

Collect for today

Almighty 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 forever. **Amen**

Readings for today

1 Kings 19:1-18, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

Next week's readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:21-28

Later today

2.30pm	Belstone	Open Air Service
6.30pm	Okehampton (St James)	Evening Prayer
6.30pm	Northlew	Holy Communion

Verse for the week

“If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved.” **Romans 10:9**

Prayer and Reading Diary

Prayer Focus this week: Inwardleigh

Monday

Read: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Pray for: our church officers Philip, Janet and Brenda and that someone will come forward to fill the gap for a churchwarden.

Tuesday

Read: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Pray for: our farmers and their families as they prepare for the busy harvest time.

Wednesday

Read: Matthew 15:21-28

Pray for: the work with children and young people in the monthly Sunday school.

Thursday

Read: Psalm 90

Pray for: wisdom in knowing how to make the most of the excellent relationship between church and parish.

Friday

Read: 2 Kings 4:1-37

Pray for: our brothers and sisters who worship at Oak Baptist Church.

Saturday

Read: Acts 16:1-15

Pray for: wisdom to build on the wonderful success of our recent celebration of marriage service.

Events this week

Monday *The Ark* toddler group, Parish Church Hall Okehampton, 9.45am-11.45am- check with Dave Atallah first

2.15 pm Julian Group, 58 Riversedge Court

Thursday 10 am St James, Okehampton Holy Communion

Saturday 9 am-1pm Just Living, Okehampton Farmer's Market

Future events

Sunday 24 August, 'Secrets of Taw Marsh', two-hour guided walk leaving Belstone Village Hall at 1.30pm. Cream Teas in Hall afterwards. Details from Chris Walpole, 01837840498.

Thursday 4th September 7.00pm Bridestowe – Licensing of Rev. Adrian Brook

Sunday 7th September 11.15 am Germansweek Harvest Festival followed by lunch (hot?) in the Village Hall – booking essential.

Saturday 13th September Devon Historic Churches Ride and Stride Day. Details from Irene Young, 01837 52023.

Friday 19th September 7.30pm Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall: Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir. Tickets £6.00 in aid of Church Building Fund, inc. refreshments, from Brenda Harris, 01822 820421.

Sunday 21st September Exbourne Harvest Service, with light refreshment and sale of produce at the end.

Notices

CREAM TEAS AT SOURTON

in the Parish Hall from 2.30 - 5.30 p.m.
on August 10th, 17th and 24th
in aid of Sourton Parish Church.

Foundations

Are you interested in going over the basics of the Christian Faith with a group of others? We are starting an eight week course on Thursday evenings beginning on September 18th. It will be relaxed and friendly with no pressure to do anything more than come along. For some people this may lead to baptism or confirmation, but for others it will just be a way of exploring what they believe. If you are interested please contact Stephen Cook (see over for details).

Services for 17th August 2014 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Inwardleigh	Holy Communion
9.30am	Bratton Clovelly	Holy Communion
9.30am	Bridestowe	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Northlew	Holy Communion
9.30am	Belstone	Morning Prayer (Patronal Festival)
11.00am	Lydford	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Sourton	Family Communion
11.00am	Okehampton	Holy Communion
11.00am	Hatherleigh	Family Service
11.00am	Exbourne	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Germansweek	Morning Prayer
6.00pm	Hatherleigh	Evening Prayer
6.30pm	Okehampton	Evensong
6.30pm	Northlew	Evening Prayer

Contacting the Clergy

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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.

Grapevine

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Walking on water is somehow seen as the archetypal miracle. It was one of the least useful that Jesus did, especially when you put it alongside making blind people see and lame people walk, but it has captured our imagination. Perhaps it is because when you look at the flat surface of a lake you can imagine it might just take your weight... But if you try, the laws of physics dictate that it will part and you will sink up to the point where you have dispersed your own body weight of water, then you will float... just. Walking on water is not for ordinary people.

That is why Matthew records in our Gospel reading today that when Jesus got into the boat with them they worshipped him. "Truly you are the Son of God", they say. They were used by now to the idea that Jesus was a teacher and a healer, but this was in a different category.

It is remarkable that in the Gospel accounts this kind of story is rare. Most of the time Jesus is as subject to the laws of nature as anyone else. He grew up in an ordinary home, he got hungry and tired, he could be bound and hung on a cross, but every so often there is a little glimpse of something more. A widow's grief, the danger of the disciples in the storm and the whole truth comes shining through. Perhaps we can have that same glimpse of glory: this Jesus who I call Lord, whose name is on my lips day by day, is truly the Son of God.

Stephen