

Collect for Today

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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)

Genesis 29.15-28
(Psalm 105.1-11,45b* *or* Psalm 128)
Romans 8.26-39
Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Genesis 32.22-31
Psalm 17.1-7,16*
Romans 9.1-5
Matthew 14.13-21

Verse for the Week:

“The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman
took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until
it worked all through the dough.”

Matthew 13. v33

Prayer & Reading Diary Bratton Clovelly

Monday

Read: Genesis 32.22-31
Prayer: Church groups and committees, PCC
members, Church Wardens and officers.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 17.1-7,16*
Prayer: The young people in the village and those
in education, especially at Boasley Cross School and
Okehampton College; and all those at university and
college.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 9.1-5
Prayer: The older people in the community and
those who have recently moved into the village.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 14.13-21
Prayer: The sick at home or in hospital and anyone
suffering either mentally or physically in the
community.

Friday

Read: 1 Kings 10.1-13
Prayer: Methodist chapels and our continuing co-
operation with them and all those who minister in our
churches throughout the team.

Saturday

Read: Acts 13.1-13
Prayer: The Parish Council, Parish Hall Committee
and all other organisations.

Notices:



*** Wednesday 22nd July: Jacobstowe**
Patronal and Celtic Service @ 7pm followed by
Pimms & Puddings

*** 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, Okehampton**
There is a 10am Holy Communion Service at St
James every **Thursday**.

Dates for your Diary:



* Belstone Cream Tea: Sunday 26th July

St Mary's Church, Belstone are having their next Cream Tea on Sunday 26th July in Belstone Village Hall from 2:30pm to 5pm.

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 26th July

(8th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Northlew – Holy Communion
Jacobstowe – Holy Communion
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion
Bridestowe – Morning Service
Sourton – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Morning Service
Lydford - Holy Communion
Meeth - Family Worship
Exbourne – Morning Prayer

6:00pm

Hatherleigh – Evensong

Sunday 2nd August

(9th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Sourton – Holy Communion
Meeth - All Age Worship
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Exbourne – Family Service

10:30am

Sticklepath – Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Cafe Church @ Ch. Hall
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford - Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

Grapevine

8th Sunday after Trinity

26th July 2026

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In the verse for today Jesus takes an ordinary task, bread making, to point to God's love working quietly through His people like yeast in the dough. Jesus often uses examples from everyday life to teach his followers about the Kingdom, and it's usually the interpretation of such parables that takes centre stage, and rightly so. But is he also saying something about how we live our everyday lives? Imagine the impact of the story on a woman who bakes bread while others in her family do much more 'important' things like going to the synagogue to pray and read the Torah. Maybe bread making is important too. The 15th of July marked the feast of St Bonaventure, a follower of St Francis whose motto was: "Do common things well and be constantly faithful to small matters." They are words that are echoed in 'New every Morning is the love' that famous hymn by John Keble: "The trivial round, the common task, Would furnish all we ought to ask; Room to deny ourselves; a road To bring us, daily, nearer God."

We live in a world where achievement and success are lauded and the Church can be complicit in this, appraising itself by the numbers attending services and bible studies or exercising spiritual gifts. Bonaventure, Keble and others suggest that making a loaf might be just as good for the soul if done diligently, to the glory of God and for the love of those who will break the bread.

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