

Collect for Today

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ
is gone before,
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)

Acts 1.6-14
(Psalm 68.1-10,32-35*)
1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11
John 17.1-11

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Acts 1.6-14
(Psalm 68.1-10,32-35*)
1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11
John 17.1-11

Verse for the Week:

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1.7-9

Prayer & Reading Diary

Exbourne

Monday

Read: Acts 1.6-14

Prayer: We ask you to lay your hands on all the youngsters steeping up for their GCSEs and other end of year Exams, lead them with calmness, strength of character and organised minds.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 68.1-10,32-35*

Prayer: We all know of so many who are struggling with debt, mindful issues and general lack of confidence to make the right step, please enter their lives and guide them through their difficulties.

Wednesday

Read: 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

Prayer: Place all our Ministers and Lay Clergy high on your Agenda as they continue to act on your behalf to lead us along our road of Discovery and Faith.

Thursday

Read: John 17.1-11

Prayer: Mindless Wars continue regardless of our Prayers and Intercessions, let us pray more fervently with you to help cease such violence and greed amongst World Leaders, promote Peace and Understanding.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 65.17-25

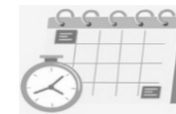
Prayer: Lay your hand of comfort and love on all those who have lost loved ones recently, and those who are caring for the terminally ill, their need of love is never greater at such sad times, assist us with the right words and actions.

Saturday

Read: Revelation 21.1-8

Prayer: We ask you to support us, each and every individual in your Kingdom as we go about our daily lives, help us be more patient; forgiving; caring and loving to all, however hard we may find it at times, send your Divine strength quietly into our hearts.

Notices:



* Ascension Day, Thursday May 14th 7pm.

There will be a Deanery Service to celebrate Ascension day at All Saints on Thursday May 14th. The president and preacher will be Bishop James. All are invited to this special service."

* Wednesday 27th May: Jacobstowe

Celtic Evening Prayer at 7pm.

* **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:



* St Mary's Church, Belstone are having their first **Cream Tea on Sunday 31st May** in Belstone Village Hall from **2.30pm - 5.00pm**. Why not come for a cuppa and delicious homemade scones and cakes. All proceeds are for the Church'

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Church Services:



Sunday 17th May

(Sunday after Ascension)

8:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Exbourne – Holy Communion

Bratton Clovelly – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Family Service

Lydford - Morning Prayer

Meeth - Holy Communion

Bridestowe – United Service at Methodist Chapel

6:30pm

Northlew – Rogation Service

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Sunday 24th May

(Pentecost)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

Jacobstowe – Holy Communion

Northlew – Holy Communion

Bridestowe – Holy Communion

Sourton – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Meeth - Family Worship

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

Grapevine

Sunday after Ascension

17th May 2026



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This week, we celebrate Jesus' ascension. The story recorded in Acts 1 shows the disciples standing in a moment of uncertainty. Jesus has risen, yet he is about to go. So the disciples want clarity and a timeline. However, Jesus redirects their attention away from speculation and toward mission: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses."

The disciples are taught that faith is about trusting God's presence. Before they can go out into the world, they must first learn to wait upon the Spirit. After the Ascension, they return to Jerusalem, not with despair, but with obedience and hope. Then – together - they turn to prayer.

We often want immediate answers from God. We want to know when struggles will end, or when our plans will succeed. Jesus reminds us that our discipleship is not built on knowing every detail of the future, but on trusting in him.

The image of the disciples gathered in prayer is a powerful one for us. The Church is born not in noise or ambition, but in patient prayer and unity. As we wait for God to act in our lives, we are called to remain faithful, encourage one another, and trust that the Holy Spirit is already preparing us for the work ahead.

Revd Claire Reynolds