

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience
is afraid and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 18.1-11
(Psalm 139.1-5,12-18*)
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14.25-33

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Jeremiah 4.11-12,22-28
(Psalm 14)
1 Timothy 1.12-17
Luke 15.1-10

Verse for the Week:

“I always thank my God because I hear of your love
for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord
Jesus”.
Philemon v 4-5

Prayer & Reading Diary Northlew

Monday

Read: Jeremiah 4.11-12,22-28

Prayer: We thank God for the Harvest and for the skill and patience of all our farmers as they work incredibly hard to bring it in safely.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 14

Prayer: We pray for peace in our world and for all those who are caught up in war. We also pray for all our world leaders at this time, that they will use wisdom and patience in all their decisions.

Wednesday

Read: 1 Timothy 1.12-17

Prayer: We ask for your blessing on the bereaved among us, especially those with no family support. May they feel the comfort of your love in the certain trust that they will, in time, be reunited.

Thursday

Read: Luke 15.1-10

Prayer: We ask for your blessing on our schools: for the children and all the staff as they return for another academic year.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 44.24 - 45.8

Prayer: Dear God, we pray for the sick in our area. Please bring healing, peace and comfort to those who are suffering.

Saturday

Read: Revelation 12.1-12

Prayer: Lord, please bless all the services taking place tomorrow; inspire the clergy and all those leading services and let your love guide the ones who are uncertain of the path to take in life.

Notices:



* **Sunday 7th September:** there will be lunch served after Cafe Church in the newly refurbished hall on Sunday September 7th.

* **Let there be light.... and heating: St Mary's Sticklepath**

We are holding an afternoon tea for the Deputy Mayor of Okehampton to officially switch on the new lighting and heating system, and all are welcome on **Sunday 7th September from 4pm.** . St Mary's Sticklepath has benefitted from so much support since the pandemic. The village, and many who have lived here in the past, have transformed the building to be sustainable as a place of worship, reflection and the exploration of the rich heritage of this area.

* **ALL SAINTS DISABLED TOILET**

The All Saints disabled loo is now operational again!

* **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 :



* 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 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

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Church Services:



Sunday 7th September

(12th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone - Holy Communion
Inwardleigh - Morning Prayer
Sourton - Holy Communion
Northlew - Morning Prayer
Exbourne – Breakfast (9am start) followed by Service

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Café Church in Hall
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford - Morning Prayer
Meeth - All Age Worship

11:15am

Germansweek - Holy Communion

Sunday 14th September

(13th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone - Celtic Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh - Holy Communion
Jacobstowe - Morning Prayer
Northlew - Morning Prayer
Bridestowe - Morning Prayer
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Morning Service
Lydford - Holy Communion
Exbourne – Harvest Festival at Methodist Church
Meeth - Morning Prayer

Grapevine

12th Sunday after Trinity
7th September 2025



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Who Needs Your Grace Today?

The letter to Philemon is one of Paul's shortest but most powerful writings. It is a personal appeal to Philemon, a Christian leader, regarding his runaway slave, Onesimus. Onesimus had fled, possibly stealing from Philemon, but during his time away, he encountered Paul and became a follower of Christ. Now, Paul is sending him back—not just as a slave, but as a beloved brother in Christ.

This letter is more than a plea for mercy; it is a profound lesson in grace and forgiveness. Paul does not command Philemon to release Onesimus but instead appeals to him in love, urging him to see the transformed man before him. The gospel has changed both men—Philemon is called to forgive, and Onesimus is called to return in humility.

We all have "Onesimus" moments—times we need forgiveness—and we all have "Philemon" moments when we must extend it. Who in your life needs grace today? True Christian love is not just about words but about actions that reflect Christ's heart.

We know that church life can get messy sometimes – is there someone you need to forgive or reconcile with? Can you extend the grace you yourself have received? You may want to spend some time praying first. Then take a step toward healing—through a conversation, a prayer, or a letter of grace. Like Philemon, you have the choice to respond not as the world would but as Christ commands. Will you choose love over resentment?

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