

Collect for Today

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 37.1-4,12-28
(Psalm 105.1-6,16-22,45b*)
Romans 10.5-15
Matthew 14.22-33

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Genesis 45.1-15
(Psalm 133)
Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28

Verse for the Week:

‘Lord, if it’s you,’ Peter replied, ‘tell me to come to you on the water.’

‘Come,’ he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. ‘You of little faith,’ he said, ‘why did you doubt?’ **Matthew 14.28-31**

Prayer & Reading Diary Germansweek

Monday

Read: Genesis 45.1-15

Prayer: Our special church of St Germanus in Germansweek. Pray for our Clergy, Churchwardens, PCC and Bell Ringers, all of whom make it so special.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 133

Prayer: The parents of our young children in Germansweek and surrounding areas: may they encourage (by example) their young ones to be part of our Christian faith.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Prayer: The message of love and hope sent to you Lord on the ‘Prayer Tree’ in memory of our dear friends.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28

Prayer: The wider community of businesses, especially during this difficult time.

Friday

Read: 2 Kings 4.1-37

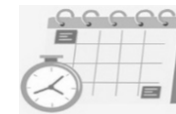
Prayer: Our local people who work so hard to make this Parish a better place.

Saturday

Read: Acts 16.1-15

Prayer: Love, Joy and Laughter in this community. Keep us well to continue to perform our daily lives but remembering THY WILL BE DONE.

Notices:



* Next Cream Tea at St Mary's Belstone is on **Sunday 23rd August**

* **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.

* **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!!

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Church Services:



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

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

Grapevine
10th Sunday after Trinity
9th August 2026
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Like last weeks Gospel (The feeding of the 5000) this week we have a passage that will be incredibly familiar to many of us. Matthew 14:22–33 recounts the story of Jesus walking on water, and a story that can pass us by because we have heard it so many times. But it is a powerful reminder worth listening to, that faith requires trust, even when life feels uncertain.

In this passage, the disciples are caught in a storm while Jesus walks towards them on the water. At first, they are terrified, but Jesus immediately reassures them by saying, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” His words show that His presence brings peace, even in the middle of fear. Peter’s decision to step out of the boat demonstrates great faith. He is willing to leave the safety of the boat because he trusts Jesus. However, when Peter notices the wind and waves, he becomes afraid and begins to sink. It is easy to trust God when life is calm, but much harder when problems seem overwhelming. Like Peter, we can become distracted by the challenges instead of focusing on Jesus. But notice - Jesus immediately reaches out His hand to save Peter. He does not leave him to struggle alone but responds with love and compassion. Even when our faith is weak, Jesus is always ready to help us if we call on Him.

This week, we are encouraged to keep our eyes on Jesus instead of our fears. Faith is not about never doubting, but about trusting Jesus enough to call on Him in difficult times. With His guidance and strength, we can face life’s storms with greater confidence and hope.

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