

Collect for Today

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
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

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16
(Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26*)
Romans 16.25-27
Luke 1.26-38

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3
(Psalm 148)
Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 2.15-21

Verse for the Week - Luke 1:35

“The angel said to her “The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy; he will be called the Son of God.”

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Prayer & Reading Diary Meeth

Monday

Read: Luke 1:39-45

Prayer: Pray for all the poorly people in our own community, that they may find comfort in the care that they receive. We give thanks for those who go out of their way to care for others.

Tuesday

Read: Luke 1:46-56

Prayer: We pray for all who have relatives in Care Homes and have been unable to see them and we pray for all staff in these homes and thank them for their dedication.

Wednesday

Read: Luke 1:57-66

Prayer: We pray for Rev. Leigh and his wife Lynn and all Lay Readers and worship leaders who work hard to keep our own Churches functioning through these difficult times.

Thursday

Read: Luke 1:67-79

Prayer: We pray for all the lonely and depressed at this difficult time, those with financial or emotional problems, that they may find the help they seek.

Friday

Read: Luke 2:1-7

Prayer: We give thanks dear Lord for the glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel and thank all who have worked so hard to develop this vaccine. With you Lord we know everything is possible.

Saturday

Read: Matthew 10:17-22

Prayer: We give thanks for all in our own communities who work so hard in various ways to keep the spirit of village life alive and welcoming and pray that 2021 will be a brighter year for us all.

Notices:



• Online Christingle service

We are very grateful to the Okehampton United Charity for providing us with funds to hold a virtual Christingle Service this year. Free “make your own Christingle packs” will be available via schools and shops and details of how to take part will be on the Northmoor Team website. The service will take place live at 4:00 pm on Saturday 19th December.

• Please be very vigilant to observe all the rules over this Christmas period when coming to church. Wear a mask, sanitize your hands, maintain a respectful distance at all times. Please come suitably dressed so that if you have to queue outside church in the rain you can do so. Even if you see people you have not seen for a while please keep conversations short and continue them outside. Our buildings are large and well ventilated and we have protocols in place to keep you safe. They all have a maximum safe capacity however and once that is reached we will have to turn people away. Please be aware that may be necessary.

• Please note that the service on 27th December at All Saints Okehampton will be a service of Holy Communion at **10:00 am**. We are grateful to Tim Newcombe for stepping in to take this service while Stephen takes a break.

• There will be a Christmas video this week for those unable to get to church. This will be the last for two weeks, the next being for Sunday 10th January. The next Grapevine will also be for Sunday 10th January.

• If you are unable to get to church over Christmas and would like to receive Holy Communion at home we would be pleased to try to arrange that for you. Please let one of the clergy know.

Notices:



• There will be no service of Holy Communion at St James on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve (December 24th and 31st)

• I hope a good number will be able to 'attend' the CTO prayer gathering from 7.00pm to 7.20pm this Thursday. Everyone can participate - audibly or in our silent communion with God. Please feel free to ask other Christians to join in.

David & Mary King are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CtO prayer meeting

Time: Dec 17, 2020 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72229618286?pwd=cmlhWlRlRmRSVlhb1RBUC92d11DQT09>

Meeting ID: 722 2961 8286

Passcode: 9zXR8e



Christmas Services across the Team:

Okehampton

19th December 4:00 online Christingle service

20th December 4:30 and 6:30 pm Carol service (same thing twice)

24th December 4:00 Crib service 11:00 Midnight Communion

25th December 10:30 Family Communion

Belstone and Sticklepath

23rd December 6:00 pm Carol Service: outside around Christmas Tree

24th December 9:30 pm "Midnight" communion

25th December 10:30 Sticklepath Holy Communion

Christmas Services across the Team:

Inwardleigh

20th December 7:30 Carol service

25th December 11:00 am

Holy Communion



Hatherleigh

24th December 11:30pm Midnight Communion

25th December 11:00 am Holy Communion

Exbourne

20th December 11:00 am Morning prayer for Christmas

Meeth

20th December 9:30 am Christmas themed morning prayer

Northlew

24th December 10:00 pm Holy Communion

25th December 10:00 am Christmas Morning service

Jacobstowe

25th December 9:30 am Family Communion

Bridestowe

20th Dec 9:30 Morning Prayer

24th Dec 11:30 pm Midnight Communion

Sourton

25th Dec 9:30 Holy Communion

Bratton Clovelly

20th December 9:30 am Messy Church

24th December 4:30 pm Carol service followed by singing in the square

Germansweek

25th December 10:30 Holy Communion

Lydford

13th December 11:00 am Lessons and carols

20th Dec 11:00 am Morning Prayer

25th December 10:30 am Holy Communion

Grapevine

Northmoor Churches Weekly News

4th Sunday of Advent

20th Dec 2020



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As this is the last Grapevine before Christmas and also the last one of the year I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year. Words like “unprecedented” and “strange” have been somewhat overused but even they don't really capture the quality of the shock to our expectations of what life ought to be like that this past year has delivered to us. We sincerely hope that next year will be better and that some of the lessons we have learned can lead to a better, saner world.

I would also like to say “well done”. I have been amazed and gratified by the stoical and courageous way in which church members, many of them in high risk groups, have kept the show on the road this year. It is thanks to you that disaster has been avoided and we are still here. I would especially like to thank the officers: the church wardens, treasurers and secretaries, who have wrestled with openings and closings, made sure the buildings are looked after and the bills are paid. Thanks too to my colleagues, lay and ordained, who have ministered to the sick, buried the dead and turned up and led services whenever we are allowed to do so.

This Sunday we remember Mary: whose blessing it was to hold the Lord in her arms at his birth and his death: to sit by his cradle, to stand beneath his cross and to witness his resurrection. Our calling can be painful but it is also glorious.

Stephen