

Collect for Today

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the
throne of heaven that he might rule over all
things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship
at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings for Today (may vary)

Jeremiah 23.1-6,
(Psalm 46),
Colossians 1.11-20,
Luke 23.33-43

Next week's Readings (may vary)

Jeremiah 33.14-16,
(Psalm 25.1-9),
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13,
Luke 21.25-36

Later Today

4.00pm **Hatherleigh** – Praise@4.00
6.30pm **Okehampton** – Evening Prayer
Joint CTiO Service at New Life Ch.

Verse for the Week

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven by making peace through the blood of his cross.” **Colossians 1:18-20**

Prayer and Reading Diary Bridestowe

Monday

Read: Jeremiah 33.14-16,

Pray for: All in our community who are ill in body, mind or spirit and especially those waiting for appointments and operations to relieve pain and suffering.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 25.1-9,

Pray for: Our joint Open the Book group as they go into the primary school to tell the story of the Nativity. May these visits continue to be much enjoyed and well received by children and staff.

Wednesday

Read: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13,

Pray for: All our clergy and those organising events in our churches at this busy time they all may have the strength, and patience they need.

Thursday

Read: Luke 21.25-36,

Pray for: All our local groups and clubs that they may continue to thrive and provide so much fun and interest to many people.

Friday

Read: Joel 3.9-21,

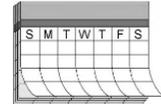
Pray for: The Promise – a remarkable charity run from our village which works to improve the lives of disabled children in Russia and neighbouring countries.

Saturday

Read: Revelation 14.13 - 15.4,

Pray for: The Friends of St. Bridget's that they may grow in number and receive more support for their efforts to keep St. Bridget's looking good – inside and outside.

Events This Week:



Tuesday 26th November:

9am Hatherleigh Prayer Group - Methodist
Prayer Room
10am Prayer Group – St James, Okehampton

Wednesday 27th November:

9am Bridestowe weekly jnt. church prayer meeting
10.30 -12.30 am Parent/Childminder & Toddler
Group. Old Schools, Hatherleigh

Thursday 28th November:

10am Holy Communion - St James Church,
Okehampton



Notices:

- All Saints Okehampton choir is looking to boost its numbers for the Christmas services. If you would like to join them please come to choir practices on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm
- The Team Council meets on Weds 27th Nov. Please make sure your church is represented.
- **Cracking Open Christmas**
An opportunity just before the Christmas rush to consider what the Evangelists were doing when they began their presentations of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' birth. **Week 2** – Exploring the contribution Matthew makes to Christmas. **Venue:** Gratton Hall, Fairplace Church. **Speaker:** Canon Tim Newcombe. **Date:** Monday 25th November. **Time:** 2.30pm

Future Events:



- Christians Together is holding a joint service **this evening** at New Life Church at 6:30. Please make a special effort to be there.
- **Saturday 30th November: CTiO Prayer Breakfast**
There is a prayer breakfast at 8:30 am in the undercroft of Okehampton Baptist Church.
- **Friday 6th December:**
Sam Willis and James Daybell present “**Histories of the Unexpected; The Tudors**” at All Saints, starting at 7.30pm. Sam Willis is well known from several TV series and this is part of a National tour.
Tickets: £10 (children £5) from Donald’s or phone 07551655424 for more information.
- **Friday 6th December: Meeth @ 7pm**
Samuel Jerman Memorial concert and sermon

Services for 1st December 2019 First Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Sourton – Holy Communion
9.30am Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion
Meeth – All Age Worship
Exbourne – Holy Communion
Northlew – Holy Communion
By Extension
- 11.00am Okehampton – Christingle: Family Service
Sticklepath – Village Praise
Bridestowe – Joint Service with Methodists in Chapel
Lydford – Morning Prayer
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
- 11.15am Germansweek – Holy Communion
4.00pm Belstone - Christingle
Hatherleigh – Christingle Praise@4.00
- 5.30 or 6pm Sourton - Christingle (TBC)
6.30pm Okehampton – Holy Communion

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“Take me to your leader” is the classic thing that aliens are supposed to say when they land on our planet. I suppose at the moment we would have to explain to the little green men that we are in the process of an election and it would be helpful if they could come back after December 12th, but at any time, of course, the world doesn’t have any one leader: just a bunch of people who think they ought to be.

Who is in charge? Whose world is it? Christians have a particular answer, which is wonderfully set out in the passage from Colossians set for today. “For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him.” This is the Jesus who emptied himself, who became obedient to death on a cross and is now exalted to the right hand of God.

When we feel proud we need to remember Jesus is Lord: we’re not Lord; he is. When we feel a failure we need to remember Jesus is Lord: we’re not Lord; he is. This is Christ the King Sunday: the day in the calendar just before Advent when we seek to set things back the way they should be. This is God’s world, not ours. This is God’s church, not ours. We are not Lord because Jesus is Lord.

Stephen