

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings for This Week

Isaiah 25.1-9
(Psalm 23)
Philippians 4.1-9
Matthew 22.1-14

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 45.1-7
(Psalm 96.1-9[10-13])
1 Thessalonians 1.1-10
Matthew 22.15-22

Verse for the Week

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but
in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to
God.”

Philippians 4:4-6

Prayer & Reading Diary Okehampton

Monday

Read: Isaiah 45.1-7

Prayer: For those officers appointed at the AGM.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 96.1-9[10-13]

Prayer: For the ministry of the church as it tries to
operate both in the real world and online.

Wednesday

Read: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Prayer: For local businesses, struggling to keep
going through the current crisis.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 22.15-22

Prayer: For St James' School: the students and staff.

Friday

Read: Proverbs 4.1-18

Prayer: For the town council and other local leaders.

Saturday

Read: 1 John 3.16 - 4.6

Prayer: For Christians Together Okehampton,
representing seven local churches, praying for unity
and mutual support as each church responds to the
current situation in its own way.

Notices:



Government regulations now require the wearing of face coverings in church.

- This Sunday's service at Okehampton will include the APCM.
- Inwardleigh's Harvest Festival will take place this afternoon at 3:00 pm. There will be no morning service.
- If you are reading this on paper rather than a screen you may be interested to know that you can receive it by email. Just contact Sandy the editor grapevine.northmoor@aol.com and she will add your name to the list. You will then also receive a weekly link to the Sunday service on YouTube, together with any late notices, and the occasional "Grapevine Plus", which is a compilation of things people have sent in. It is also possible to receive Grapevine by post and if you or anyone you know would like that please contact Ruth Cartlidge.
- Church finances have kept up surprisingly well during the last few months and we are hugely grateful to all of you who have faithfully maintained your contributions in spite of not being able to come to church for much of the year. If your church is part of the Planned Giving Scheme we would warmly encourage you to sign up for it. This marvellous system automatically adds any tax rebate due to your contribution and delivers it to your church account without you or your treasurer having to do a thing. Ask your treasurer about it: there may well be leaflets at the back of your church.

Notices:



- The weekly Thursday 10 o'clock service at St James' Chapel is once more taking place. For those who haven't been before, we use the old Book of Common Prayer. Also, the chapel is open all day after the service and all day on a Sunday.



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Church Services:

Sunday 11th October



8:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

9:30 am

Northlew –Morning Prayer
Bridestowe & Bratton Clovelly – Messy Church
Belstone – Holy Communion
Meeth – Holy Communion
Exbourne – Morning Prayer
Jacobstowe – Morning Prayer

11:00 am

Okehampton – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford – Holy Communion

3:00pm

Inwardleigh – Harvest Service

6:30pm

Sourton - Taize service

Sunday 18th October (These may change)

8:30am

Bratton Clovelly & Germansweek – Celtic Holy Communion

9:30 am

Northlew –Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Morning Prayer
Belstone – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Jacobstowe – Holy Communion

11:00 am

Okehampton – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Family Service
Lydford – Matins

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Evidence that human nature may not have changed very much over the centuries comes at the start of the reading from Philippians set for today, where Pauls says “I urge Euodia and Syntyche to agree in the Lord.” No one knows who these two 1st Century women were or what they were arguing about but news of their dispute had reached the ears of the apostle and he was sufficiently worried to put it at the start of his practical instructions to the church.

Nothing is more damaging to community than dispute. Disagreements are one thing: often a good thing, because in resolving them a better understanding of the issue and of one another is often reached, but dispute needs to be resolved or it will develop into division and disintegration. Paul knew this, hence his command to sort it out.

Euodia and Syntyche may not have been able to agree with each other but they were able to agree “in the Lord”. This is the special perspective that Christians bring to divisions: we may be seeing things in very different ways; we may be coming from very different angles, but the fundamental underlying reality is that we are one in Christ Jesus and we can choose to live out of that deeper reality, not out of the superficial one. That command echoes down the centuries wherever there is a dispute in the church: “I urge you to agree in the Lord.”

Stephen