

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 (may vary)

Genesis 9.8-17
(Psalm 25.1-9)
1 Peter 3.18-22
Mark 1.9-15

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Genesis 17.1-7,15,16
(Psalm 22.23-31)
Romans 4.13-25
Mark 8.31-38

Verse for the Week:

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. **Mark 1. vv12-13**

Prayer & Reading Diary Hatherleigh

Monday

Read: Genesis 17.1-7,15,16
Prayer: Please pray for our families who have very sick children here, for healing and peace [no names for obvious reasons]

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 22.23-31
Prayer: Please pray for those new folks who have appeared in the church here, that they find a loving welcome and quickly feel at home amongst us.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 4.13-25
Prayer: Please pray with us as we seek out some extra musicians to aid us in our mixed diet of worship.

Thursday

Read: Mark 8.31-38
Prayer: Pray for our Youth cafe running this evening, but also, all those other teens in this parish [about 150 of them] whom we never see but would love to introduce to Jesus.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 51.1-11
Prayer: Give thanks for the success of our building project so far, please pray for our sense of direction and momentum for the next phase.

Saturday

Read: Galatians 3.1-9,23-29
Prayer: Please pray for a coming together of people and ideas as we re-evaluate our engagement with children and young families; everything is on the table right now!

Notices:



* There will be two **Lent groups in Okehampton**. One will be on Tuesday mornings, 10:30-12:00 at the home of John and Sara, **2 Church Path**, and the other on Tuesday evenings at the home of Phil and Nan, 30, Leeze Park 7:30-9:00pm. Both will start on Tues 20th Feb and run for five weeks. You are welcome to park on the Rectory Drive on Tuesday mornings. There is on street parking in Leeze Park. The groups will be using the “Shapes for Living” course. You can find out more here <https://gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/shapes-for-living>. You can just turn up, but it would help with planning if you could contact John and Sara on 07771848412 or Phil and Nan on 0183754894.

* The next **Brick Church** will be on **Saturday 24th February** at 4:00pm in the Church Hall. If you would be interested in helping or just finding out more you are most welcome to come.

* Details of our Lent courses:

Lydford: Thursdays. Alpha Course, 7.00pm. Nicholls Hall, Lydford
Bridestowe and Sourton: Tuesdays. Pilgrim series; The Creeds, 7.00pm. The Ark, Bridestowe
Bratton Clovelly and Germansweek: Mondays. Discussions with a meal, 7.00pm. The Old Schoolroom, Bratton Clovelly
Adrian

* Work on the **church hall refurbishment** is starting soon. Between now and 16th March we have the opportunity to double any donations made using the Give to Go Green scheme. If you are thinking of making a small donation please do so using the QR code which you will see at the back of All Saints and following the link.
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Dates for your Diary:



* Thursday 22nd February: 7pm - 8pm

An illustrated talk by Ian Brooker "Gullies and Gnus – A Tanzanian Adventure!" at St. Mary's Church, Sticklepath. Raffle of prizes brought back legally from Tanzania.

* Friday 15th March: Mariners Away Concert

All Saints Church at 7pm with buffet supper and licensed bar. Tickets £15 each. Booking essential. For more information or to book your place speak to Mish Flexman or email mishflexman@gmail.com

* Saturday 16th March: Sticklepath Quiz Night

7pm for 7:30pm start at Village Hall.
£10 per team of 4. Bring your own refreshments.
There will also be a raffle. All proceeds to St. Mary's Church, Sticklepath. Please book in your team with Niki Wooldridge on 01837 840876

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Church Services:



Sunday 18th February

(1st Sunday of Lent)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Meeth – Praise
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Exbourne – Holy Communion
Bridestowe – Joint Service @ St Bridget's
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Family Service
Lydford – Morning Prayer

7pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Sunday 25th February

(2nd Sunday of Lent)

8:30am

Sticklepath - Holy Communion

9:30am

Northlew – Morning Prayer
Jacobstowe – Holy Communion
Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Family Service
Sourton – Morning Prayer
Bratton Clovelly - Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Lydford – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Morning Service
Exbourne – Pet Service
Meeth – Holy Communion

6pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

Grapevine

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Well here we are in Lent again – a time for fasting and reflecting, as we seek to follow Jesus through those forty days. The fasting element for most of us, if it amounts to anything at all, is about giving up something such as chocolate or alcohol. A good thing to do certainly, but not in and of itself likely to greatly deepen our spirituality. And reflection? Well we can attend a Lent study group or be more attentive to our own Bible reading, or even both! And there are Lent books published every year.

I was delighted this year to see that the priest/writer Rachel Mann has brought out a book of Lenten reflections based around short extracts from the novels of Jane Austen, so that will be my prompt each day to Lenten reflection. And I shall probably re-read one of Austen's novels at the same time because I am a fan. Her gentle humour, her pithy characterisations, her portrayal of virtue triumphing in relationships, all make her a favourite. Some of her prayers survive and make it clear she was also a devout believer. I appreciate, of course, that literary tastes are personal.

My point here is not that everyone should rush out and read Jane Austen this Lent, though I happen to think the world might be a better place if more people did discover Austen and other Anglican novelists such as Elizabeth Goudge. But I do encourage people to find their own time and ways for reflecting this Lent.

Michael Winter