

Collect for today

Almighty God, who, through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, grant that, as by your grace going before us, you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Readings for today

Acts 7:55-end, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

Later today

3.00pm	Exeter Cathedral	Celebration for the 20 th anniversary of Women's ordination
6.00pm	Hatherleigh	Evening Prayer
6.30pm	Northlew	Evening Prayer
6.30pm	Okehampton	Evensong

Verse for the week

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **1 Peter 2:4-5**

Prayer and Reading Diary

Prayer Focus this week: Jacobstowe

Monday

Read: Acts 17:22-31

Pray for: our Team Vicar, Rev. Ruth Hansford, and our Readers and our Lay Worship Leaders.

Tuesday

Read: 1 Peter 3:13-end

Pray for: the Gilead Foundation in their work with those recovering from addictions.

Wednesday

Read: John 14:15-21

Pray for: the Community Group of Jacobstowe that their work in the community may make a difference.

Thursday

Read: Psalm 87

Pray for: all that needs as we continue the project to re-order the church.

Friday

Read: Zechariah 8:1-13

Pray for: various people in the community recovering from operations and illnesses

Saturday

Read: Revelation 21:22-22:5

Pray for: our farming community as they cope with many different challenges.

Events this week

Monday *The Ark* toddler group, Parish Church Hall Okehampton, 9.45am-11.45am

Wednesday 10.15am Holy Communion, Bridestowe
7.30pm Mothers' Union, Okehampton Church Hall
7.30.p.m All Saints Home Group
35 Fern Close. - Daniel 5

Thursday 10 am Holy Communion, St James Okehampton

Friday 2.30pm Puzzle Tree Praise, All Saints, Okehampton

Saturday 10am-12 noon Annual Plant Sale, Leawood, Bridestowe

Future events

May 25 11.00 am- Rogation Service at Hall Farm, Lydford

May 25 6.30 pm United Rogation Service at Hillside Farm, Northlew

May 27 4.00pm Celebration of David Muir's work, Okehampton Church Hall
7.30 pm Archdeacon's Visitation, Hatherleigh

August 2 Commemoration of 100th Anniversary of Start of WW1 – An exhibition is being planned. If you have any information about families from Hatherleigh or the surrounding area and their involvement in World War I, please contact Monica Jones (01837 811 293 or email: monicasusie@tiscali.co.uk) or Rev. Ruth Hansford (01837 810 314 or email: maggiethecat@waitrose.com).

Notices

Thurs 22nd 7:30 Inwardleigh PCC meeting

New Team Vicar

We are very pleased to announce that the Rev'd Adrian Brook has been appointed as Team Vicar in the Northmoor Team. Adrian is currently a curate in Blandford in Dorset. He has served in the armed forces with the Royal Army Medical corps, has been a farmer and an Education Officer. He trained as an evangelist with the Church Army and then returned to farming before training for ordained ministry. He is married and has three children, two of whom have now left home. A licensing date has not yet been agreed.

Grapevine

Grapevine is back! We are very grateful to Linda Hanson, who has stepped up and taken it on. Her contact details are on here and if you would like to publicise church news here, please contact her directly. If you can think of ways in which Grapevine can be made more useful, please let her know. **IF YOU NEED TO ALTER THE NUMBER OF GRAPEVINES YOU RECEIVE, PLEASE LET ANN PANTREY KNOW.**

20th Anniversary of the ordination of women

There will be a service to celebrate women's ministry in the cathedral at 3:00 today. Everyone is welcome.

Services for 25th May 2014 6th Sunday of Easter

8.30am	Sticklepath	Holy Communion
9.30am	Inwardleigh	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Jacobstowe	Holy Communion
9.30am	Belstone	Holy Communion
11.00am	Northlew	Family Service
11.00am	Lydford	United Rogation Service
11.00am	Okehampton	Holy Communion
11.00am	Hatherleigh	United Family Service – Sunday School Anniversary
11.00am	Exbourne	United Service
6.30pm	Okehampton	Evensong
6.30pm	Northlew	Rogation service

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If this is your first visit or you have not been for a while, please take a welcome leaflet from the back of Church. Contact details for Clergy are given above.

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The gospel reading set for today is often read at funerals. "I am going ahead to prepare a place for you..." says Jesus. "In my Father's house there are many rooms." On the rare occasions I stay in hotels I am always a bit anxious when I arrive at the reception desk: having come all that way, will they check their computer and say they have no record of a booking? It is a relief when they hand me my key-card and tell me there is a room waiting for me.

The idea that there is a place in heaven prepared for us: a room in God's house with our name on the door, is an extraordinary one but here is Jesus promising that very thing on the night of his death. There are many rooms: there is no shortage of space, there is room for everyone. Any anxiety we might have about not being the right kind of person, about being at the back of the queue when the faith was handed out can fade away: God has a big house: there are plenty of rooms.

Of course we do need to find our way there. Thomas pointed this out: "We don't know where you are going," he said, "so how can we know the way?" "I am the way, the truth and the life," said Jesus, "no-one can come to the Father except through me." Just as God's house has room for everyone, so the way to it can be known by everyone. To stay in the Father's house you just have to be a friend of the Son.

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