

Collect for today

Amen

Readings for today (may vary)

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24, Ephesians 1:15-end,
Matthew 25:31-end

Next week's readings

Isaiah 63:1-9, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-end

Later today

6.30pm	Okehampton (Fairplace)	Evensong
6.30pm	Northlew	Holy Communion

Verse for the week

“God put his power at work to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.”

Ephesians 1:20

Prayer and Reading Diary

Prayer Focus this week: Lydford

Monday

Read: Isaiah 63:1-9

Pray for: fresh initiatives to reach out to school children and their families, for after school clubs and helpers.

Tuesday

Read: 1 Cor 1:3-9

Pray for: the Drop In (fellowship/lunch club in Nicholls Hall), its organisers and patrons, the elderly, the housebound, the lonely.

Wednesday

Read: Mark 13:24-end

Pray for: all those who play an active role in the life of the village, both as organisers or supporters and for those who prefer the quiet life.

Thursday

Read: Psalm 25

Pray for: for worshippers and all those who help to keep the church and its surroundings open, welcoming, clean and tidy.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 1:1-20

Pray for: this P.C.C. and others in a similar situation, as they seek ways to attract new members and strengthen the life and witness of the church.

Saturday

Read: Matthew 21:1-13

Pray for: Adrian as he gets to know the five parishes, and for all those ordained and lay people who lead worship in the Northmoor team. Pray especially for those beginning to prepare special services for use over the Christmas period and for the initiative to use those opportunities wisely.

Events this week

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

Tuesday 10am -12noon Mothers' Union Drop-in
Okehampton Church Hall

Wednesday 8.30 am Exbourne Morning Prayer
12.00-1.30 pm Christian Bereaved Group,
Okehampton. Contact Dave Atallah
2.00 pm Jelly Tots in Hatherleigh

Thursday 10 am St James, Okehampton Holy Communion
Friday 2.30pm Puzzle Tree Praise, All Saints,
Saturday 8.30-10.00am CTO Prayer Breakfast, Okehampton
Baptist Church. Help appreciated. Tel. Margaret
Pearson 01837 55227
10.00am Inwardleigh Friends work party clean
up, starting 10 am at the Church. Contact Phill
Bush 01837 658779.

Future events

30th November 3.00pm Inwardleigh Friends of St
Petroc's AGM
4.00pm Germansweek Christingle with one of
Sandy's amazing teas to follow.
6.00pm Meeth Advent Carol Service, with
Northlew Church choir. Refreshments to follow.
4th December Edwardian Evening, Okehampton Fairtrade
Group will be serving hot chocolate from the
Baptist Church and birthday cake to celebrate 20
years of Fairtrade.
7.00pm Hatherleigh Town Band will entertain at
Hatherleigh's shopping evening. Fantastic draw
and mince pies to enjoy.
12th December Christmas Concert, Hatherleigh Village
Hall. Contact Lorraine if you would like to
Perform.
12th to 19th December Bridestowe Christmas Tree
Festival. Contact Jenny Reynolds on 01837
861678 or Adrian Brook on 01837 816580.

Notices

Eric Delve

We are pleased to welcome Eric as our speaker at Belstone and Okehampton this morning and at the joint service at Fairplace this evening.

Next Sunday

There will be a service with prayers for laying on of hands for healing at All Saints Okehampton at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Mondays during Advent, 2pm in Old Schools, Hatherleigh, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December. An hour or so of Bible study/discussion, followed by seasonal refreshment. We shall be using the Diocese's Exploring Advent material. Come to all or dip in and out, weekly topics will be displayed nearer the time. For more details contact Sandra, 01837 810042 or sandracollier57@gmail.com

There are several home groups that meet regularly across the team area. If you would appreciate meeting with others to encourage each other in faith, have a word with one of the clergy and we would be pleased to point you to one that might work for you.

Services for 30th November 2014 First Sunday of Advent

9.30am	Inwardleigh	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Northlew	Hatherleigh Group Service with Holy Communion
11.00am	Okehampton (All Saints)	Holy Communion
11.00am	Sourton	Joint Benefice Service
4.00pm	Germansweek	Christingle
4.30pm	Belstone	Family Christingle
6.30pm	Okehampton (All Saints)	Healing Service
6.00pm	Meeth	Hatherleigh Group Advent Carol 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.

Grapevine

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Last Sunday After Trinity
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Tolkein's Trilogy "Lord of the Rings" used to be an obscure fantasy only read by those who liked that kind of thing. Thanks to Peter Jackson's epic set of films there can now be few people who haven't heard of it. The last book/film is called "The Return of the King" and in it Aragorn returns to Gondor to win the great battle and claim his crown. At last the enemy is defeated and the rightful king is on the throne. Order is restored.

This is "Christ the King" Sunday. Today we celebrate that the rightful king is on the throne, even though the fact may not be evident to all. We crown him Lord of all and re-establish him as the ruler of our hearts. As in the epic fantasy tale, the restoration of the true king and our offers of homage are a celebration of freedom: order has been restored.

Who rules your life? The idea that we can each be our own boss and pay homage to no-one is a fantasy. If we try to live like that we end up a slave to our own wants and those of others. The way to freedom is to crown the true king and kneel before him. Next week sees the start of Advent, in which we prepare for the return of the king. This week we crown him as Lord of our lives.

Stephen