

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen

Readings for This Week (may vary)

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31
(Psalm 104.26-37)
Colossians 1.15-20
John 1.1-14

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

2 Kings 2.1-12
(Psalm 50.1-6)
2 Corinthians 4.3-6
Mark 9.2-9

Verse for the Week:

“For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions, or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things and in him all things hold together.”

Colossians 1:16-17

Prayer & Reading Diary Inwardleigh

Monday

Read: 2 Kings 2.1-12

Prayer: For our church officers Julianne, Dot, Brenda and Janet

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 50.1-6

Prayer: For wisdom about how to proceed with repairs to the tower now that Lottery funding no longer seems a possibility.

Wednesday

Read: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Prayer: For our friends in Oak Chapel and for ever stronger links between the churches

Thursday

Read: Mark 9.2-9

Prayer: For understanding about how to make the most of the opportunities that come with new houses in Folly Gate.

Friday

Read: Exodus 24.12-18

Prayer: For our farmers, challenged by ever changing weather patterns.

Saturday

Read: 2 Corinthians 3.12-18

Prayer: For a vision that extends beyond keeping the show on the road to confidence in the future of the church.

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 Street, 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.

* We had a lovely time at **Brick Church** last Saturday, with lots of people and several new families. If you would be interested in helping or just finding out more you are most welcome to come. The next one will be on Sat 24th Feb at 4:00pm in the Church Hall.

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.

*** 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

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Church Services:

Sunday 4th February (2nd Sunday before Lent)

9:30am

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Meeth – All Age Worship
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Exbourne – Family Service
Bridestowe – Patronal Service

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise

11:00am

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

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

Sunday 11th February (Sunday before Lent)

9:30am

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

11:00am

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



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4th Feb 2024



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All the readings set for this Sunday deal with the heavy subject of pre-existence. “What was there before the beginning?” You might think it’s a nonsensical question; there can be nothing before the beginning or it wouldn’t be the beginning, but the Bible writers apparently didn’t think so. Proverbs says wisdom was there at the beginning, John says the Word was there, Paul in Colossians says Jesus was there.

Experience tells us that everything has a cause; and that each cause has its own cause, and it seems impossible to imagine an infinite progression of causes; there must have been a first cause. We now believe that all matter and time itself had a beginning in what we have come to call the Big Bang; should that be where our search for origins stops?

The Bible seems to say that there is a background of permanence against which all temporal things exist. “In the beginning the Word already was.” Nothing exists without God’s permission; in him “all things hold together.” This passing world, in which each cause is the result of another cause, is the manifestation of an ultimate Cause which itself has no beginning and no end, and you and I and every other creature have our origins there... in the Great For Ever.

Stephen Cook