

Collect for Today

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings for Today (may vary)

Isaiah 7.10-16,
(Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20),
Romans 1.1-7,
Matthew 1.18-25,

Next week's Readings (may vary)

Isaiah 63.7-9,
(Psalm 148),
Hebrews 2.10-18,
Matthew 2.13-23,

Later Today

3.00pm **Inwardleigh** – Christmas Fam. Serv.
4.00pm **Hatherleigh** – Praise@4.00
6.30pm **Okehampton** – Carol Service
Belstone – Carol Service
Exbourne – Joint Carol Service
Northlew – Carol Service in Church

Verse for the Week

“All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by
the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear
a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel” which
means God with us”, **Matthew 1:22**

Prayer and Reading Diary HomeHub

Monday

Read: Isaiah 63.7-9,

Pray for: People amongst the new-build housing
celebrating Christmas in Okehampton for the first
time, that the changes may help them think about the
real meaning of Christmas and how they can have a
fresh start.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 148,

Pray for: For the pupils and staff of St James school
that they will have a well-earned rest during the
holidays.

Wednesday

Read: Hebrews 2.10-18,

Pray for: Vision and encouragement for HomeHub
in the coming year.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 2.13-23,

Pray for: Good relationships amongst the new-builds
and a good reception for Christmas cards given to
neighbours not yet known well.

Friday

Read: Isaiah 49.7-13,

Pray for: The Holy Spirit to open hearts and minds
to Jesus amongst residents of the new housing.

Saturday

Read: Philippians 2.1-1,

Pray for: A building or space in the east end where
the community can meet and HomeHub can grow.

Notices:



- **St James' Vintage Prayer Group:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th January 2020.

Future Events:



- **"Who Let The Dads Out"** a new initiative starting in January in the All Saints Hall on the second Saturday morning of each month. This is an activity based group for male carers and young children. For further details phone Michelle 07535 633747 or Henry 07807 508543
- **Saturday 25th January: All Saints Burns Night celebration** - 7pm in the Church Hall. Tickets £10. There will be a list at the back of Church after Christmas. *An evening of north of the border fun, with food, music and an opportunity to dance if you wish. Bring your friends and come along to enjoy a winters evening together.*

Services for Christmas Eve:

- 4.00pm Crib Services @ Okehampton, Belstone, Meeth, Exbourne & Northlew
4.00pm Christingle Service @ Lydford
7.00pm Hatherleigh – Carols around the Tree (in The square)
9.00pm Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion
9.30pm Belstone – Holy Communion
10.00pm Northlew – United Holy Communion In Church
11.00pm Midnight Mass @ Okehampton & Bridestowe
11.30pm Hatherleigh – Holy Communion

Services for Christmas Day:

- 9.30am Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Jacobstowe – Family Holy Communion
Northlew – Celebration in Meth. Chapel
10.00am Bridestowe – Joint Service at Chapel
10.30am Okehampton – Holy Communion
Sticklepath – Family Holy Communion
Lydford – Holy Communion
11.00am Hatherleigh – Family Holy Communion

Services for 5th January 2020 (Epiphany):

- 8.00am Sourton – Holy Communion
9.30am Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion
Meeth – All Age Worship
Exbourne – Holy Communion
Northlew – Holy Communion
11.00am Okehampton – Family Service
Sticklepath – Village Praise
Bridestowe – Joint Service at Chapel
Lydford – Morning Prayer
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
11.15am Germansweek – Holy Communion
4.00pm Hatherleigh – Praise@4.00
Belstone – Tea at Village Hall followed by Lantern Lit Procession to Church
6.30pm Okehampton – Holy Communion

Services for 12th January 2020 The Baptism of Christ

- 8.00am Sourton – Holy Communion
9.30am Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion
Bridesowe – Morning Prayer
Jacobstowe – Holy Communion
Northlew – Morning Prayer
11.00am Okehampton – Holy Communion
Lydford – Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Morning Prayer
Meeth – Plough Service
4.00pm Hatherleigh – Praise@4.00
4.30pm Sourton – Taize Service
6.30pm Okehampton – Evensong

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On this last Sunday of Advent our attention turns to Mary the mother of Jesus. Luke's Gospel tells the story through her eyes, but Matthew focuses on Joseph. The outstanding quality in both is their openness to God's will: if this was the way it was then they would accept it, no matter what the consequences would be. So Joseph took Mary as his wife, mysterious pregnancy and all.

This coming year may well throw things at you which you are not expecting and are not prepared for. Not everything that happens is part of God's will for the world but everything can be turned to God's will by our willingness to embrace life and to accept that in all things: good and bad, God is at work.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very special Christmas and a happy New Year. If you are in one of our churches for a Christmas service you are most welcome. We hope that you enjoy the service and that the God of all things, who was pleased to come to us in Jesus will fill your life in every way, so that whatever the New Year brings you can embrace it with hope and joy.

Stephen