

Collect for Today

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water
and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
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 42.1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10.34-43
Matthew 3.13-17

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Isaiah 49.1-7
Psalm 40.1-12
1 Corinthians 1.1-9
John 1.29-42

Verse for the Week:

But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Matthew 3:14

Prayer & Reading Diary

Sourton

Monday

Read: Isaiah 49.1-7

Prayer: Our clergy, especially Adrian Brook and his family, lay readers and Sourton lay worship leader, Caroline North.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 40.1-12

Prayer: Local families, farmers and children; Boasley Cross Primary School and all the schools in the Dartmoor MAT.

Wednesday:

Read: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Prayer: The Sourton Commoners Association and Sourton Parish Council.

Thursday:

Read: John 1.29-42

Prayer: Our PCC members and all who care for St Thomas' Church.

Friday:

Read: Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Prayer: All who visit St Thomas' Church; our outreach to visitors and to all people seeking faith and direction.

Saturday

Read: Mark 1: 14-20

Prayer: Those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

Notices:



* The licensing of The Revd Claire Reynolds

This is your invitation to Claire's licensing as Team Vicar to All Saints, Inwardleigh and Belstone with Sticklepath on **Wednesday 7th January** at 7pm at All Saints.

All are welcome to this service but please note that parking is limited; we have arranged for the "Men in Sheds" minibus to provide a shuttle service from outside Waitrose (where parking is free after six pm) from 6 until 6.45.

* **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.

* **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:



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Church Services:



Sunday 11th January

(Sunday after Epiphany)

9:30am

Bratton Clovelly - Celtic Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Northlew - Holy Communion
Jacobstowe – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Morning Prayer
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion

11:00am

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

Sunday 18th January:

(2nd Sunday of Epiphany)

8:30am

Sticklepath - Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Bratton Clovelly - Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – United Service
Exbourne – Holy Communion

11:00am

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

3:00pm

Meeth - Plough Service

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Grapevine

Sunday after Epiphany

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John the Baptist had great faith in Jesus as Messiah. But he couldn't believe how he works with us. So, John 'deterred' Jesus from his plan to be baptised by John. Surely now Jesus was here - He'd do everything?!

Can you relate to this? A sense of wonder at God, and yet dumbfounded confusion that He might choose to work through me. As a member of clergy I experience this 'imposter syndrome' myself, and I also experience a frequent 'detering' from those who seem shocked that I might be expectant of God working through them in spiritual matters. As we head into a new year, and welcome Revd. Claire to the benefice - let us remember that Christ has a daily call upon the lives of each of us. Like John with Jesus, don't be surprised if Claire's (or your local clergy's) calling means more opportunities arise for you, and not less.

Never underestimate those small acts of obedience to the call of God: Doing a reading, giving someone else a go, encouraging someone, inviting someone to church or lunch after, distributing communion, standing at the door to welcome the congregation, a small donation, asking how you might pray for someone. Being used by God is a muscle we must train. It is also an act of faith - To accept that God has chosen to work through You!

Jonathan Cook