

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 12.1-4a
(Psalm 121)
Romans 4.1-5,13-17
John 3.1-17

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Exodus 17.1-7
(Psalm 95)
Romans 5.1-11
John 4.5-42

Verse for the Week:

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it
may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all
Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of
the law but also to those who have the faith of
Abraham. **Romans 4.16**

Prayer & Reading Diary

Lydford

Monday

Read: Exodus 17.1-7

Prayer: For the PCC and for all new members who
will take on a variety of roles to provide a welcoming
and Christian presence in our community

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 95

Prayer: For all who are finding life difficult at this
time, through Illness, Poverty, Bereavement or Mental
Health issues, or from any cause. We especially pray
for all those who have no-one else to pray for them.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 5.1-11

Prayer: For all schoolchildren: that they may benefit
from the education they receive from our local
schools, and that through the Church's mission they
may gain an insight into Christian life.

Thursday

Read: John 4.5-42

Prayer: To all visitors to the local churches, may
they find a welcoming and peaceful place with
comfort for all.

Friday

Read: Amos 7.10-17

Prayer: For the unseen heroes in the Northmoor
group who volunteer for wide ranging tasks: from
brass cleaning to leaf clearing, from organising the
maintenance of our buildings to preparing the hymns
for Sunday services.

Saturday

Read: 2 Corinthians 1.1-11

Prayer: For our Team Vicar Adrian and all who
minister in the Northmoor group, for their hard work.
May they retain good health and continue to provide a
ministry to us throughout this year.

Notices:



* **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:



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

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Church Services:



Sunday 1st March

(2nd Sunday of Lent)

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Sourton - Holy Communion
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Meeth – All Age Worship
Exbourne – **Breakfast @9am**
followed by Service

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Cafe Church @ Ch. Hall
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford - Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek – Holy Communion

Sunday 8th March

(3rd Sunday of Lent)

9:30am

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

11:00am

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

6:30pm

Bratton Clovelly – Church Supper

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Hello, well here we are in the second week of Lent, and I wonder how you're doing with your Lenten abstinences? Any better than your new year's resolutions? Personally I find such things tricky as my lifelong abhorrence of legalism [that most pernicious of all the church's heresies] has only grown stronger as I've aged.

What shall we do with Lent then? Our readings this week plainly team up to remind us of the imperative of faith: it is by faith we are saved, not by works. This of course doesn't mean there isn't some room for improvement, but let's get it right: God will never love you more [or less] than he does now, whatever you get right or wrong. We are saved, immediately, by faith, as soon as we turn our face towards our Lord Jesus [remember the Nehushtan snake!]

'Sanctification' however, is a different matter, and is the lifelong business of being transformed from one degree of glory to another in our journey towards Christ-likeness. And yes, it requires some discipline, changes, commitment and sacrifice if we're going to be any good as Christ's ambassadors on earth. But it has nothing to do with winning God's approval, or earning our salvation. So I'd worry less about the cake, wine and chocolate, and check-up more on your character development, maybe have a look at some of Paul's lists in his letters; check out the 'fruits' of the Spirit in Galatians; are they growing in you? If not why not? Let us use Lent to align ourselves, with faith, to the pattern of life set out for us in scripture. That would give the wider world something to notice!

With every blessing, *Leigh Winsbury*