

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)

Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25
(Psalm 65)
Revelation 4
Luke 8.22-25

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Exodus 34.29-35
(Psalm 99)
2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2
Luke 9.28-36[37-43a]

Verse for the Week:

“Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who
was and is and is to come” **Revelation ch4 v8**

Prayer & Reading Diary Meeth

Monday

Read: Exodus 34.29-35

Prayer: We pray for those who mourn and we ask
you to strengthen our clergy when consoling the
bereaved, especially when conducting funerals.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 99

Prayer: We pray for growth in our churches and for
a good community spirit to support each other.

Wednesday

Read: 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2

Prayer: We pray for Leigh and his team as they take
the Bible message to schools. Please bless the
children, their families and teachers that they grow in
faith.

Thursday

Read: Luke 9.28-36[37-43a]

Prayer: We ask you to be with the forthcoming PCC
meetings and AGMs that we increase our
membership to build teams to help us serve you.

Friday

Read: Exodus 33.17-23

Prayer: We give you thanks for the wonder of your
creation, the starry skies, the lambs, the Snowdrops
and spring flowers, may we never take them for
granted.

Saturday

Read: 1 John 3.1-3

Prayer: As we turn towards Ash Wednesday and
Lent, we ask that you help us remember your journey
to the Cross and the salvation it brings.

Notices:



* Our Archdeacon, Douglas

Dettmer, is leading the 11am Communion service at
Okehampton on **Sunday 23rd February** and will stay
for refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

* **Brick Church** is on **Saturday 22nd** in the Church
Hall at 4pm. Spread the word – we are growing in
popularity and have Lego® to span the age range. All
welcome.

* **Saturday 22nd: Okehampton Street Pastors** have
a Commissioning Service at 3pm at Inspiration
Church (The Meeting Place, formerly Gospel Hall in
Credition Rd). Street Pastors do valuable work but
need more Trustees and rely on the support of the
local churches in a variety of ways. Please do go
along if you can.

* The diocese are offering something for anyone who
loves animals and wants to know more about reaching
people through animals in our church
ministry. **Connecting Through Pets** is on **Tuesday
11th March**.

Contact Sharon.blyth@exeter.anglican.org or go
to <https://forms.gle/5p4L1EoN7GuJcCQU8> for more
information.

* All Saints Church Treasurer.

After 11 years of loyal service, our treasurer is
stepping down after the APCM in April 2025.
If you think you may be interested and have the skills
for this role, or alternatively that you may prefer to
take on part of its responsibilities, for example,
reclaiming VAT or GIFT aid claims, we would love to
hear from you.

Please contact either Sara Hall or Pete Brayne for
further information.

Anyone considered for this role will be subject to
fulfilment of the diocesan safer recruitment procedure.
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Dates for your diary :



* All Saints Okehampton will be open each **Tuesday morning from 10-12** providing an opportunity to reflect, pray and share any anxieties during this time of Vacancy. Refreshments will be available, please feel free to drop in for all or part of the time (bring your knitting if you like, the heating will be on!)

* **Every Thursday:** 10am Communion at St James, Okehampton

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Church Services:



Sunday 23rd February

(2nd Sunday before Lent)

08:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

09:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe - Holy Communion

Northlew - Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – Family Service

Bratton Clovelly – Morning Prayer

Sourton - Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh - Morning Service

Meeth - Holy Communion

Exbourne – Pet Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

6:30pm

Hatherleigh - Evensong

Sunday 2nd March

(Sunday before Lent)

9:30am

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh - Holy Communion

Exbourne – Family Service

Northlew - Morning Prayer

Meeth – All Age Worship

Sourton – Holy Communion

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Café Church

Hatherleigh – Holy Communion

Lydford – Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek - Holy Communion

6:30pm

Okehampton – Taize Holy Communion

Grapevine

2nd Sunday before Lent

23rd February 2025



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This Saturday at Brick Church we're learning about Jesus in the boat, in the storm. When I read this story, I can't help hearing the song "With Jesus in the boat we can smile at the storm, smile at the storm, smile at the storm". It's a little twee – although we are all saints, I don't think many find it easy to smile at the storms in life.

These disciples were in the middle of lake, in a sailboat, in a gale, and the boat was filling with water. I'm not convinced they woke Jesus up to get him to calm the storm. I suspect they woke him up because the boat was in danger and the more people to bale out the better. Perhaps if they realised Jesus could have saved them like that, they'd have woken him up long before!

What's the reason this story, out of the many in Jesus' life, made it into our gospel? Well, clearly it is a message about Jesus being God, in charge of the created order. Jesus commands the elements with a word, the same Word that brought them – and us - into being. The glory and majesty of God is revealed in creation, and we should revere that.

But this story also turns a mirror on us. What is our response when we are afraid? To rapidly changing circumstances? Do we do what the disciples did first – rely on human strength alone? The 'default' of human beings is to react negatively to change. Today's gospel challenges us: how do we mirror God's likeness in the storm as well as the calm?

With love in Christ, Revd Gill