

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days
in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience
to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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)

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

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

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

Verse for the Week:

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness
to be tempted by the devil. **Matthew 4 v1.**

Prayer & Reading Diary Hatherleigh

Monday

Read: Genesis 12.1-4a
Prayer: Hatherleigh PCC meets tonight, please pray
for easy collective hearing of and agreement with
God. For good decisions made regarding mission,
worship and buildings.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 121
Prayer: Pray for our presence around town in the
Market and coffee mornings; for divine appointments
to bring God's grace into people's lives.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 4.1-5,13-17
Prayer: We are actively seeking people to pick up
key roles; please pray that god would raise up new
youth team members, PCC secretary, carers support
group leader and musicians.

Thursday

Read: John 3.1-17
Prayer: Our 'youth Cafe' day; please pray for our
new cohort of young people, that they find their place
of belonging and safety amongst God and his people.

Friday

Read: Jeremiah 22.1-9
Prayer: Please pray for friends and neighbours who
are 'dipping their toes' into church life; that they
would be captivated by the joy of being in God's
presence.

Saturday

Read: Matthew 8.1-13
Prayer: Pray for a good take up of our CPR course
in Old School's facilitated by local ambulance crew.

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:



* Wednesday 25th February: Jacobstowe

Celtic Evening Prayer at 7pm

* **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 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

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

Grapevine

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‘And lead us not into temptation’, words we say week after week. This week’s verse is about Jesus being led into temptation by the Spirit. I hadn’t made the direct connection before between the Lord’s prayer and Jesus’ Lenten experience. Bringing the wilderness story to mind when we intone those words in the Lord’s prayer certainly sharpens our petition. This isn’t only about avoiding the temptation to have one too many chocolate biscuits, but to avoid those temptations that will take us on a path away from God. Jesus was tempted to find satisfaction for his physical desires, to pride and to power. We may not be tempted to turn stones into bread or take power over the whole world, but it is not too big a stretch to find parallels. For surely, we are all tempted to build a little world that satisfies our desires regardless of the cost to ourselves, to others and to our relationship to God.

So in our Lenten reflections this year ponder on the things that make us who we are, that make us tick, that give us satisfaction and pride. And see how they contribute to, or pull us away from, the fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control). And don’t think I am saying we should only value ‘religious’ things. The temptation to pride and power may be as great when we are at a PCC meeting or in a bible study as in all those worthwhile non-church activities and personal interests.

Michael Winter