

Collect for Today

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
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)

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

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Job 19.23-27a
(Psalm 17.1-9*)
2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17
Luke 20.27-38

Verse for the Week:

‘consequently, just as the result for one trespass was
condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act
of righteousness was justification that brings life for
all men’
Romans 5: 18.

Prayer & Reading Diary Jacobstowe

Monday

Read: Psalm 69 v 30-36

Prayer: Pray for teachers and schoolchildren
returning to school after the half term break.

Tuesday

Read: Romans 12 v 4-16

Prayer: Pray for links between the church and the
community group and for the various activities
coming up.

Wednesday

Read: Luke 14 v 25-33

Prayer: Pray for those unwell, awaiting surgery or
bereaved. May they find comfort.

Thursday

Read: Luke 15 v 1-10

Prayer: Pray for continued efforts towards peace in
Gaza and Israel that communities may find
opportunities to rebuild.

Friday

Read: Psalm 98

Prayer: Pray that our churches may be open and
welcoming to visitors and those who have recently
moved to our communities.

Saturday

Read: Psalm 145 v 1-7

Prayer: Pray for all those volunteers who help clean
and tidy the church, wind the clock, arrange flowers
and keep the graveyard and other areas well-
maintained.

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 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

4:00pm

Bridestowe - All Souls Day Service

6:00pm

Northlew - Ashbury Service

Sunday 9th November

(3rd Sunday before Advent/ Remembrance Sunday)

9:30am

Belstone - Celtic Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh - Remembrance Service

10:15am

Bridestowe - Remembrance Service

10:40am

Exbourne - Remembrance Service: meet at
Methodist Ch. @ 10.40am for service at 11am
Jacobstowe - service with Exbourne

10:50am

Northlew - Remembrance Service

11:00am

Okehampton - Remembrance Service
Hatherleigh with Meeth - Remembrance Service

3:30pm

Sticklepath - Remembrance service at the War Memorial

*(No other Remembrance Sunday Service details
received at time of going to press)*

Grapevine

4th Sunday before Advent

2nd November 2025



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As we approach All Soul's this week, I wonder what you what do you think, or believe, or fear about death, and what comes after? It's one thing to hold some kind of sterile doctrinal belief about these things, but when we've loved and lost, the stakes are very much higher.

With my evangelical background, [which I still own] when I found myself called to ordination, and knowing this would involve funerals of every kind, I knew I needed to do the homework to know what I really thought. I couldn't imagine entering a grief filled home with a harsh 'gospel', offering nothing better than a conclusion of damnation because the deceased had failed to ever pray the sinner's prayer. So, while I had a theological library of 70,000 books at college to rummage through, I did my digging. As with all things, I don't need everyone to agree with me, but for myself, I believe I discovered a much more hopeful gospel; the total victory of Jesus, over death, sin, hell and Satan. Long lost doctrines like the raking of hell, Jesus preaching new life to the dead, bringing release to the captives of Sheol, and the opening of all the doors, whether of hell or heaven stared up at me from the pages of both past theologians and of the Scriptures. I don't have space to bore you with all the details here, but I would encourage you to be of good hope [and maybe do the work yourself?] Jesus is better than we could ever have imagined!

With love, Leigh Winsbury