

## Collect for Today

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers  
of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully  
to fulfil them;  
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)

Lamentations 1.1-6  
(*Canticle*: Lamentations 3.19-26 or Psalm 137\*)  
2 Timothy 1.1-14  
Luke 17.5-10

## Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Jeremiah 29.1,4-7  
(Psalm 66.1-11)  
2 Timothy 2.8-15  
Luke 17.11-19

## Verse for the Week:

If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can  
say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in  
the sea,' and it will obey you. **Luke 17 verse 6.**

## Prayer & Reading Diary Belstone & Sticklepath

### Monday

**Read:** Jeremiah 29.1,4-7  
**Prayer:** Please pray for the continued strengthening  
links with Sticklepath Community Church and the  
forthcoming harvest lunch together.

### Tuesday

**Read:** Psalm 66.1-11  
**Prayer:** Pray for all those who are sick or in  
hospital. Please bring them comfort and healing.

### Wednesday

**Read:** 2 Timothy 2.8-15  
**Prayer:** For the support provided by the Sticklepath  
Stores in very many ways. For the village outreach  
Post Office which is facing an uncertain future.

### Thursday

**Read:** Luke 17.11-19  
**Prayer:** Thank you, Lord for Bernard's Acre. Please  
pray that it will continue in its good work.

### Friday

**Read:** Nehemiah 6.1-16  
**Prayer:** Pray for those in our communities who live  
alone and for those who grieve. Help us to meet them  
in their need, to be a friend to the friendless and to  
mourn with those who mourn.

### Saturday

**Read:** John 15.12-27  
**Prayer:** For new residents to our villages. That they  
may feel welcomed, encouraged and engaged in  
village activities.

## 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 :



### \* '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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://belstonevillage.net) from 14<sup>th</sup> September. For further information, contact Edwina on 07967179769

\* **Quiz Night: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at Sticklepath Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm start. £10 per team of 4. Book with Niki Wooldridge on 01837 840876

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

We are holding the above exhibition over the weekend of **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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:

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Jacobstowe – Harvest Festival @ 7pm



### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

(16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity )

**9:30am**

Belstone - Holy Communion

Inwardleigh - Morning Prayer

Sourton - Holy Communion

**10:30m**

Sticklepath - Village Praise

**11:00am**

Okehampton - Family Service

Hatherleigh – Harvest Holy Communion

Lydford - Morning Prayer

Meeth - All Age Worship

**11:15am**

Germansweek - Holy Communion

**6:00pm**

Northlew - Harvest Festival

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Meeth - Harvest Supper @7pm

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

(17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity )

**9:30am**

Belstone - Celtic Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe - Morning Prayer

Northlew - Holy Communion

Bridestowe - Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

**10:30am**

Sticklepath - Harvest Service

**11:00am**

Okehampton - Civic Service

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Exbourne – Community Service

Meeth - Morning Prayer

**3:30pm**

Inwardleigh - Harvest Festival

# Grapevine

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**



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The problem with texts like the one that I have selected from today's Gospel reading is that the highly arresting image of the mulberry tree ending up in the ocean, can distract us from the heart of the story which is about the mustard seed. I don't believe Jesus expects us to start trying to alter laws of physics and biology. Rather in a world where challenges and uncertainties abound, the message is one of reassurance to those feeling overwhelmed, reminding us that even a mustard seed-sized faith can lead to significant outcomes. We are encouraged to trust in the power of faith, no matter how small it may seem, and to step out in obedience to God's call.

The passage is as much about action as faith itself, for faith "is dead without good works" (James 2 v 26). In the Luke passage, following the mulberry tree and mustard seed story, Jesus moves on rapidly, while still answering the disciples' plea for more faith, by reminding them of the importance of service and duty. 'Increase our faith' say the disciples. Get out and do stuff responds Jesus!

May we, like the disciples, seek to deepen our faith, not by moving mulberry trees around the globe, but by trusting in God's ability to work wonders through our mustard seed-sized faith if we seek to deploy it in the service of others.

*Michael Winter*