

## Collect for Today

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by  
the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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 49.1-7

(Psalm 40.1-12)

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

John 1.29-42

## Next week's Readings (may vary)

Isaiah 9.1-4

(Psalm 27.1,4-12)

1 Corinthians 1.10-18

Matthew 4.12-23

## Later Today

4.00pm **Hatherleigh** – Praise@4.00

5.00pm **Germansweek** – Evening Prayer

6.00pm **Hatherleigh** – Evensong

6.30pm **Okehampton** – Evening Prayer

Joint service for Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity – CtiO (see over)

## Verse for the Week

“The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in  
my mother’s womb he named me. He made my  
mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand  
he hid me; he made me like a polished arrow, he hid  
me away.”

**Isaiah 49:1-2**

## Prayer and Reading Diary Bratton Clovelly

### Monday

**Read:** Isaiah 9.1-4,

**Pray for:** Church groups and committees, PCC  
members, Church Wardens and officers.

### Tuesday

**Read:** Psalm 27.1, 4-12,

**Pray for:** The young people in the village and those  
in education, especially at Boasley Cross School and  
Okehampton College; and all those at university and  
college.

### Wednesday

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 1.10-18,

**Pray for:** The older people in the community and  
those who have recently moved into the village.

### Thursday

**Read:** Matthew 4.12-23,

**Pray for:** The sick at home or in hospital and anyone  
suffering either mentally or physically in the  
community.

### Friday

**Read:** Ecclesiastes 3.1-11,

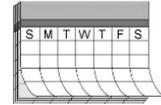
**Pray for:** Methodist chapels and our continuing co-  
operation with them and all those who minister in our  
churches throughout the team.

### Saturday

**Read:** 1 Peter 1.3-12,

**Pray for:** The Parish Council, Parish Hall Committee  
and all other organisations.

## Events This Week:



### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January:

**9am** Hatherleigh Prayer Group - Methodist  
Prayer Room

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:

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

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</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.

• **Belstone PCC** meets on Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> January at the home of the Moppets.

## Future Events:



• **Christians Together Okehampton** are holding its regular joint service *this Sunday (19/1)*, during the week of Christian Unity, at 6.30pm in the Church Hall, Market Street. The service will be led by Inspiration Church. Do come along and support All Saints as being part of the Christian witness within Okehampton.

• **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.**

The Burns Night is ***sold out*** - if you want to go you will need to put your name on the list in case of cancellations.

## Services for 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.30am	Sticklepath – Holy Communion
9.30am	Belstone – Holy Communion Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion Bridestowe – Morning Prayer Northlew – United Family Service In Church
11.00am	Okehampton – Holy Communion Sourton – Morning Prayer Lydford – Holy Communion Hatherleigh – United Service in the Community Church Exbourne – United Service in the Methodist Church Jacobstowe – Plough Service - Followed by lunch
4.00pm	Hatherleigh – Praise@4.00
6.30pm	Okehampton – Evensong

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## Northmoor Churches Weekly News

### Second Sunday of Epiphany

19<sup>th</sup> January 2020



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I wonder what it was about Jesus that made John the Baptist declare “This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” They were cousins: presumably they had met before and from the Bible accounts Jesus had lived a pretty unremarkable life to that point. But John was a prophet: he had that gift of sight and something stirred in his spirit then just as it had when he was still in the womb and Mary visited his mother Elizabeth.

I once heard a famous Christian leader claim to have that gift of being able to see where the Holy Spirit was at work in people. He founded a world-wide movement that has had a huge impact on Christian worship and witness, so he may have been right. He encouraged us all to seek that prophetic gift and to use it; to try to sense where the Holy Spirit was active in peoples’ lives. I have found that a really helpful insight and although I am no prophet I often find myself asking God to open my eyes to what is going on around me.

I would encourage you to do the same. At the end of each day ask yourself “Where did I meet Jesus today?” If you look hard enough you can see Jesus in all the people you meet but there will be some who particularly have the hand of God on their shoulder. They might not know it: it might take your encouragement and support for them to discover and to develop their gift and their calling. You might even find that it is you that the Holy Spirit is calling on to new things.

*Stephen*