenience. (Church Wardens)

* 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 :



* Inwardleigh and Folly Gate Craft Show

On **Saturday 16th August** at St Petroc's Church, Inwardleigh between 10am and 5pm.

A number of Crafters will be showing and demonstrating their skills, among them Spinner/Weaver, Felter, Wood Turner, Potter, Bee Keeping (minus the bees!), Flower Arranger and others. Some will be encouraging you to 'have a go'. Refreshments - free entry.

Do come and join us ☺

* **Cream Teas at Sourton** in aid of St Thomas à Becket Church on **August 17th and 24th** from 1.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. We are serving sandwiches and savouries as well as cream teas and home-made cakes.

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Church Services:



Sunday 17th August

(9th Sunday after Trinity)

8.30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion/ Matronal Service

Inwardleigh - Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly - Morning Prayer

Meeth – Morning Praise

Exbourne - Holy Communion

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Bridestowe - United service at St Bridget's followed

10:30am by a coach trip to BuckFast Abbey

Hatherleigh Square – 'Bandamonium' Service

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Lydford – Morning Prayer

Bridestowe - United Service with Methodists

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Sunday 24th August

(10th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone - Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh - Holy Communion

Bridestowe – Family Service

Sourton - Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

Jacobstowe – Holy Communion by Ext.

Northlew - Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh - Morning Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Meeth - Holy Communion

Wednesday 24th August

Jacobstowe - Celtic Evening Prayer @ 7pm

Grapevine

9th Sunday after Trinity

17th August 2025



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Take a moment to look through today's readings and they are not easy – division and destruction loom large. The Victorian picture of Jesus meek and mild seems a million miles away from His words in Luke's gospel; and then there are Isaiah's words about Israel. For centuries, these might have been read as of historic interest. Now they seem contemporary and poignant and challenging enough to bring tears of grief to the eyes. Oh, the world in which we live. I am currently reading a gripping novel called *The Nightingale* about the horrors of Nazi occupation and the French resistance in the Second World War. From time to time I dip into earlier history - the intolerance and cruelty associated with the Reformation, the brutality of seemingly almost constant medieval conflict, the Roman, Saxon, Viking invasions – division and destruction over the centuries. But Jesus' words, and indeed those of the Old Testament prophets too, always have to be seen in a broader context. Jesus took the world's division and destruction to the cross and defeated it through His resurrection offering a new life through that act, turning the destruction of the cross into the means of salvation through the memorial of His passion in the Eucharist. We perhaps tend to see receiving the bread and wine as personal, but it is more than that. In the Eucharist, and in our Christian life as a whole, we enter into God's plan to defeat death and destruction through the justice and righteousness Isaiah yearned for.

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