

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us
in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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 2.1-5
(Psalm 122)
Romans 13.11-14
Matthew 24.36-44

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Isaiah 11.1-10
(Psalm 72.1-7,18,19*)
Romans 15.4-13
Matthew 3.1-12

Verse for the Week:

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on
what day your Lord will come. **Matthew 24v.42**

Prayer & Reading Diary

Exbourne

Monday

Read: Isaiah 11.1-10

Prayer: We pray for World Leaders at this precarious
time; endue them with patience, sense and wisdom in their
decisions. For our own Government and Shadow
Government; truth and integrity.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 72.1-7,18,19*

Prayer: Thank you for our Clergy and Readers, grant
them the opportunity to enrich our lives with their faith and
positivity, fill them with strength and love as we enter an
extra busy time leading up to Christmas.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 15.4-13

Prayer: Strengthen and enrich the Staff and Children in
our schools with your presence and wisdom through a truly
wonderful but challenging end of term.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 3.1-12

Prayer: We place everyone we know and love in your
hands: make us more tolerant, respectful and supportive to
everyone. We ask for your compassion and assistance to the
relevant authorities for the Homeless and Refugees

Friday

Read: Amos 7

Prayer: We entrust into your care all those recently
departed, bring solace and comfort to their relations, and for
those ill and suffering in any way help ease their pain and
relieve all distress and unknown worries.

Saturday

Read: Luke 1.5-20

Prayer: All of us have particular problems and
anxieties; we beseech you to come into our lives and help
us to overcome and manage them without fear and resolve
them with your guidance.

Notices:



* **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 :



* All Saints Christmas Coffee Morning:

Saturday 6th December 10am-12 in the Hall
Cakes, produce, crafts; Christmas Hamper Raffle
All Welcome

* Hatherleigh Old Schools Festive Bonanza,

Monday 1st December, 6 to 8pm (with Switching on the Town Christmas Tree lights & Late-Night shopping): Lots of free festive fun including Christmas crafts, letter to Santa, mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies & much more.

* 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. It will be a fun afternoon with locally made craft stalls, local produce including bread and chocolates, as well as games, a raffle with some wonderful prizes, cake stall and refreshments. We are delighted to be joined by the Okehampton Excelsior Silver Band that will be getting us all in the Christmas mood playing some of their Christmas favourites. All proceeds go to the church and help run the community events. We look forward to welcoming you to St James.

* St. Petroc's Christmas coffee morning cake and

craft sale: Saturday 29th November 10am -4pm at St Petroc's church. Relax and enjoy a catch up with friends whilst enjoying a tea, coffee or mulled wine and cake. This event is being supported by the newly formed St Petroc's crafters.

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Church Services:



Sunday 30th November

(1st Sunday of Advent)

9:30am

Bridestowe – Morning Prayer with Christening
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

11:00am

Hatherleigh – Five Parish Service
Lydford – Holy Communion

3:30pm

Okehampton/ Belstone/ Sticklepath/ Inwardleigh –
Joint Benefice at All Saints “Darkness to Light”

4:00pm

Sourton - Christingle

Sunday 7th December

(2nd Sunday of Advent)

9:00am

Exbourne - Breakfast followed by Service

9:30am

Belstone - Holy Communion
Inwardleigh - Morning Prayer
Sourton - Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath – Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford - Morning Prayer
Meeth - Samuel Jerman Service

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

4:00pm

Northlew – Christingle

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Christingle

Wednesday 10th December

Jacobstowe - Carol Service @ 7pm

Grapevine

1st Sunday of Advent

30th November 2025



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Are you getting ready for Christmas? Do you have an advent calendar or candle to help you count down the days? We know exactly how long till the big day and probably have a long list of things to get done but let's remember the really important stuff and be kind to one another in the midst of all the bustle.

Our reading appears to be all about the end of the world, or is it? Jesus promised his disciples he would return and the parables that follow today's passage are all about being prepared to welcome him. He wants us not just to *get* ready but to *live* ready. No one knows when this event will happen. There have been many groups who have made predictions but Jesus said that even He didn't know and all the published dates have come and gone without incident. You'd think people would have stopped trying by now! So let's not get hung up on the day itself but live as if Jesus could walk through our front door at any time. What would you like Him to find you doing? Is there anything you might decide *not* to do if you were expecting Him?

Wishing you all a Happy Advent – Jesus is coming!

With love, Leigh and Lynn