

Collect for Today

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings for Today (may vary)

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

Next week's Readings (may vary)

Isaiah 35.1-10,
(Psalm 146.4-10),
James 5.7-10,
Matthew 11.2-11

Later Today

4.00pm **Sticklepath** – Carol Service
Hatherleigh – Praise@4.00
Northlew – United Christingle Service
4.30pm **Sourton** – Taize Service
5.30pm **Lydford** – Lessons and Carols
6.30pm **Okehampton** – Evensong

Verse for the Week

May the God who gives endurance and
encouragement give you the same attitude of mind
toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with
one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Romans 15:5-6**

Prayer and Reading Diary Okehampton

Monday

Read: Isaiah 35.1-10,
Pray for: Our church officers: Chris, Charlotte, Ann
and Eve, especially Eve as she looks after Brian while
he is unwell.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 146.4-10,
Pray for: St James' school as it enters this very busy
period and continues to grow and change.

Wednesday

Read: James 5.7-10,
Pray for: Okehampton Primary School and
Okehampton College.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 11.2-11,
Pray for: The cards going out into the homes in the
parish: that everyone who sees them will feel invited.

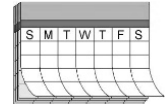
Friday

Read: Isaiah 5.8-30,
Pray for: All those who will come to the Christmas
services in the coming days: that the church will be
full and that the message of God among us will be
clear.

Saturday

Read: Acts 13.13-41,
Pray for: The children's work and Fiona as she leads
it.

Events This Week:



Tuesday 10th December:

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

Wednesday 11th December:

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

Thursday 12th December:

10am Holy Communion - St James Church,
Okehampton



Notices:

- We are trying to deliver cards to as many homes in Okehampton as possible, inviting people to our Christmas services. If you are able to deliver some to a road near you, please take an appropriate number and get posting!

• 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. Venue: Fairplace Church at 2.30pm. Speaker: Canon Tim Newcombe. Week 4: 9th Dec.

• 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.

Notices (cont):

•**The All Saints Angel Trail** is underway; 40 knitted angels are scattered in the shops and businesses of Okehampton. If you can find all the angels (they are all named) you can claim a free hot chocolate at Toast. Entry forms wherever there is an angel.

•**"Who Let The Dads Out"** a new initiative starting in January in the All Saints Hall on the second Saturday morning of each month. This is an activity based group for male carers and young children. For further details phone Michelle 07535 633747 or Henry 07807 508543

Future Events:



• **Men's Breakfast: Saturday 14th December**

This is the last Men's breakfast of the year, starting at the Finch Foundry car park, in Sticklepath, at 8am. Walk is round the usual loop, to be back within the hour, so we can drive up to Belstone to have breakfast bacon baps and porridge at Marion's tearoom behind the chapel at 9am.

• **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 10am each Wednesday. Thank you.

Services for 15th December 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Bridestowe – Holy Communion
9.30am	Belstone – Morning Prayer
	Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
	Bratton Clovelly – Messy Church
	Bratton Clovelly – Crib Service
	Bridestowe – Messy Church
	Meeth – Morning Prayer
	Northlew – Holy Communion
11.00am	Okehampton – Holy Communion
	Sourton – Holy Communion
	Lydford – Morning Prayer
	Exbourne – Holy Communion
4.00pm	Hatherleigh – Praise@4.00
6.00pm	Hatherleigh – Nine Lessons & Carols
6.30pm	Bridestowe – Joint Carol Service
	Northlew – Nine Lessons & Carols
	In Church

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Grapevine

Northmoor Churches Weekly News

Second Sunday of Advent

8th December 2019



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Across the team various choirs will be gearing up for Christmas. One of the key features of a choir is the opportunity to sing in harmony. Belting out the tune is one thing, but adding an alto, a tenor and a bass line, or maybe the descant when we get to "Sing choirs of angels" transforms the whole song. It is hard to do, because you have to stick to your part and not revert to what everyone else is doing, but boy is it worth it.

Singing in harmony is not the same as singing from the same hymn sheet, to coin a well-known cliché, or singing in unison: the whole point is that people have different parts according to their vocal range: they are not singing the same tune but they are singing the same piece. Harmony depends on each part singing its own tune according to the intention of the composer.

I am sure you can see where this is going. "May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another... so that together with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" says St Paul in a reading set for today. Harmony in a family, a church, a team depends on each person steadfastly singing their tune while listening to what everyone else is singing and understanding their part as a contribution to the whole. Only then can we make beautiful music together.

Stephen