

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 31.27-34
(Psalm 119.97-104)
2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5
Luke 18.1-8

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Joel 2.23-32
(Psalm 65*)
2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18
Luke 18.9-14

Verse for the Week:

‘I tell you, he (God) will vindicate them (the widows
ie the poor) speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of
Man comes will he find faith.’ **Luke 18.8**

Prayer & Reading Diary Inwardleigh

Monday

Read: Joel 2.23-32

Prayer: Pray for our leaders that have kept our
services going week after week during the interim,
and also for Rev. Claire, who will be joining us in
January.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 65*

Prayer: Pray for the church wardens the PCC in our
endeavours to get the heating sorted as soon as
possible.

Wednesday

Read: 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18

Prayer: Pray for our grandchildren and children that
are away at university or exchange visits to other
countries please keep them safe.

Thursday

Read: Luke 18.9-14

Prayer: Pray for the parish hall committee Oak
Chapel and also the fair committee may they go from
strength to strength.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 59.9-20

Prayer: Pray for the sick and those awaiting surgery
may they make a full and speedy recovery. We have
lost a lot of our friends and family of late may we all
find comfort.

Saturday

Read: Luke 14.1-14

Prayer: Pray for the future of the craft group and the
benefits that will bring as a group.

Notices:



* 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.

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Dates for your diary :



* **Sunday 2nd November: *An All-Soul's Concert* with *Jim Causley*** at St. Mary's Church, Sticklepath starting at 3pm. Donations on the door.

* **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.

* **Cabaret Evening** with two course meal **Friday 17th Oct. 7** for 7:30 **All Saints Church Hall**
Songs from the musicals from students at Okehampton College.
Tickets £15 proceeds to Church funds.
List at the back of church or phone Mish Flexman on 07913329148

Church Services:



Sunday 19th October

(18th Sunday after Trinity)

8:30am

Sticklepath - Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone - Holy Communion

Inwardleigh - Morning Prayer

Northlew - Morning Prayer

Exbourne - Holy Communion

Bratton Clovelly - Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh - Family Service

Lydford - Morning Prayer

Meeth - Morning Praise

Bridestowe - Joint Service with Methodists

7:00pm

Hatherleigh- Prayer and Praise

Sunday 26th October

(19th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone - Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh - Holy Communion

Bridestowe - Family Service

Sourton - Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

Exbourne - Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe - Holy Communion

Northlew - Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh - Morning Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Meeth - Holy Communion

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

Wednesday 29th October

Jacobstowe - Celtic Evening Prayer @7pm

Grapevine

18th Sunday after Trinity

19th October 2025



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Yesterday was St Luke's day, the day when we rejoice in the work and witness of the Evangelist who provided us with two volumes; a presentation of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.

Today we have been given one of the less well-known parables that we only find in Luke's Gospel: 'The Unjust Judge' or 'The Importunate Widow' (18.1-8). In a society with no statutory welfare system, widows were one of the most vulnerable groups and as women were often given in marriage when very young, they were not always old when they were widowed and dependent upon others. Coupled with that, a financial matter, settlement of a debt, or gaining access to an inheritance, could be decided by a judge sitting alone. If her opponent were rich and influential, the only weapon she had would be persistence. One interpretation of this parable is that God, unlike the unjust judge does answer prayer, but not always in ways or at times we might expect. There is another interpretation.

The judge is obviously a villain: the widow has justice on her side. It is easy to dismiss the judge and to cast ourselves as the person seeking justice, crying out for a wrong to be righted; an unmet need to be addressed. Perhaps, given the needs of our world we might be seen by some, at times to be behaving more like the unjust judge!

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