

Collect for today

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant,
that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by
his continual presence in us he may raise us to
eternal joy; 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 today

Acts 10:44-end, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17
1 John 5:1-12

Next week's readings

Acts 1:15-17, 21-end, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19
1 John 5:13-21

Later today

6.30pm Okehampton Evening Prayer
(St James)

Verse for the week

“This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you. No-one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” **John 15:12-14**

Prayer and Reading Diary

Prayer Focus this week: Exbourne

Monday

Read: Acts 1:15-17, 21-end
Pray for: all Clergy, Readers, Preachers and Churchwardens within the Benefice.

Tuesday

Read: 1 John 5:9-13
Pray for: the School, Pre-School and all Organisations within the Village, that all may work together in harmony.

Wednesday

Read: John 17:6-19
Pray for: all those who are sick, whether in body or mind, may they find peace and health.

Thursday

Read: Luke 24:44-end
Pray for: our Methodist friends, our Choir, Bellringers and all involved in Church life.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 61
Pray for: all those suffering in the wider world with War, Famine, Drought, Flood, Terrorism, and so much more that we can not imagine.

Saturday

Read: Luke 4:14-21
Pray for: our dear families and good friends and all they bring to our lives.

Events this week

Monday *The Ark* toddler group, Parish Church Hall
Okehampton, 9.45am-11.45am
7.30pm Chagford Parish Church –
Archdeacon's Visitation & Service for the parish
churches of Okehampton and Moreton Deaneries

Tuesday 11am Belstone with Sticklepath annual church
cleaning day
2pm Sourton WI Annual Meeting and election of
officers in the village hall.

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

Thursday 9.30am Ascension Day, Group Service at Exbourne
10am St James Okehampton Holy Communion
5 pm Hatherleigh Sunday School Anniversary
service and celebrations.
9pm Exbourne Compline

Friday 10.15am Bratton Clovelly Celtic Holy
Communion
2.30pm All Saints, Okehampton Puzzle Tree Praise

Saturday 9.30-12noon All Saints Church Hall Tear Fund
coffee morning
10am-12 noon Bratton Clovelly School
Room –coffee morning in aid of church & school
10am-12noon Coffee morning at Avalon,
Hawthorn Park, Lydford in aid of Lydford
Church funds

Future events

Tuesday 12th May Exbourne coffee morning at Old
Schools, Hatherleigh
Saturday 23rd May 10am-12 noon Bridestowe Bring &
Buy plant sale, (all plants in pots labelled), &
coffee morning in aid of St Bridget's & The
Children's Society at Leawood. All enquiries to
Jenny Reynolds 01837 861678
Saturday 13th –Sunday 21st June inc. CTO Festival of
Faith – daily events by the churches to be
announced later. Also shared worship.
Saturday 20th June Exbourne Combined Church Fete –
please think about potting up plants, sorting out
books, etc

Notices

Please pray for the Okehampton "Festival of Faith" event from 14th – 20th June. All the churches in the town are getting together to put in a week of events showcasing some of what we do and what we believe. Please pray for the planning and the publicity as the idea becomes reality.

Starting on May 7th (with an election night special) a series of fortnightly open discussions for anyone in the Devonshire Inn, Sticklepath hosted by the Rev'd Stephen Cook and Bob Hicks: would we be better off without religion? What happens when we die? If God is good why is there evil in the world? What does it mean to be good? 7/5, 21/5, 4/6, 18/6

St Germans Church, Germansweek

New services/times from May

1st Sunday of the month: Book of Common Prayer - Holy Communion at 11.15 am

3rd Sunday of the month: Evensong at 4 pm

There will be no services in Jacobstowe during May due to the building work.

What does it mean to be a Christian? An opportunity to explore and share the journey of faith 7.30 pm, Wednesdays, Exbourne Village Hall *Starting on Wednesday 3rd June*, we will be running a 6 week course exploring what it means to be a Christian and live out the Christian faith. It will be an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences, whatever stage of the journey we are on. 'Turning to Christ', one of the Pilgrim courses contributed to by Bishop Robert, our Diocesan Bishop, explores the Christian faith by looking at the baptismal promises and what they mean for our daily lives. The course will run on June 3rd, 10th (venue for this week to be confirmed) & 17th, July 1st, 8th & 15th (there is no session on June 24th). It is suitable preparation for those thinking of being confirmed (the Okehampton Deanery Confirmation Service will be on Wed. 18th November at Hatherleigh Parish Church with Bishop Robert).

Services for 17th May 2015 Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Inwardleigh	Holy Communion
9.30am	Bratton Clovelly	Holy Communion
9.30am	Bridestowe	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Meeth	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Northlew	Holy Communion
9.30am	Belstone	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Lydford	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Sourton	Family Communion
11.00am	Okehampton	Holy Communion
11.00am	Hatherleigh	Family Service
11.00am	Exbourne	Morning Prayer
4.00pm	Germansweek	Evensong
6.00pm	Hatherleigh	Evening Prayer
6.30pm	Okehampton	Evensong
6.30pm	Northlew	Evening Prayer

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If this is your first visit or you have not been for a while, please take a welcome leaflet from the back of Church. Contact details for Clergy are given above.

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I popped into the Co-op the other day to try to find something to cook for tea. I found myself staring at the packets of pasta with my brain addled because out of the speaker directly over my head some woman was singing that she loved me. In fact she didn't just love me, she was completely obsessed with me and wanted to do all kinds of things that would be completely inappropriate in the foreign food section. I grabbed a packet of spaghetti and made a dash for it.

We are so used to piped romance: it has become part of the background of our lives: boy meets girl, they love each other, they don't love each other anymore, she's gone off with someone else and so on. In lifts, in supermarkets, in pubs, even in doctors' waiting rooms our lives are infused with endless variations on the theme of love.

When Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another he was talking on a different level. This was not a matter of chemistry but of decision. This has nothing to do with hormones and everything to do with being brothers and sisters of the same Heavenly Father. It is important to point this out because we are conditioned to think that love is something you fall into: it either happens or it doesn't. In reality love is something you contract to do, a choice you make. That is why Jesus could command it. That is why it should be the first thing people notice about us: that we love one another as he has loved us.

Stephen