

## Collect for Today

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things  
and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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 44.6-8  
Psalm 86.11-17  
Romans 8.12-25  
Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

## Readings for Next Week

1 Kings 3.5-12  
Psalm 119.129-136  
Romans 8.26-39  
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

## Verse for the Week

“I consider that the sufferings of this present time  
are not worth comparing with the glory about to  
be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager  
longing for the revealing of the children of God.”

**Romans 8:18-19**

## Prayer & Reading Diary

### Monday

**Reading:** 1 Kings 3.5-12  
**Prayer:** God of healing and compassion,  
we thank you for the National Health Service,  
and for the dedication of all who work in it:  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who care for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those engaged in medical research.  
Strengthen all in their vocation through your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be restored to health  
and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### Tuesday

**Reading:** Psalm 119.129-136  
**Prayer:** *We pray for carers and health professionals*  
Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve:  
bless all who, following in his steps,  
give themselves to the service of others;  
that with wisdom, patience, and courage,  
they may minister in his name to the suffering and the  
needy;  
for the love of him who laid down his life for us,  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen**

### Wednesday

**Reading:** Romans 8.26-39  
**Prayer:** Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
**Amen**

## Prayer & Reading Diary

### Thursday

**Reading:** Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52  
**Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake.  
**Amen**

### Friday

**Reading:** 1 Kings 6.11-14, 23-38  
**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you invited all those who are  
carrying heavy burdens to come to you and rest. Be  
with all those who are struggling with heavy loads: for  
those who have the lives of others in their hands, for  
those who do not know how they are going to feed  
their family or pay the mortgage, those bowed low by  
anxiety, fear or isolation. Help them to hear and to  
heed your invitation and to lay down their burden by  
the river of your grace.  
**Amen**

### Saturday

**Reading:** Acts 12.1-17  
**Prayer:** Dear Lord,  
Help us always to hold fast to the good and see the  
good in others.  
Remember there is just one world, one hope and one  
everlasting love.  
In Jesus we make our prayer,  
The one who suffered, died and was raised to new  
life,  
In whom we trust these days and all days.  
**Amen**

## Notices:



### Online Services:

We recognise that not everyone is yet able to return to church and that many have valued the online services that have been available. Simpler, but we hope still meaningful, services will continue. You will find these on the website and links will be distributed late each week. **These will be available from 7:00 am each Sunday.** Beware: if you watch it and then come to church you may get the same sermon twice!

There will be a **Zoom meeting of fellowship** this Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>) at 5:30 pm, followed by a short service at 6:00 pm. Please come if you can, even if you come to church in the morning, as those still shielding would be delighted to see you. The details are below.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81232337779?pwd=SIFKT1IzRIFUdE41NUZrM0JNREZmQT09>  
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## Church Services:



### Services this Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> July)

**8:30 am**  
Bratton Clovelly Celtic HC

**9:30 am**  
Bridestowe MP  
Meeth MP  
Belstone MP  
Inwardleigh HC  
Northlew MP

**11:00 am**  
Lydford MP  
Okehampton HC  
Hatherleigh HC

### Services for 26<sup>th</sup> July (These may change)

**8:30 am**  
Sticklepath HC

**9:30 am**  
Bridestowe HC  
Inwardleigh MP  
Belstone HC  
Jacobstowe HC

**11:00 am**  
Okehampton HC  
Hatherleigh HC  
Lydford HC

# Grapevine

## Northmoor Churches Weekly News

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The main thing the Christian Church has to offer the world in a crisis is hope. I don't mean the sort of "It'll be alright on the night" sort of hope or even the sort of sunny optimism that some people seem to be able to maintain however bad things get: this is the sort of hope based on a fundamental belief in the goodness of God and the goodness of people and a trust that ultimately the future is not purely a matter of chance.

In the letter to the Romans, part of which is set for today, Paul describes this hope in almost painful terms: it's a yearning, a straining, a standing on tiptoe, reaching. Knowing who we are, we long to see the fulfilment of the promise in the here and now while at the same time knowing that there will always be a future dimension to it. Hope can be painful but life without hope would be bleak indeed.

"Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what he sees? Yet if we hope for what we do not see we wait for it with patience." We are not necessarily optimists but we are fundamentally hopeful because beyond what can be seen we look to what cannot yet be seen. That is what we offer to a world in crisis: we are people of hope.

*Stephen*