

## Collect for Today

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water  
and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your  
adopted children;  
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 (may vary)

Isaiah 42.1-9  
(Psalm 29)  
Acts 10.34-43  
Matthew 3.13-17

## Next week's Readings (may vary)

Isaiah 49.1-7  
(Psalm 40.1-12)  
1 Corinthians 1.1-9  
John 1.29-42

## Later Today

4.00pm **Hatherleigh** – Praise@4.00  
6.30pm **Okehampton** – Evensong

## Verse for the Week

“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;  
I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and  
will make you to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are  
blind, to free captives from prison and to release  
from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.  
“I am the LORD; that is my name!”

## Prayer and Reading Diary Belstone with Sticklepath

### Monday

**Read:** Isaiah 49.1-7,  
**Pray for:** Our church officers, Michael, Sue and  
Simon

### Tuesday

**Read:** Psalm 40.1-12,  
**Pray for:** All those who came to our Christmas and  
Epiphany services, especially those who don't  
normally come: that any seeds planted may grow and  
bear fruit.

### Wednesday

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 1.1-9,  
**Pray for:** The implementation of the new ideas that  
came out of recent discussions about new ways of  
being church.

### Thursday

**Read:** John 1.29-42,  
**Pray for:** The link between the Community Church  
and St Mary's Sticklepath and the Village Praise  
service once a month.

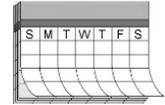
### Friday

**Read:** Ezekiel 2.1 - 3.4,  
**Pray for:** Wisdom in knowing how to make best use  
of the excellent relationships between church and  
community.

### Saturday

**Read:** Galatians 1.11-24,  
**Pray for:** The work of Bernard's Acre Youth centre  
in the parish.

## Events This Week:



### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January:

**9am** Hatherleigh Prayer Group - Methodist  
Prayer Room  
**10am** Prayer Group – St James, Okehampton

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January:

**9am** Bridestowe weekly jnt. church prayer meeting  
**10.30 -12.30 am** Parent/Childminder & Toddler  
Group. Old Schools, Hatherleigh

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January:

**10am** Holy Communion - St James Church,  
Okehampton



## Notices:

- Okehampton Rectory is about to undergo major refurbishment and the Cook family will be living at Daisy Cottage, East Hook Farm for the next three months. Messages left on the Rectory answer phone will be picked up but not always straight away. Please contact Stephen by email or on his mobile 07790 909442.

- There is a **confirmation** in the team in February. If you are interested in being confirmed please contact Stephen, Adrian or Leigh.

- **The Taize group** are taking a well-earned winter break from singing monthly at St Thomas a Becket, Sourton until Sunday 10th May when their 'Second Sunday of the month Taize prayer' will resume. It is a very peaceful evening and everyone is always welcome.

## 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

- **Thursday 23rd January: Messy Church 7pm at Exbourne Church EX20 3RX**

Come and join us for a creative evening to explore the 'Fresh Expressions Movement' of Messy Church. Learn the core values and discover why they are so important and why we should start our own Messy Church. Hear from an experienced Messy Church Leaders' from Devon. EVERYONE WELCOME This is an Okehampton Deanery Event.

- **Saturday 25th January: All Saints Burns Night celebration - 7pm in the Church Hall. Tickets £10.**

*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.* There is now a list at the back of church. To buy your tickets or for more info, please speak to Wendy Ware or Mish Flexman

- **Men's Breakfast: Cancellation of Jan meeting**

We have decided that the potential for bad weather and lack of enthusiasm shown by some dogs for getting up early in the dark has meant we would probably not get a very good turnout. So you can lie in on Saturday.

February 15 is a possibility but we will see what the weather trend is like as it could be snow or finally letting up on the rain to keep the average for the winter normal.

## Services for 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am	Bridestowe – Holy Communion
9.00am	Northlew – Breakfast with 9.30am Plough Service
9.30am	Belstone – Morning Prayer Inwardleigh – Holy Communion Bratton Clovelly – Messy Church Bridestowe – Messy Church
11.00am	Okehampton – Holy Communion Sourton – Holy Communion Lydford – Morning Prayer Hatherleigh – Morning Prayer Meeth – Holy Communion Exbourne – Holy communion
4.00pm	Hatherleigh – Praise@4.00
5.00pm	Germansweek – Evening Prayer
6.00pm	Hatherleigh – Evensong with the Whiddon Singers
6.30pm	Okehampton – Evening Prayer Joint service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - CTiO

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# Grapevine

## Northmoor Churches Weekly News

### The Baptism of Christ 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020



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I would like to take this opportunity, as this is the first Grapevine of 2020, to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

This Sunday focuses on the baptism of Jesus. When John saw him coming with all the other penitents to be baptised he naturally questioned why: shouldn't it be the other way round? Jesus replied "Let it be so now; for it is proper in this way to fulfil all righteousness". There has been a huge amount of debate about exactly what he meant, but this seems to part of Jesus' complete identification with us, even to the extent of needing to be baptised. Jesus placed himself under the requirements of our human condition, just as he made himself vulnerable to pain and to temptation: he was one with us in every way.

This idea is central to Christian teaching: because Jesus is one with us he is able to save us, because he was made one with us he is able to make us one with him in his death and resurrection. Jesus' baptism was an act of dedication. By it Jesus committed himself unreservedly to his Father's will and received that wonderful statement of approval "This is my Son, my beloved in whom I am well pleased." In our own small way, that same path of obedience is our calling too as we head into this New Year.

*Stephen*