

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their
Rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us
to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 5.1-7
(Psalm 80.9-17)
Philippians 3.4b-14
Matthew 21.33-46

Readings for Next Week

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

Verse for the Week

“I want to know Christ and the power of his
resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by
becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may
attain the resurrection of the dead.”

Philippians 3:10-11

Prayer & Reading Diary Northlew

Monday

Read: Isaiah 25.1-9

Prayer: Thanks to Almighty God for the Harvest and
for the fertile land that nurtures it.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 23

Prayer: Thanks for our hard-working farmers, in the
face of all the adversities and struggles they face.

Wednesday

Read: Philippians 4.1-9

Prayer: Thanks to God, whose Son lived with
fishermen, for our fishermen who risk, and sometimes
lose, their lives to bring us an abundant catch.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 22.1-14

Prayer: Many thanks to all those who have worked
so hard in cleaning and polishing the church, despite
the restrictions, by doing so individually. We are
grateful for them in making the church look lovely.

Friday

Read: Proverbs 3.1-18

Prayer: Thank you Lord for our Police Force and all
they do to ensure our safety as well as protecting our
freedom. We pray for their safety as they perform
their duty and ask that you watch over them.

Saturday

Read: 1 John 3.1-15

Prayer: Finally, a prayer for children. During this
time, please let their lives be as carefree, fun and
positive as possible. Please don't let them endure too
many 'grown up' worries that they can't solve.

Notices:



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

• 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 Cartledge.

• Funerals, weddings and other commitments have
meant that Stephen has struggled to produce the daily
“Night Prayer” videos and podcasts for the last few
days but there is now a very considerable back
catalogue for you to use! Look on the same channel
as the Sunday services or search “Moorthoughts” on
any of the major podcast platforms. Stephen will
continue to produce them but may not be able to catch
up with himself.

• 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 food donated by the congregation and others at last Sunday's Harvest celebration was delivered to the Oke Food Bank yesterday.

Paul Jarrett, the manager of the Food Bank, would like to thank everyone very much for all the many bags of food that came from the All Saints 'harvest'. The food will help many people in our local communities who are struggling to cope at this difficult time.



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Church Services:

Sunday 4th October



8:00am

Sourton – Holy Communion

9:30 am

Northlew – Holy Communion
Bridestowe – Joint Service in Church
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Belstone – Morning Prayer
Meeth – All Age Worship
Exbourne – Harvest Morning Prayer

11:00 am

Okehampton – Morning Prayer
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Joint Service in Chapel

11:15am

Bratton Clovelly & Germansweek – Holy Communion

Sunday 11th October (These may change)

8:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

9:30 am

Northlew – Harvest Holy Communion
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

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Are we defined by our past or by our future? I'd never thought to ask that question until I read again that passage from Philippians set for today. "Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."

If ever there was a man with a past that defined him it was St Paul: on the one hand he was an elite member of his community for all the reasons he has outlined a few verses before: a Hebrew born of Hebrews, educated to the highest level by the best teachers in the land. On the other hand he was the man who had set out to destroy the church, a name that put fear into the hearts of Christians. His past could have weighed him down but he had thrown it off and was running down the track with his eyes fixed on the finish line.

We cannot afford to carry our past with us, whether it is good or bad. Instead of looking back with sadness and regret we need to steadfastly turn our heads towards the future. We have a heavenly call to be the people we are now and the people we will be by God's grace. What's past is past: good or bad; this is now; this is what counts; this is what defines us.

Stephen