

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 8.18 - 9.1
(Psalm 79.1-9)
1 Timothy 2.1-7
Luke 16.1-13

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Jeremiah 32.1-3a,6-15
(Psalm 91.1-6,14-16*)
1 Timothy 6.6-19
Luke 16.19-31

Verse for the Week:

“it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick”
Matthew 9:12

Prayer & Reading Diary Okehampton

Monday

Read: Jeremiah 32.1-3a,6-15

Prayer: For Okehampton college that Christian input into the college will be a source of inspiration and comfort to the pupils and teachers.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 91.1-6,14-16*

Prayer: We pray for our Tuesday Open Church at All Saints that all who visit us will be given a warm welcome and feel the welcoming love of Jesus.

Wednesday

Read: 1 Timothy 6.6-19

Prayer: Pray for Lakeside Care Home and for the Anna Chaplaincy visitors who lead worship for the residents and staff.

Thursday

Read: Luke 16.19-31

Prayer: Pray for the church's outreach into the local community. For Brick church that it may grow and that more leaders will come forward. For WLTD0 that this will continue to flourish and be a real support for those who come along.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 48.12-22

Prayer: Pray for our church hall and give thanks for its recent refurbishment. We pray for all who use it, and that it may be a place of effective Christian outreach into the local community, that all may know of God's love for them.

Saturday

Read: Luke 11.37-54

Prayer: As our churches celebrate harvest we give thanks for all who work to put food on our tables. We pray for our farmers after a difficult time of drought this summer. We pray for a world in which resources may be shared fairly, and none may go in need.

Notices:



* 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 on 07913329148 mishflexman@gmail.com for details.

* ‘Last Afternoon of the Proms!’

St Mary's Church Belstone invite you to join them for their version of ‘*The Last Night of the Proms*’ in Belstone Village Hall, on **Sunday 5th October** from 3.00-5.00pm, with cream tea and cakes provided. Led by music from the Bondleigh Barn Band, this promises to be great family entertainment, with all proceeds from the event helping to keep our beautiful, historic church open for all. Doors open from 2.30pm. Tickets (including cream tea refreshments) £10.00; 16s and under £5.00, available online from belstonevillage.net from 14th September. For further information, contact Edwina on 07967179769

* 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 :



* Art exhibition, entitled: "Jesus Laughing and Loving."

We are holding the above exhibition over the weekend of **Friday 17th October - Sunday 19th October**, from 10.00 - 4.30pm at Church House, next to St. Andrew's, South Tawton, near Okehampton, along with refreshments, teas, coffees, savouries and cakes, etc. This exhibition has been held just once at Newton St Cyrs and is owned by Revd. Tim Collins along with some others in that benefice. It is an international art exhibition which Revd. Tim first saw at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

One of the many beautiful things about this art exhibition is that Jesus is portrayed laughing, smiling and looking very joyous. Also, the paintings have been done by artists from across the world, including places like Pakistan, Bali, South America, India, etc. which so enables us to see how people from different cultures see Jesus. That apart, it is a very attractive and appealing exhibition, as it is bright and uplifting.



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Church Services:

Sunday 21st September

(14th Sunday after Trinity)

8:30am

Sticklepath - Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone - Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh - Morning Prayer

Bridestowe - Harvest Festival (United Service
with Methodists)

Bratton Clovelly - Morning Prayer

Northlew - Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Harvest Festival

Hatherleigh – Family Service

Lydford - Morning Prayer

Exbourne – Harvest Festival

Meeth - Morning Praise

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Wednesday 24th September

Jacobstowe - Celtic Evening Prayer @ 7pm

Sunday 28th September

(15th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone - Harvest Festival Holy Communion

Inwardleigh - Holy Communion

Jacobstowe - Holy Communion

Northlew - Morning Prayer

Bridestowe - Family Service

Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

Sourton - Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Exbourne – Holy Communion

Meeth - Patronal Holy Communion

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong



Grapevine

14th Sunday after Trinity

21st September 2025



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Pharisee - Jesus, why are you hanging around with this corrupt lot

Matthew - Oi, I'm right here, I'm not that bad, you tell 'em Jesus

Jesus - It's not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick

Matthew - Oi, Jesus, I'm right here, you're not meant to agree with them!

Today we celebrate the calling of St Matthew. A man held as a spiritual hero - yet here he is at the beginning of his story, a tax collector and publicly acknowledged by Jesus as a sinner in need.

Are you happy following a man who acknowledges you are broken and in need of healing? Or, do you prefer to be like the Pharisee phrasing the questions, putting others on the back foot?

I love the disciples, not because they're saints, but because they were sinners. And not because of their sin, but because of their courage in different ways in acknowledging life wasn't as they wanted it, and that they saw a way to heal in Jesus. Jesus certainly rewarded their bravery and faith, not in themselves, but in Him.

Are you a sinner? I am. Don't feel shame, feel seen. And like Matthew, let us follow Him who sees and loves us to health, all the rest of our lives. Amen.

Jonathan Cook