

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way
of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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)

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

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Joshua 5.9-12
(Psalm 32)
2 Corinthians 5.16-21
Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

Verse for the Week:

Let the wicked forsake their ways and the
unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the
Lord, and he will have mercy on them.

Isaiah 55 v7

Prayer & Reading Diary Okehampton

Monday

Read: Joshua 5.9-12

Prayer: Please pray we seek and hear God in drafting a parish profile. Pray that God begins to stir the heart of the priest called to serve here. Pray also for the missional impact of the Tuesday Open Church, giving thanks for those who walk through the door.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 32

Prayer: Giving thanks for increased usage of the Church Hall, and prayers for the team of volunteers managing it. Praying especially as we seek grants to undertake phase 3 making our toilet facilities more accessible.

Wednesday

Read: 2 Corinthians 5.16-21

Prayer: For the outreach to Lakeside Residential Home this morning, giving thanks for God's presence in the Eucharist and in Spirit, and for wisdom in developing our pastoral visiting across the parish.

Thursday

Read: Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

Prayer: Outreach to St James' CE Primary School – giving thanks for volunteers, praying for safeguarding process to be completed in good time, and that pupils and staff are inspired by God's word in the church-led assembly each Thursday.

Friday

Read: Genesis 37.3-4, 12-36

Prayer: Please pray for a new church treasurer. The role is being held by a busy Churchwarden at present. Pray for the outreach at St James' Chapel – that many continue to know the love of Christ in this place often seen as an extension of the parish church.

Saturday

Read: 1 Peter 2.16-25

Prayer: Who Let The Dads Out?! and Brick Church. Two key monthly outreach events held on a Saturday which need undergirding with prayer – that many enjoy the welcome in the name of Christ, and grow in faith with us.

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. Please see last week's Grapevine for details.

* **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!

* **St James Chapel**, in the centre of Okehampton, is open all day, every day. **Every Thursday:** 10am Communion at St James, Okehampton.

Dates for your diary :



* **Okehampton Deanery Meeting: Thursday 27th March** at Whiddon Down Village Hall, at 7pm. (next to the Post Inn) All welcome.

* **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 23rd March

(3rd Sunday of Lent)

08:30am

Sticklepath – Holy Communion

09:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

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

Sunday 30th March

(Mothering Sunday)

9:30am

Belstone – Mothering Sunday Service

Inwardleigh - Mothering Sunday Service

Bridestowe – Mothering Sunday United Service

10:00am

Northlew - Mothering Sunday Service

11:00am

Okehampton - Mothering Sunday Service

Hatherleigh – Five Parish Service

Exbourne – Mothering Sunday Service

Grapevine

3rd Sunday of Lent

23rd March 2025



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The Story of Emily – The first 35 years of her life were spent as a child of the Rectory at St Ive near Liskeard – teaching in Sunday School, visiting the sick, and latterly looking after her father (the Rector for 50 years). When he died, Emily Hobhouse, fired by Christian compassion, threw herself into campaigning for welfare, most notably in South Africa which she visited in 1900 during the Second Boer War. She exposed the appalling conditions and high death rate for Boer women and children incarcerated in concentration camps, for which she was vilified in the British press. After the war she returned to South Africa and helped with reconstruction initiatives. In 1913 she was invited to speak at the inauguration of the National Women's Monument at Bloemfontein – failing health prevented her from arriving at her destination and her speech was read on her behalf and focused on forgiveness, human rights, and the misuse of power. When she died in 1926, her ashes were taken to Bloemfontein for what was essentially a state funeral. For all that, she remained little known in Britain, her death not even reported in the Cornish press.

Why do I tell you all this? Because I recently visited 'The Story of Emily', just an hour or so away, where the Rectory at St Ive has been restored and the new War Rooms house an unforgettable experience with animations, film, etc, following the course of the war and Emily's work, a truly inspiring account of a remarkable Christian woman. Advanced booking is required.

Michael Winter