

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to 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 (may vary)

Isaiah 2.1-5,
(Psalm 122),
Romans 13.11-14,
Matthew 24.36-44,

Next week's Readings (may vary)

Isaiah 11.1-10,
(Psalm 72.1-7, 18 19*),
Romans 15.4-13,
Matthew 3.1-12

Later Today

4.00pm **Hatherleigh** – Christingle Praise@4.00
Belstone – Christingle
5.30/6pm **Sourton** – Christingle (Time TBC)
6.30pm **Okehampton** – Holy Communion

Verse for the Week

“The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay
aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of
light.” **Romans 13:12**

Prayer and Reading Diary Northlew

Monday

Read: Isaiah 11.1-10,
Pray for: We give thanks for the Northlew church
and Chapel as they prepare for Christmas services.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 72.1-7, 18, 19*,
Pray for: God bless the Band as they give us a taste
of ‘Christmas Past’ with their hymns and carols.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 15.4-13,
Pray for: At this season of Christmas, which brings
back so many memories, we think particularly of the
sad and lonely in our communities.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 3.1-12,
Pray for: Thank you for the Royal Mail and all
others who are busy working outside at this hectic
season. We pray for drier weather to make their lives
easier.

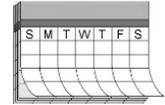
Friday

Read: 1 Kings 18.17-39,
Pray for: We ask you, God, to look kindly on our
country at this time of change and debate. Send some
calm reasoning to those in charge of all our lives and
futures.

Saturday

Read: John 1.19-28,
Pray for: As excitement increases among children,
let them know that there is much more to the story of
the birth of Jesus than just their Christmas stocking at
the end of their bed!

Events This Week:



Tuesday 3rd December:

9am Hatherleigh Prayer Group - Methodist
Prayer Room

Wednesday 4th December:

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

Thursday 5th December:

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

• Cracking Open Christmas

Week 3 – We shall be exploring the contribution Luke (Chps 1 & 2 and 3 vv 23 - 38) makes to the celebration of Christmas.

Venue: Fairplace Church **Speaker:** Canon Tim Newcombe **Date:** Monday 2nd Dec **Time:** 2.30pm

• Hatherleigh Advent Course

Rev Leigh Winsbury is running a three part Advent course at 7p.m on 4th, 11th, and 18th December in Old Schools, Hatherleigh. He will be looking at what lies behind the 9 readings used in the 9 lessons and carols service.

Future Events:



• *Radio Devon* are recording their Christmas Day service in All Saints Okehampton on the evening of **Wednesday 4th December**. If you would like to go, you need to register for a ticket by emailing devontickets@bbc.co.uk, stating how many you would like. Be quick to avoid disappointment.

• 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.

• **Saturday 7th December: An evening with the choir** at Follygate parish hall @7pm. Includes the hand bell ringers, Choir Hand bells and Festive songs followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

• Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: 19th - 27th Nov 2020

Led by The Bishop of Plymouth, Rt. Rev. Nick McKinnel and the Archdeacon of Plymouth, Venerable Nick Shutt. Cost is £1935.50 p.p. Visit: www.toursforchristians.com/tours
Email: groups@travellinkuk.com
Phone: 020 8931 8811

• Carol Concerts:

Thursday 19th Dec – Jacobstowe @ 7pm

Inwardleigh @ 7.30pm

Friday 20th Dec – Bratton Clovelly @ 7.30pm

Meeth @ 7pm

Grapevine Deadline for Submissions:

Please note that we cannot accept ANY notices or amendments to the Grapevine AFTER 1pm each Wednesday. Thank you.

Services for 8th December 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Sourton – Morning Prayer
9.30am	Belstone – Holy Communion
	Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
	Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion
	Bridestowe – Morning Prayer
	Jacobstowe – Holy Communion
11.00am	Okehampton – Holy Communion
	Hatherleigh – Nativity Service
	Meeth – Holy Communion
4.00pm	Sticklepath – Carol Service
	Hatherleigh – Praise@4.00
	Northlew – United Christingle Service In the Church
4.30pm	Sourton – Taize Service
5.30pm	Lydford – Lessons and Carols
6.30pm	Okehampton – Evensong

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Grapevine

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Advent Sunday

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I have a snooze button on my alarm clock, you probably have as well. When that annoying buzz wakes me from my beauty sleep I can reach out a hand and earn myself just ten minutes more. Ten minutes later I can do the same, and again and again. What I really need is a small dog that comes and pounces on me and licks my face... oh, wait a minute, I've got one of those.

“Now is the time to wake from sleep” says St Paul in the part of the Letter to the Romans set for this Advent Sunday. This isn't a time for snoozing, this is a time for getting out of bed, getting dressed and being ready to face the day. His list of things that belong to the night is interesting: revelling, debauchery, drunkenness, licentiousness: one can only imagine what might have been going on in the church in Rome at the time. His point is that that kind of behaviour doesn't belong in the church: we are people of the day, not the night.

Advent Sunday is our alarm call: wake up! Instead of switching off and rolling over we need to have a stretch, clean our teeth and get our clothes on, ready to face the day. There is work to be done and we need to crack on with it. Instead of imagining that life is all about us and what we want we should recognise that the Lord is coming and we need to be ready.

Stephen