

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light
of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable
to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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 17.1-7,15,16
(Psalm 22.23-31)
Romans 4.13-25
Mark 8.31-38

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Exodus 20.1-17
(Psalm 19*)
1 Corinthians 1.18-25
John 2.13-22

Verse for the Week:

“Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and lose their life?”

Mark 8:35-36

Prayer & Reading Diary Lydford

Monday

Read: Exodus 20.1-17

Prayer: The community we live in, especially for those who take leadership roles on various committees and those whose work takes them out in all weathers.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 19*

Prayer: Those who organise or attend the Petroc's Pop In, for the elderly, the housebound, the lonely, those finding life hard and difficult to cope with, those suffering from long-term or life-threatening ill health.

Wednesday

Read: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

Prayer: For the young people in the community, for those who attend the local school or colleges, for all involved in education

Thursday

Read: John 2.13-22

Prayer: For those who help to keep the church and its surroundings open, welcoming, clean and safe for those who enter the area to attend services, to pray and reflect, or just to visit.

Friday

Read: Jeremiah 38

Prayer: Our churchwarden and PCC as they work to keep the church relevant, for the mid-week Morning Prayer service with its ministry for visitors and locals, for the recently started Alpha group.

Saturday

Read: Philippians 1.1-26

Prayer: Adrian and all ordained and lay people who lead worship in the Northmoor team as they prepare for their services, for those who help to enhance that experience and that those who attend worship this week may do so with open hearts and minds.

Notices:



* **Brick Church** is happening this Saturday (**Saturday 24th February**) at 4:00pm in the Church Hall, Market Street, Okehampton. Everyone welcome.

* **TGI Sunday Brunch:** Come to All Saints' Church Hall for 9:30 on **Sunday 3rd March** for our TGI Sunday Brunch. We will also be launching our 2024 Easter Bonnet Decorating competition. Brunch is by suggested donation to raise money for the hall repairs, but we won't turn anyone away while food stocks last! Invite friends and neighbours for a fab community fundraiser brunch before the 11am Cafe Church! See you there! - Rev Gill

* 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 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

Sunday 3rd March

(3rd Sunday of Lent)

9:30am

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Meeth – All Age Worship

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Exbourne – Family Service

Sourton – Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton -Family Service @ Ch. Hall

Hatherleigh – Holy Communion

Lydford – Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

Grapevine

2nd Sunday of Lent

25th Feb 2024



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Poor old Peter was always getting things wrong. In today's Gospel reading, having got things remarkably right by being the one to recognise who Jesus is, he then gets it spectacularly wrong and is told to "Get behind me Satan". His heart was in the right place; he wanted to protect Jesus from the people who wanted to harm him, but his love had led him down the wrong path and he had unwittingly become the mouthpiece of the tempter.

The people who love us most don't always give the best advice. Like Peter, they want to spare us pain so they may encourage us to take the easier route, they may tell us things don't matter when they do, they may tell us not to worry when we should. Like Jesus, we need to learn to listen beyond their concern to a greater understanding of our calling.

Jesus loved Peter; at the end of John's Gospel he is carefully and lovingly restored. Peter was to be the rock on which the church was built but he had to learn this painful lesson. The road to Easter travels through Good Friday, the cross could not be bypassed. "If anyone would be my disciple," said Jesus, "Let them take up their cross and follow me."

Stephen Cook