

Collect for Today

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 1.4-10
(Psalm 71.1-6)
Hebrews 12.18-29
Luke 13.10-17

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Jeremiah 2.4-13
(Psalm 81.1,10-16*)
Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16
Luke 14.1,7-14

Verse for the Week:

A dispute also arose among them as to which of them
was considered to be greatest. **Luke 22:24**

Prayer & Reading Diary Meeth

Monday

Read: Jeremiah 2.4-13

Prayer: Community: We pray for love, forgiveness & harmony in our community especially for those affected by bitterness & hatred over the parking issue.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 81.1,10-16*

Prayer: Farming: We pray for our farming community; especially for patience, energy plus good physical & mental health during this extra busy time of harvest. For good weather with no breakdowns to allow the bountiful crop to be harvested.

Wednesday

Read: Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16

Prayer: Tower repairs: Having learnt of the extra work & finance required, we pray Lord for safety over the stone masons and we give Thanks for their expertise and that Our Father God is our provider through every season of life.

Thursday

Read: Luke 14.1,7-14

Prayer: Bell ringers: Due to a shortage of Ringers, we pray for an increased interest, that more will seek to learn Campanology and to join with us in calling the village to Worship as we make a Joyful noise unto the Lord.

Friday

Read: Jonah 3.1-9

Prayer: Children & Families: As we make plans to provide more resources for the children in the village, pray we build fruitful relationships and sow many seeds so more will develop their desire to know Jesus.

Saturday

Read: Revelation 3.14-22

Prayer: Fellowship: We pray for all those who suffer illness especially in our village and for increased fellowship especially with all who serve, that they will know the value of their works.

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

Lord, you know what we need before we ask. Be with us and guide us as we seek a new Incumbent. Open our eyes to new opportunities and possibilities and give us clear minds and open hearts that we may trust in your will for us, and your timing. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

* **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 :



* **Cream Teas at Sourton** in aid of St Thomas à Becket Church on **August 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.

* **All Saints and friends Tearfund Lunches and Suppers: Friday 26th September**

Hosts provide a simple two course meal in their home. Guests donate £10 to Tearfund and bring a bottle.

There is a list at the back of All Saints for people to state their choices ~

Lunch or supper? Host or guest?

Belstone, Sticklepath and Inwardleigh, we would be delighted if some of you would join us. Please phone or email Mish Flexman

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Church Services:



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 27th August

Jacobstowe - Celtic Evening Prayer @ 7pm

Sunday 31st August

(11th Sunday after Trinity)

11:00am

Hatherleigh – 5 Parish Service

3:30pm

Inwardleigh - Joint Benefice Songs of Praise

6:00pm

Bridestowe - Evensong

**** No other details for 5h Sunday services
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**10th Sunday after Trinity
24th August 2025**



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Whether we say it or not, there is often a niggling thought in our mind. ‘Am I their favourite?’, ‘Who’s the real decision maker in this room?’. It’s just everyday life. We are obsessed with who is ‘greatest’. So, no surprise we find the disciples descending into dispute over who was the greatest in the eyes of the one they cared more for the opinion of than anyone else - Jesus.

But this thinking misses the point. Firstly, we aren’t fully secure in who we are. There is an irony, isn’t there, that whoever tends to be discussing their ‘greatness’ is most likely shrouded in self-doubt and need of encouragement and acceptance and love. Often, we’ve been shown those things, certainly by God, but accepting them is harder. Secondly, it’s destructive, it finds our value through putting others down. It doesn’t focus on our inherent value and individuality, but assumes we have no individual value unless more voluminous in some aspect than others!

And Jesus’ response? He challenges them to be different (note not better!) by focusing on a life of love and serving this world (v25-27). And, because he sees their wounded hearts, he thanks them for their loyalty (v28) and inspires them to the ‘greatness’ that is to come, as kings on thrones, for those who truly do give their all for others in Christ (v28).

Do you find yourself comparing? How might his

words speak to you, today?

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