

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of
your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 49.1-7
Psalm 40.1-12
1 Corinthians 1.1-9
John 1.29-42

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Isaiah 9.1-4
Psalm 27.1,4-12*
1 Corinthians 1.10-18
Matthew 4.12-23

Verse for the Week:

I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen
One. **John 1. v34**

Prayer & Reading Diary Belstone with Sticklepath

Monday

Read: Isaiah 9.1-4

Prayer: For all volunteers within our communities
who provide a range of support to our parish councils,
churches, conservation groups and numerous other
valued services.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 27.1,4-12*

Prayer: For the weekly Sticklepath outreach Post
Office and Coffee Morning, for the increased footfall
which is helping to secure its future.

Wednesday:

Read: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18

Prayer: For the kindness and care given by
neighbours and friends which we see daily within our
villages.

Thursday:

Read: Matthew 4.12-23

Prayer: For Claire our new Vicar as she begins her
ministry in the 3 parishes.

Friday:

Read: Amos 3: 1-8

Prayer: For those within our communities who are
recently bereaved or grieving.

Saturday

Read: 1 John 1: 1- 4

Prayer: To all those who visit our Churches may
they find peace.

Notices:



*** Thurs Jan.22th at 2pm @ All Saints Church
Hall - The All Saints Social and Fundraising
group** will be meeting to plan events for the rest of
the year. Please come along if you have ideas that you
would like to try or if you feel you can offer help in
whatever way. if you're not able to attend but would
like to share an idea please speak to Mish or email her
on mishflexman@gmail.com

*** Wednesday 28th January: Jacobstowe –
Celtic Evening Prayer @ 7pm**

*** 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:



* **Sunday Feb. 8th - 1pm @ Okehampton Golf Club: Parish lunch.** An excellent carvery provided by the Golf Club who always make us very welcome! As always, we would be delighted to see friends from Inwardleigh, Belstone and Sticklepath. Booking is essential, so please put your name on the list at the back of All Saints or email Mish on mishflexman@gmail.com

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Church Services:



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

Sunday 25th January

(3rd Sunday of Epiphany)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Northlew – Plough Service

Jacobstowe – Holy Communion

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – Family Service

Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

Sourton – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Meeth - Holy Communion

6:00pm

Hatherleigh – Evensong

Grapevine

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

18th January 2026

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Today marks the start of the week of prayer for Christian unity, an annual event dating back to 1908. When I first encountered this special week many years ago, it centred on ecumenism, a drawing together of denominations to reflect on their unity in following God's 'Chosen One'. As a youngster in an Anglican church it made an interesting change to worship with nearby URC friends. So, it was firmly established in my mind that finding common purpose between the denominations was at the heart of the quest for unity. Fast forward half a century and it seems as though unity within the Church of England is where our prayers should be. Rarely in its long history has the Anglican Church, at a national and global level, been more divided and that division is hurting ministry and outreach. There are no easy answers to healing divisions when opinions are so strongly held but, short of giving up, we have no option but to continue to work for unity as best we can in our own localities. Unity can be at its best in small rural churches, where differences of opinion within congregations are subordinated to the imperative of love, expressed in day-to-day ministry and Sunday worship. But we know there is a bigger context and into this comes a new Archbishop of Canterbury, and we would do well to start our week with prayers for Archbishop Sarah, praying that she will be given the wisdom and vision needful for forging unity in following Christ, God's 'Chosen One'.

Michael Winter