

Collect for Today

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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)

Exodus 24.12-18
(Psalm 2 *or* Psalm 99)
2 Peter 1.16-21
Matthew 17.1-9

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7
(Psalm 32)
Romans 5.12-19
Matthew 4.1-11

Verse for the Week:

“Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until...”

Matthew 17 v9

Prayer & Reading Diary

Jacobstowe

Monday

Read: Genesis 37 v 1-11

Prayer: Pray for teachers, all who work in schools
and schoolchildren during half term. May it be a time
of refreshment.

Tuesday

Read: Genesis 37 v 12-end

Prayer: Thank you for times of fun and friendship.
Help us to make a difference to those around us.

Wednesday

Read: Timothy 6 v 6-19

Prayer: On this Ash Wednesday pray that the light
you have brought to the world will shine in the
darkness of our hearts and bring new hopes and new
possibilities

Thursday

Read: Genesis chapter 39

Prayer: At this time of Lent, pray that we may seek
to develop a closer relationship to God and reach out
to help others.

Friday

Read: Galatians 3 v 1-14

Prayer: Pray for the church of St James and its
APCM in March, all the PCC and the many volunteers
who help in so many ways.

Saturday

Read: Genesis 41 v 1-24

Prayer: Pray for the wellbeing of all around us in
our communities and particularly those unwell or
grieving

Notices:



* Ash Wednesday - February 18th:

All Saints service at 7pm

* **All Saints Lent lunches:** (homemade soup and
bread) Every Wednesday from **February 18th** from
12-1.30 in the Hall. All proceeds to Christian Aid.

* **All Saints Lent Groups:** starting **Monday
February 23rd**. 2pm at the Rectory (07858 313677)
and 7.30pm at the home of Phil Bush (07508 686689)
All welcome.

* **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:



* **Wednesday 25th February: Jacobstowe**
Celtic Evening Prayer at 7pm

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Church Services:



Sunday 15th February

(Sunday before Lent)

8:30am

Sticklepath - Holy Communion

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion

Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly - Morning Prayer

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Exbourne – Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Family Service

Lydford - Morning Prayer

Bridestowe – United Service at Methodists

Meeth - Morning Praise

7:00pm

Hatherleigh – Prayer and Praise

Sunday 22nd February

(1st Sunday of Lent)

9:30am

Belstone – Morning Prayer

Inwardleigh – Holy Communion

Northlew – Morning Prayer

Jacobstowe – Holy Communion

Bridestowe – Morning Prayer

Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

Sourton – Morning Prayer

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion

Hatherleigh – Morning Service

Lydford - Holy Communion

Meeth - Holy Communion

Exbourne – Morning Prayer

6:00pm

Hatherleigh – Evensong

Grapevine

Sunday before Lent

15th February 2026



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I am wary of phrases like ‘Don’t tell anyone what you have seen’. We often use them to cover up something bad: Our worst secrets, abusive acts, embarrassing truths. If you are being told “don’t tell anyone” by someone covering up such things, and feel uncomfortable or burdened, please consider sensitively seeking support from a trusted friend.

What we see in this passage, though, is the complete opposite. It is Jesus reducing his exciting reputation, to empower and bless others. Also seen in Matthew 8:4 with the leper. Why is this?

Firstly, notice the ‘until’ - it’s only paused for a reason. And that reason is more important than ‘getting’ positive affirmation (or avoiding a bad reaction as many human secrets are). It’s about ‘giving’ to the world. In the transfiguration, Jesus delays immediate fame, to allow for his betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection - in order that he’s not just impressing people - but saving, healing and blessing them. He cares more for justice in action, than a good reputation.

Mostly, God’s blessings are not to just make you feel justified or proud. Pray, pause, and consider - is this for me to simply look good, or for the tangible blessing of others: Received money - could it be shared? Given a voice - could it amplify others? Given wisdom - could it shape your actions? (rather than just used as impressive dinner party chat)

Jesus is the truth, the life and the way. And this is a part of His way.

Johnathan Cook