

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 15.1-12,17-18
(Psalm 27)
Philippians 3.17 - 4.1
Luke 13.31-35

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Isaiah 55.1-9
(Psalm 63.1-9)
1 Corinthians 10.1-13
Luke 13.1-9

Verse for the Week:

'In the fourth generation your descendants will come
back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet
reached its full measure'. **Gen 15: 16**

Prayer & Reading Diary Northlew

Monday

Read: Isaiah 55.1-9

Prayer: Lord, we beg you to make our world leaders
pause and tread carefully with their decisions in these
difficult times.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 63.1-9

Prayer: We ask you for much-needed spring weather
for the nation's farmers at this busy time of year.

Wednesday

Read: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Prayer: We pray for all sick people at this time;
comfort them and their families. Give them good
health and peace of mind.

Thursday

Read: Luke 13.1-9

Prayer: We pray for all the children in our area and
those who teach them, during their last few weeks
before the Easter holidays.

Friday

Read: Deuteronomy 6.4-9

Prayer: We ask your protection for all who serve in
our armed forces, especially when they are working in
dangerous situations.

Saturday

Read: John 17.1a,11b-19

Prayer: Lord, we ask for care and comfort for all
bereaved people. Give them peace and patient
understanding in their grief.

Notices:



* **Prayer during the Interregnum**

Every Monday morning at 10.30am 8 people, at the
moment, are praying specifically that the right person
is appointed as Incumbent. The joy is you can pray
sitting on your sofa, out for a walk, wherever you are
at that time for as long or as short a time as you
wish. The point is you have a group of people all
praying at the same time for the same thing. If you
would like to join with us, please do. If you could
drop me an email mwebberm@yahoo.co.uk, or phone
07791798983 saying that is what you are doing that
would be encouraging. Many thanks. Maurie

Okehampton All Saint's Parish Church is open every
Tuesday morning between 10am and 12 noon for
prayer. This is an opportunity to meet and pray with
others, or just to sit quietly. Refreshments will be
available.

* **LENT GROUPS:** There will be two lent groups
both starting in the week beginning 10 March. The
first will be on Monday mornings (starting on Monday
10 March), 10.30am to 12noon at Sara & John's
home, 2 Church Path, Okehampton. Please contact
Sara on 07504 272061 if you would like to attend this
one. The second will begin on Tuesday 11 March,
7.30pm to 9pm – although the first meeting will be at
Pete & Val's house, 111a Station Road, Okehampton,
the second (and following) will be at Phil and Nan's
house, 30 Leeze Park, Okehampton. Please contact
Pete Brayne on 07775 878343 if you would like to
attend. Both groups will be following the Church of
England's Lent theme for 2025, "*Living Hope*" and a
booklet will be available.

* **LENT LUNCHESES:** During Lent, there will be soup
lunches in support of Christian Aid, at All Saints
Church Hall, 12noon to 1pm, each Thursday starting
on 6 March. No need to let anyone know – just turn
up!

Dates for your diary :



* **St James Chapel**, in the centre of Okehampton, is open all day, every day.

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

* **Swing into Spring Jazz Festival: Sunday 6th April** at St Mary's Church, Sticklepath @k 3pm. Tickets £12 from Carol Johns – 01837 840822 or email: carolandmikey@gmail.com

* **Sticklepath Quiz Night: Saturday 12th April** at Sticklepath Village Hall. 7pm for a 7:30pm start. £10 per team of 4. Raffle available – bring your own refreshments. Please book your team in with Niki Wooldridge on 01837 840876. All proceeds to St Mary's Church, Sticklepath

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Church Services:



Sunday 16th March

(2nd Sunday of Lent)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh - Holy Communion
Bridestowe – United Service at St Bridget's
Exbourne – Holy Communion
Northlew - Morning Prayer
Meeth – Morning Praise
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

11:00am

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

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Sunday 23rd March

(3rd Sunday of 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 – Morning Prayer
Lydford - Holy Communion

6:00pm

Hatherleigh– Evensong

Wednesday 26th March

7:00pm

Jacobstowe – Celtic Evening Prayer

Grapevine

2nd Sunday of Lent

16th March 2025



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By happy coincidence, I've been doing a series on Abraham and have just looked at chapter 15. A lot goes on here, but I'd like to touch on a section that speaks to one of the most popular objections people have to our faith; when should God judge?

We've all heard; 'If God is all good and all powerful, why did he allow Hitler/ Pol Pot/ Stalin/ whoever, to do what they did?' [Not to mention modern day equivalents.] And yet, when the bible records events where God has judged the nations, the same people will rail against God as a violent sadist; well, you can't have it both ways.

The question is, at what level of human rebellion would we like God to step in? Most people want to be free to exercise a limited amount of wickedness and get away with it; they don't really want God to remove their freedom, which is what a wickedness-free world would require. God will judge, in His own time. I once did a study of the time lapses between God announcing judgement and anything actually happening; in most cases the gap was several hundred years; patience indeed!

But praise be to God, who has willingly taken the judgement upon himself, in Jesus our Lord.

Leigh Winsbury