

Collect for today

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son, Jesus Christ, came to us in great humility: that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal: through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for today

Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-end

Next week's readings

Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

Later today

4.00pm	Germansweek	Christingle
4.30pm	Belstone	Family Christingle
6.30pm	Okehampton (All Saints)	Healing Service
6.00pm	Meeth	Hatherleigh Group Advent Carol

Service

Verse for the week

“Therefore keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or in the night or at cock-crow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you, I say to all: keep awake.” **Mark 13:24-end**

Prayer and Reading Diary

Prayer Focus this week: Meeth

Monday

Read: Isaiah 40:1-11

Pray for: Our parish priest Ruth at this very busy and special time of year and for all who lead our worship regularly or occasionally.

Tuesday

Read: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Pray for: The businesses in the village: the farmers, Lamisell and The Bull & Dragon, that they may be successful and thrive.

Wednesday

Read: Mark 1:1-8

Pray for: The Messy Meeth Monkeys and Night Owls as they meet and prepare to contribute to our Christmas services, and all the youngsters in the village

Thursday

Read: Psalm 40

Pray for: All for whom this time of year and especially Christmas may be difficult in any way.

Friday

Read: 1 Kings 22:1-28

Pray for: those who are not well, the housebound and those who care for them

Saturday

Read: Romans 15:4-13

Pray for: all involved in the life of the church and the village in any way, helping to keep the spirit of the community alive, and for those on the fringes for them to know they are always welcome..

Events this week

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

Wednesday 10.15 am Bridestowe Holy Communion
2.00 pm Jelly Tots in Hatherleigh

Thursday 10 am St James, Okehampton Worship without Words
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.

Saturday 9.30am – 12 noon All Saints Coffee Morning, Church Hall, Okehampton
3.00-4.00pm Northlew Doodlebugs

Future events

Sunday 7th December 12 noon – 4.00 pm Bratton Clovelly Craft Fair
6.00 pm Hatherleigh Christingle Service

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.
Tree Service at 2.45pm on 19th December.

14th December 4.00pm Sticklepath Carol Service.

18th December Bridestowe Carol singing around the Village, commencing 6.30 pm

Notices

Dave and Steve would value the views of those who attended any of the services or other events involving Eric Delve last weekend as we try to work out what we do next.

All those who came to All Saints Okehampton last weekend were given invitation cards for the Christingle service on 7th December. **These are for you to give away!** Please use them. There are still plenty at the back of church and some enterprising people might like to take a bunch and stick them through doors near you.

Later today

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

A Warm in the Arcade

Members of the "GOOD NEIGHBOURS" community magazine team will be offering everybody a warm welcome - with mulled wine and stollen cake - during Edwardian Evening on Thursday 4 December. You will find them in the Victorian Arcade from 6 till 9pm.

Meeth 6th December 7pm: Rev Stephen Cook will give the Samuel Jerman Memorial Sermon following a concert in church by two members of The Resonance. Followed by mulled cider and refreshments. Free. everyone welcome.

Come and join us for our festive men's breakfast
Sat 13th December
8am Carpark of the Seven Stars, South Tawton for a walk
9am Inside of the Seven Stars, for breakfast
contact Dave Atallah to book in

Services for 7th December 2014 Second Sunday in Advent

9.30am	Inwardleigh	Holy Communion
9.30am	Bratton Clovelly	Holy Communion
9.30am	Meeth	All Age Worship
9.30am	Exbourne	Holy Communion
9.30am	Northlew	Holy Communion
9.30am	Belstone	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Bridestowe (Methodist Chapel)	United Family Service
11.00am	Okehampton (All Saints)	Family Service (Christingle)
11.00am	Lydford	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Hatherleigh	Holy Communion
11.15am	Germansweek	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Sourton	Christingle
6.00pm	Hatherleigh	Christingle
6.30pm	Okehampton (All Saints)	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Northlew	Evening Prayer

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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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Almost the last words of the Bible are "Behold I am coming soon! Amen, come Lord Jesus." The ink dried on those words nearly 2000 years ago and it hasn't happened yet, so we could be forgiven for wondering if perhaps "soon" was a bit optimistic. We know that in Devon "presently" means any time before next Christmas but even here we expect "soon" to be measured in months, not millennia.

But Jesus made it clear that time was not the issue: as to the day and the hour neither he nor the angels in heaven knew, he tells his disciples in today's Gospel reading, but never the less they are to live with the understanding that God is near, at the very gates. So "soon" does not necessarily mean today or the day after but "any time now".

Every so often things happen which make people wonder if perhaps now is the time when it will happen. That is natural and not a bad thing in itself but Jesus warned not to chase after these ideas. Instead we should simply make sure that we are ready: we are to live our lives in the knowledge of God's imminence. That is why Advent is a time of preparation: we get ready to celebrate Christ's first coming in the firm belief that one day, whenever that may be, Christ will come again.

Stephen