

Collect for Today

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of
eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious
kingdom;
where he 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)

Malachi 4.1-2a
(Psalm 98)
2 Thessalonians 3.6-13
Luke 21.5-19

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Jeremiah 23.1-6
(Psalm 46)
Colossians 1.11-20
Luke 23.33-43

Verse for the Week:

The Son of Man will appear coming in a cloud with
great power and glory. When these things begin to
happen, stand up and raise your heads because your
salvation is near. **Luke 21.27,28.**

Prayer & Reading Diary Lydford

Monday

Read: Jeremiah 23.1-6
Prayer: Those who work in village businesses, or
work from home or travel further afield. Those engaged
in agriculture and animal husbandry.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 46
Prayer: Local Government Officers. Parish and
District Councillors. Dartmoor National Park staff.
Those who do voluntary work in the community.

Wednesday

Read: Colossians 1.11-20
Prayer: For all those who form part of our community,
especially our neighbours, those with long term health
problems, those in full time education, both students and
teachers.

Thursday

Read: Luke 23.33-43
Prayer: A closer involvement with children and young
people. Church volunteers: cleaners, sacristans, flower
arrangers, Churchwardens, P.C.C. members.

Friday

Read: Zechariah 6.9-15
Prayer: All those who attend worship on a regular or
casual basis. May we explore what we can do to enhance
or add to that special time of worship for ourselves or the
congregation or for the rest of the community. Visitors to
the church and those who leave prayers for us to share
with them.

Saturday

Read: Revelation 11.15-18
Prayer: The ordained ministers, Licensed Lay
Ministers and trained local worship leaders, organists,
choir members, lesson readers, intercessors in the Team.

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 :



* **Monday 17th November 2025: A Public Talk about the Quakers by Simon Dell**

6.30pm for 7pm at St Mary's Church, Sticklepath
Refreshments, all welcome !

More details: 860316 derekmoore60@hotmail.com

* **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

* **Jacobstowe Christmas Craft Fayre**

Please join us for the Jacobstowe Christmas Craft

Fayre on **Saturday, 29 November**, 2 - 4.30pm.

The fayre will be held at St James Church, Jacobstowe with plenty of parking in the car park opposite.

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Church Services:



Sunday 16th November

(2nd Sunday before Advent)

8:30am

Sticklepath - Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone - Holy Communion

Inwardleigh - Morning Prayer

Bridestowe - United Service

Northlew - Holy Communion

Exbourne - Holy Communion

Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh - Family Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Meeth - Morning Praise

7:00pm

Hatherleigh - Prayer and Praise

Sunday 23rd November

(Christ the King/ Sunday before Advent)

9:30am

Inwardleigh - Holy Communion

Bridestowe - Family Service

Northlew - Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

Sourton - Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe - Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh - Morning Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Exbourne - Morning Prayer

Meeth - Holy Communion

4:00pm

Belstone - Christingle & Toy Service

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

Wednesday 26th November

Jacobstowe - Celtic Evening Prayer at 7.00pm

Grapevine

2nd Sunday before Advent

16th November 2025



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A time-honoured question is to ask what you would rescue if your house was and you had only a few minutes to seize what was most important to you and flee the house. I knew of a vicar and his wife and family who has lost everything in a house fire - literally everything, no photos, no documents left, nothing. It must have made them make a thorough assessment of 'their lives and their faith.

The gospel reading today finds Jesus and his disciples standing outside the Temple in Jerusalem, which expressed the central identity of the Jewish faith, but which, says Jesus, will shortly be utterly destroyed, and he then speaks of further dark times which are ahead - of wars, natural disasters, sickness and hunger. If these things are happening, where is faith and hope to be found? A question, not only for the disciples, but for us too.

I wonder what for you expresses the essence and kernel of your faith, the treasure in your heart which you value above all else, that carries you through the daily tasks and demands of life, and brings you hope when hope is most needed?

There are many things which bring hope and comfort to my heart - living here with the beauty of the natural world around is one of them - but there are two things that I especially cherish - the sense of God's Son Jesus ever present with us in every aspect of life, both difficult and positive, and the loving presence of his people around me with whom I share my daily life.

With love, John Hall