

Collect for Today

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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)

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

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Isaiah 1.10-18
(Psalm 32.1-8)
2 Thessalonians 1.1-12
Luke 19.1-10

Verse for the Week:

Those who humble themselves will be exalted.
Luke 18:14

Prayer & Reading Diary Germansweek

Monday

Read: Isaiah 1.10-18

Prayer: Our special church of St Germanus in
Germansweek. Pray for our Clergy, Churchwardens,
PCC and Bell Ringers, all of whom make it so special.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 32.1-8

Prayer: The parents of our young children in
Germansweek and surrounding areas: may they
encourage (by example) their young ones to be part of
our Christian faith.

Wednesday

Read: 2 Thessalonians 1.1-12

Prayer: The message of love and hope sent to you
Lord on the 'Prayer Tree' in memory of our dear
friends.

Thursday

Read: Luke 19.1-10

Prayer: The wider community of businesses,
especially during this difficult time.

Friday

Read: Job 26

Prayer: Our local people who work so hard to make
this Parish a better place.

Saturday

Read: Colossians 1.9-14

Prayer: Love, Joy and Laughter in this community.
Keep us well to continue to perform our daily lives
but remembering THY WILL BE DONE.

Notices:



* **Prayer for New Incumbent**

Dear Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit has led
Claire to be our new Team Vicar at Okehampton,
Inwardleigh and Belstone with Sticklepath, with equal
responsibility for outreach, especially to the new
housing.

Be with her as she prepares to take up her post in
January, and we pray that her ministry among us will
be a rich and happy one, enabling many to know your
love.

Surround Claire and her family with your loving arms
as they begin this new chapter in their lives and help
us to be a welcoming church community supportive of
her mission.

We ask this in Jesus' name. 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 :



* **Big Family Quiz** in All Saints Church Hall, Okehampton on **Saturday 1st November** 3.30 for 4pm start. Bring the whole family (you will need them!) £2 per person including hot meal. Book your place at:

churchhallokehampton@gmail.com

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

* Return of the ever popular **All Saints Quiz: Friday November 21st**, 7 for 7.30 start. £6 pp incl refreshments: licenced bar, Raffle: teams of 4/6 Contact Ruth on 07551 655424 to book

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Church Services:



Sunday 26th October

(Bible Sunday)

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

Sunday 2nd November

(4th Sunday before Advent)

9:30am

Belstone - Holy Communion
Inwardleigh - Morning Prayer
Sourton - Holy Communion
Exbourne - Breakfast followed by Service

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Cafe Style Service at Church Hall
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford - Morning Prayer
Meeth - All Age Worship

11:15am

Germansweek - Holy Communion

6:00pm

Northlew – Ashbury Service

Grapevine

Bible Sunday

26th October 2025



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Bible Sunday is a rare time to celebrate the holiness of an item, rather than a person (also e.g. Holy Cross Day). Praise God for Holy Scripture and His revelations to us in a way we can begin to understand. A human creation, divinely inspired and guided for God's own purposes.

There is good public awareness of it as a religious text, and the stories within it. However, the vast, complex, intricate and beautiful way that our Holy Scripture has been divinely inspired, orally passed on and evolved, placed into written form to protect from the evil destruction of genocide, and modern miraculous tales of its power in completely transforming lives to this day, all appear a little light in public knowledge. We find increasingly it is reduced to another good book with some good human wisdom, just like Shakespeare, say. Scripture as truly divine though, is controversial.

Unsurprising, given it is essentially the Biography of Christ's lineage, life and legacy. Controversy requires sensitivity but suggests something urgent is at the core. Let us remember to humble ourselves before this mighty divine text, that in due course we might be exalted by Christ (just as Jesus also teaches here in Luke about prayer). Humility before scripture is never being fully in 'charge' of it, but always in reverence to its voice in the guidance of our personal and public life.

What might it look like for you to grow in reverence of scripture in your private or public life?

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