

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

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Genesis 37.1-4,12-28
Psalm 105.1-6,16-22,45b*
Romans 10.5-15
Matthew 14.22-33

Verse for the Week:

'looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the
loaves' **Matthew 14:19**

Prayer & Reading Diary Inwardleigh

Monday

Read: Genesis 37.1-4,12-28

Prayer: Pray for all our clergy, church warden,
sidesman and readers.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 105.1-6,16-22,45b*

Prayer: Pray for the PCC members, also friends of
the church, as they continue the work in caring for all
aspects of the church.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 10.5-15

Prayer: Pray for the young of the parish may they
enjoy the break from their studies also those awaiting
the results of their exams. May those awaiting the
replies to jobs they have applied for may they be
successful.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 14.22-33

Prayer: Pray for all who are experiencing loneliness,
feeling lost and unwell; may they find comfort.

Friday

Read: Song of Solomon 8.5-7

Prayer: Pray for rain for the farmers and gardeners
as the crops are struggling to survive.

Saturday

Read: 2 Peter 3.8-13

Prayer: Pray for all our village groups Fair
committee, Village Hall Committee as they move
forward with the plans, Oak Chapel, The Parish
Council and the craft Group.

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, Okehampton

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

Dates for your Diary:



* St Mary's Church, **Belstone** are holding their **Summer Fete on Saturday 15th August** in the Church, 2.00pm - 5.00pm. Cakes, Books, Tombola, Lucky Dip, Children's Games and Refreshments will be available. Fun for all the family.

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Church Services:



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

Sunday 9th August

(10th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

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

11:00am

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

Grapevine

9th Sunday after Trinity

2nd Aug 2026

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Look, Give thanks, Share. It's a wonderful, simple, model Jesus lives out before us in this passage.

Faced with scarcity, Jesus does not walk away, or send away, to avoid looking at the 'problem'. He looks openly at the situation and sees an opportunity.

There will be times when we must acknowledge we cannot provide for all that is required of us. Jesus himself, it is worth noting, did not heal everyone. It is not because he did not care, but because he knew the most valuable thing he could offer was not a miracle service, but his very self. So he needs to stay focused on Calvary.

However, in day to day life, it is very easy to get focused on the limited bread and fish of life, and the impossible task. Jesus reminds us if we are able to look with faith and love in any situation, God will reveal what he has provided. And if we can truly give thanks, praise, and glory to God for those (seemingly) small provisions, rather than frustration at the needs - and then in love and faith share them, we will likely be surprised by the miraculous way God does not just allow us to benefit from what we could see, but to find spiritual favour and miraculous blessing with far more to feed us physically and spiritually than we could ever hope for or imagine.

Are there areas of your life now that you are finding it hard to focus on God's provisions, over your needs? If you are in deep trouble, please ask for help. However, if this is around comfort or preference - perhaps challenge yourself to spend this week giving thanks for what you do have, and asking God for inspiration as to who/how you might freely share that with others?

And get excited - who knows what God might do!

Jonathan Cook