

## 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.

## Readings for today

Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-end, Mark 1:9-15

## Next week's readings

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans 4:13-end, Mark 8:31-end

## Later today

6.30pm	Okehampton	Evensong
	(All Saints)	
6.30pm	Northlew	Holy Communion

## Verse for the week

“Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.”

**Mark 1:10-11**

## Prayer and Reading Diary

### Prayer Focus this week: Lydford

#### Monday

**Read:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

**Pray for:** fresh initiatives to reach out to school children and their families on a more regular basis.

#### Tuesday

**Read:** Romans 4:13-end

**Pray for:** the Drop In (fellowship/lunch club in Nicholls Hall), its organisers and patrons, the elderly, the housebound, the lonely.

#### Wednesday

**Read:** Mark 8:31-end

**Pray for:** all those who play an active role in the life of the village, both as organisers or supporters and those who represent us on various councils and committees.

#### Thursday

**Read:** Genesis 12:1-9

**Pray for:** worshippers and all those who help to keep the church and its surroundings open, welcoming, clean and tidy.

#### Friday

**Read:** Psalm 135

**Pray for:** this P.C.C. and others in a similar situation, as they seek ways to attract new members and strengthen the life and witness of the church, especially that the Lent Course meetings may bring people together for lively, useful discussion on prayer.

#### Saturday

**Read:** Hebrews 11:1-16

**Pray for:** Adrian and for all those ordained and lay people who lead worship in the Northmoor team as they prepare for tomorrow's services.

## Events this week

Monday *The Ark* toddler group, Parish Church Hall Okehampton, 9.45am-11.45am  
7.30-9pm Bratton Clovelly Schoolroom – Lent course – The Lord's Prayer

Tuesday 10am-12noon Mothers' Union Drop-in, All Saints Church Hall  
10.30am Bridestowe Churches  
“Walk & Talk” (longer). Meet outside the Methodist Church.

Wednesday 9 am Bridestowe weekly joint church prayer meeting. Contact Jenny Reynolds 01837 861678

Thursday 10 am St James, Okehampton Holy Communion  
11.30am-1.00pm Lent Course – The Fox & Hounds, Lydford – The Lord's Prayer  
7.30pm Northlew Lent Course – The Beatitudes

Friday 2.00pm Hatherleigh – Lent Course – The Beatitudes  
7.30pm All Saints Church Hall, Quiz Night.  
Teams of 6. Ccontact Annette Bennett, 01837 55817. £4 per person to include Light refreshments. Bar.

Saturday 9.30am-12noon All Saints Church Hall,  
Fair and Local coffee morning

## Future events

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9am-12 noon Lent Coffee Morning, Old Schools, Hatherleigh, in aid of British Heart Foundation

DAK Annual Wine and Wisdom Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall Friday March 27th, 7pm for 7.30 Teams of six To book, please phone 01837 871310 or 01837 861829

## Notices

It's been nice to see the church in the news: the bishops have asked us to engage with politics! To this end we are going to hold a sermon series starting next Sunday on the five subjects a poll discovered most concern people ahead of the election: health, the economy, immigration, family, education. What does faith have to say? What would a good society look like? Sunday evenings beginning 1<sup>st</sup> March after a shortened evening service (no sermon) at All Saints. Service starts 6:30 Talk and discussion about 7:15. Come to either or both.

Fairtrade Fortnight starts on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February through to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – perhaps your Lent challenge could be to become a better Fairtrade shopper.

Men's Breakfast and Bake Off

Saturday 14th March

8:30am Okehampton Baptist Church hall  
Breakfast followed by baking with expert tuition from Jayne Hill, domestic science teacher at Plymouth High School for girls.

Then later at 2:30 pm Church Hall market Street  
Grand Mothering Sunday Weekend Cream Tea at which we will serve up our creations for charity for all your Mums / wives/ sisters/ daughters etc.!

## Services for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015

### Second Sunday in Lent

8.00am	Sourton	Holy Communion
9.30am	Inwardleigh	Holy Communion
9.30am	Bratton Clovelly	Holy Communion
9.30am	Meeth	All Age Worship
9.30am	Exbourne	Holy Communion
9.30am	Northlew	Holy Communion
9.30am	Belstone	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Bridestowe	United Family Service
11.00am	Okehampton	Family Service
11.00am	Lydford	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Hatherleigh	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Germansweek	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Okehampton	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Northlew	Evening Prayer

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# Grapevine

## Northmoor Churches Weekly News

First Sunday in Lent

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I often find myself coming back to the moment in Jesus' life which is described in the Gospel for today. As he came up out of the river Jordan after being baptised by John he saw the heavens opened and heard the words of his Father "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Then, says Mark, the Spirit drove him out into wilderness to be tempted by Satan for forty days. That moment of affirmation must have been vital to his survival in that time. When he came back his public ministry began.

All of us need that inner assurance that we are known and loved by our Heavenly Father. Without it the Christian Faith becomes hard and burdensome and we become vulnerable to the whisperings of the tempter that we are weak and helpless and might as well give up. If life is heavy going and you feel like a failure what you need is not more discipline but a touch of grace.

As Lent begins this week, try to think of it not as a period of denial but as a time of seeking. Giving up chocolate is all very fine but alongside it you need to also work out how you might hear God speaking to you. Clear the space, silence the voices and listen. Then you will emerge stronger and more able to do the job you have been put here for.

*Stephen*