

Collect for Today

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 45.1-15
(Psalm 133)
Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Exodus 1.8 - 2.10
Psalm 124
Romans 12.1-8
Matthew 16.13-20

Verse for the Week:

God doesn't take back the gifts he has given or disown the people he has chosen. **Romans 11 v29**

Prayer & Reading Diary Jacobstowe

Monday

Read: Micah 1 v 1-9

Prayer: For people enjoying holidays, meeting friends and for times of relaxation.

Tuesday

Read: Mark 5 v 21-24

Prayer: For those in our communities who are in hospital or are unwell, and for those recently bereaved.

Wednesday

Read: Mark 5 v 35-end

Prayer: For farmers and growers in this difficult growing year. Be with all those who work in our food supply sector and the challenges they face. Pray in particular for livestock farmers experiencing blue tongue disease.

Thursday

Read: Mark 6 v 1-13

Prayer: For our politicians and new Prime Minister over the summer recess that they will be refreshed for the many challenges and decisions that will need to be made.

Friday

Read: Psalm 102

Prayer: For all who work in the emergency services and their commitment to keeping us safe.

Saturday

Read: Psalm 104

Prayer: For our clergy, curates and lay ministers as they lead us in worship in our churches and for those on PCCs as they exercise care and responsibility.

Notices:



* **Wednesday 26th August: Jacobstowe** are having 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, Okehampton**

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

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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.

* **Next Cream Tea at St Mary's Belstone** is on **Sunday 23rd August** at Belstone Village Hall between 2.30pm - 5.00pm.

* **ST THOMAS à BECKET CHURCH CREAM TEAS** at SOURTON VILLAGE HALL
2 scones, Cream, and Jam, Tea or Coffee **Only £7!!**
Also available: Savouries including Sandwiches, Sausage rolls, quiches and a delicious assortment of home-made Cakes
Sundays 9th, 16th and 23rd August 1.30-4.30 p.m.
IN AID OF SOURTON CHURCH AND SOURTON VILLAGE HALL
DO COME AND SUPPORT THIS COMMUNITY EFFORT!!



Church Services:



Sunday 16th August

(11th Sunday after Trinity)

8:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Family Service

Lydford - Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – Joint Service

Meeth - Morning Prayer

Exbourne – Holy Communion by Ext.

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Sunday 23rd August

(12th Sunday after Trinity)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Northlew – Morning Prayer

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 - Holy Communion

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

6:00pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

Grapevine

11th Sunday after Trinity

16th August 2026

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And so the hot and dry summer continues - perhaps it will have rained by the time you read this, but there is no sign of it the forecast. In our verse today we read that 'God doesn't take back the gifts he has given'. But the weather of this summer teaches us the importance of stewarding the gifts He gives us. After all we had some wet weather earlier in the year and, though I have several water butts to catch rainwater for the garden I really need to put some more in! Climate change is certainly producing hotter summers with Met Office data showing the number of days with temperatures above 30C more than trebling in the past decade compared with the 1961-1990 average. General Synod recently agreed a new Festival of Creation in Christ designated for the 1st Sunday in September inviting us to come before God to give thanks and to treat the world as gift, covenant, and responsibility. God does not take back his gifts but we are responsible for how we use them. *May God the Father, whose glory is proclaimed in the heavens, awaken in you a delight and wonder in this good creation.* *May God the Son, the Word made flesh, through whom all things were made, fill you with his risen life.* *May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos, form you in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth. Amen.*

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