

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
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 24.34-38,42-49, 58-67
(Psalm 45.10-17 *or*
Canticle: Song of Solomon 2.8-13)
Romans 7.15-25a
Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Genesis 25.19-34
(Psalm 119.105-112)
Romans 8.1-11
Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Verse for the Week:

‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

Matthew 11:17

Prayer & Reading Diary Sourton

Monday

Read: Genesis 25.19-34
Prayer: Our clergy, especially Adrian Brook and
his family, lay readers and Sourton lay worship leader,
Caroline North.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 119.105-112
Prayer: Local families, farmers and children;
Boasley Cross Primary School and all the schools in
the Dartmoor MAT.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 8.1-11
Prayer: The Sourton Commoners Association and
Sourton Parish Council.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
Prayer: Our PCC members and all who care for St
Thomas' Church.

Friday

Read: Deuteronomy 28.1-14
Prayer: All who visit St Thomas' Church; our
outreach to visitors and to all people seeking faith and
direction.

Saturday

Read: Acts 28.17-31
Prayer: Those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

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 Rectory Garden Party: Saturday 4th July 3~5pm** Cream teas, barbeque, games and activities, cake, produce and plant stalls. Entry free. Bring your friends.

* **All Saints Parish lunch, Okehampton Golf Club: Sunday 5th July 1pm.**

To book your place please add your name to the list at the back of All Saints or email Mish

on mishflexman@gmail.com

As always we would be delighted if some of our friends from Inwardleigh, Belstone and Sticklepath joined us.

Church Services:



Saturday 4th July

Northlew – Patronal Service @ 3pm
followed by fete

Sunday 5th July

(5th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Sourton – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Family Worship

11:00am

Okehampton - Cafe Church @ Ch. Hall

Hatherleigh – Holy Communion

Lydford - Morning Prayer

Sticklepath – Tent Service at South Zeal
Playing Field

Meeth - Holy Communion by ext'n

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

Sunday 12th July

(6th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe – Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

Bridestowe – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Festival Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Meeth - Morning Prayer

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Grapevine

5th Sunday after Trinity

5th July 2026

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I've always loved this little ditty. I wonder how it was said. Did Jesus have a twinkle in his eye, or was it scolding like the time he threw the market stalls out of the temple.

Irrespective of tone, it's so simple and striking. This life is forever God trying to do life with us, he is living the highs and the lows amidst us. Yet, when he brings joy we refuse to sing praises, and when there is sadness we refuse to mourn or repent.

We are like a child who is invited to play with the rest, yet stands on the side-lines never fully happy, or willing to join in. We think it's 'safer'. Too scared of not playing 'right', or perhaps wanting to play things our own way instead of the way they are, so we wait till we are in full control.

Our times feel no different. We spend our lives writing articles and arguing and posting about how things 'should' be. Yet, we are more isolated and frustrated than ever. And life continues in all its fullness irrespective.

God's not sending us to the side-lines out of his judgement to condemn us to the side-lines. Jesus is highlighting we've judged everyone, including ourselves, and in so doing have outcast ourselves to the side-lines.

He's calling us to stop being so serious and just embrace the mystery, mourning, mirth, magnificence of life. He's led the horse to water, but it's our job to drink!

Jonathan Cook