

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 9.1-4
(Psalm 27.1, 4-12)
1 Corinthians 1.10-18
Matthew 4.12-23

Next week's Readings (may vary)

1 Kings 17.8-16
(Psalm 36.5-10)
1 Corinthians 1.18-31
John 2.1-11

Later Today

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

Verse for the Week

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those
who re perishing, but to us who are being saved it is
the power of God.” **1 Corinthians 1:18**

Prayer and Reading Diary Germansweek

Monday

Read: 1 Kings 17.8-16,
Pray for: Our special church of St Germanus in
Germansweek. Pray for our Clergy, Churchwardens,
PCC and Bell Ringers, all of whom make it so special.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 36.5-10,
Pray for: The parents of our young children in
Germansweek and surrounding areas, may they
encourage (by example) their young ones to be part of
our Christian faith.

Wednesday

Read: 1 Corinthians 1.18-31,
Pray for: The message of love and hope sent to you
Lord on the ‘Prayer Tree’ in memory of our dear
friends.

Thursday

Read: John 2.1-11,
Pray for: The wider community of businesses.

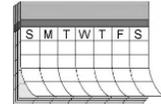
Friday

Read: Genesis 28.10-22,
Pray for: Our local people who work so hard to
make this Parish a better place.

Saturday

Read: Philemon 1-16,
Pray for: Love, Joy and Laughter in this community.
Keep us well to continue to perform our daily lives
but remembering **THY WILL BE DONE.**

Events This Week:



Tuesday 28th January:

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

Wednesday 29th January:

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

Thursday 30th 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 Thursday 30th January at the home of the Moppets.

Future Events:



• **Thursday 12th March: “Prayer in a Secular Age – Finding the Secret of prayer in the Earliest Teachers” - a talk by Laurence Freeman.**

7pm at St James’ Church, Mount Pleasant Road, Exeter EX4 7AH.

This talk will provide an introduction to Christian meditation and is suitable for those new to meditation as well as those with more experience. No need to book and there is no charge for this event but there is a suggested donation of £5 to £10 to cover costs.

• If you would like to promote an event in your Parish, please email the Editor of the Grapevine by the Tuesday of each week. This is your Grapevine – please use it!

Services for 2nd February 2020 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am	Sourton – Holy Communion
9.30am	Belstone – Morning Prayer
	Inwardleigh – Christingle Service
	Bratton Clovelly – Morning Prayer
	Bridestowe – Joint Service in Church – St Bridget’s Day
	Meeth – All Age Worship
	Exbourne – Holy Communion
	Northlew – Holy Communion
11.00am	Okehampton – Family Service
	Sticklepath – Village Praise with Community Church in Village Hall
	Lydford – Morning Prayer
	Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
11.15am	Germansweek – Holy Communion
4.00pm	Hatherleigh – Praise@4.00
6.30pm	Okehampton – Holy Communion

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“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near” is the central message of Jesus as he begins his ministry in the Gospel reading set for today. “Repent” is a harsh word to our ears. It seems to be a condemnation: “Change who you are: you’re bad!” Is that what is at the heart of Jesus’ message?

We are never called to repent of who we are, only of what we are doing. In fact a call to repentance is a statement of faith in us: it is telling us that we can be better, that things don’t have to be the way they are, that change is possible. The arrival of Jesus on the scene at the start of the Gospels is the beginning of the good news: the plan of redemption, which the prophets had foretold, is finally underway and the Kingdom of Heaven has come near.

So change your ways: you can do it. “Repent” is an affirmation not a condemnation, but be sure that it is about actions, not about feelings. You might feel sorry but that is not repentance; you might have regrets, but that is not repentance, you might feel guilty, but that is not repentance. Repentance is about hearing God’s call and acting on it: it is about turning around and going God’s way, not your own, it is about leaving your fishing nets and following him. The only measure of true repentance is to ask “What have I changed?” But be encouraged, not condemned: the very call to repentance shows that God believes in you.

Stephen