

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 14.17-20
(Psalm 128)
Revelation 19.6-10
John 2.1-11

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Deuteronomy 18.15-20
Psalm 111
Revelation 12.1-5a
Mark 1.21-28

Verse for the Week:

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. **John 2 v11**

Prayer & Reading Diary Belstone

Monday

Read: Deuteronomy 18.15-20

Prayer: For our church officers Michael, Sandra, Anne-Marie and Wendy.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 111

Prayer: All who visit and worship in St Mary's, Belstone.

Wednesday

Read: Revelation 12.1-5a

Prayer: For all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

Thursday

Read: Mark 1.21-28

Prayer: All who visit and worship in St Mary's, Sticklepath.

Friday

Read: Jeremiah 1.4-10

Prayer: For the work of Bernard's Acre in the parish.

Saturday

Read: Mark 1.40-45

Prayer: For the Village praise services run by Sticklepath Community Church.

Notices:



Churches Together in Okehampton Commissioning Service

6.30pm this **Sunday - 21st January** at Fairplace Church. Followed by refreshments.

Dates for your Diary:



* **Friday 9th February: All Saints Quiz Night** in the Church Hall, 7 for 7.30pm. Licenced Bar, Raffle. Teams of 4-6 Booking essential. £6 pp incl, refreshments.
Contact Ruth on 07551 655424 to book.

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Church Services:

Sunday 21st January

(3rd Sunday of Epiphany)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Meeth – Morning Praise
Northlew – Plough Service
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Lydford – Morning Prayer
Hatherleigh – Family Service
Exbourne – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Joint Service with Methodists

3:00pm

Jacobstowe – Plough Service

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Sunday 28th January

(4th Sunday of Epiphany)

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 – Morning Prayer

3:00pm

Meeth – Plough Service

6:00pm

Hatherleigh – Evensong



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3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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And so to the Third Sunday of Epiphany. Given that the visit of the Magi or wise men, is covered in a mere 12 verses in just one of the gospels (Matthew) it is in some ways surprising that we have 4 Sundays of Epiphany. We can't reflect on the Magi every week, fascinating though their story is. The meaning of the word Epiphany can help us here. The Greek word "epiphaneia" means "appearance" or "manifestation". Clearly the visit of the Magi as representatives of the non-Jewish world depicts the manifestation of Christ to peoples beyond the land of Israel.

But now, in the Gospel reading appointed for this Sunday, we fast forward 30 years to Jesus as a young man joining family, friends and his emerging band of disciples at a wedding. The special manifestation of Christ in this first recorded miracle of Jesus is to his friends and disciples.

This has always been one of my favourite miracles because this is such an ordinary situation we can all relate to. Indeed, just two years ago I was busy preparing for the wedding of my own daughter and as the provider of the drinks nervously calculating how much of different tipples we might need. Not an easy task so my sympathies are with the host at this wedding in Cana!

In performing the miracle, Jesus manifests Himself as concerned for sociability, community, and happiness. An enjoyable wedding with good wine matters to the incarnate Son of God.

Michael Winter