

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over
all things,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings for Today (may vary)

Genesis 1.1 - 2.3
(Psalm 136)
Romans 8.18-25
Matthew 6.25-34

Next week's Readings (may vary)

Exodus 24.12-18
(Psalm 2)
2 Peter 1.16-21
Matthew 17.1-9

Later Today

4.00pm **Hatherleigh** – Praise@4.00
5.00pm **Germansweek** – Evening Prayer
6.00pm **Hatherleigh** - Evensong
6.30pm **Okehampton** – Evening Prayer:
Joint Service at Fairplace

Verse for the Week

“In hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see we wait for it with patience”
Romans 8:24-25

Prayer and Reading Diary Hatherleigh

Monday

Read: Exodus 24.12-18,
Pray for: The responses needed from the community to be able to proceed with our reordering plans [community meeting was last week but will need repeating].

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 2,
Pray for: The emerging congregation at the 4.00 service; that some stability develops among those who attend.

Wednesday

Read: 2 Peter 1.16-21,
Pray for: Our engagement with the many young families who are 'occasional attenders'; that they begin to recognise God as a high priority in life.

Thursday

Read: Matthew 17.1-9,
Pray for: Our continued witness as a church to the community in Hatherleigh as it faces the major changes of development to the market site.

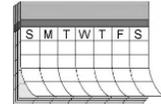
Friday

Read: 2 Kings 2.1-12,
Pray for: Give thanks for the growing sense of ecumenical partnership in the town, particularly as we look into providing something for our older teens.

Saturday

Read: Matthew 17.9-23,
Pray for: All in our community who are ill in body, mind or spirit and especially those waiting for appointments and operations to relieve pain and suffering.

Events This Week:



Tuesday 18th February:

9am Hatherleigh Prayer Group - Methodist
Prayer Room

Wednesday 19th February:

9am Bridestowe weekly jnt. church prayer meeting

Thursday 20th February:

10am Holy Communion - St James Church,
Okehampton



Notices:

• Just a reminder that for the next few weeks while the Rectory is refurbished if you want to contact Stephen it is best to do so on his mobile (07790909442) or by email scook9673@aol.com. Prayers for the Cook family during this disrupted time would be appreciated!

• **Lent groups** will be taking place in various places around the team and details are available in the various parishes.

Bridestowe : Christ and the Chocolaterie

A Lent Course based on the film Chocolat will be held at Bridestowe Methodist Church on Mondays at 7.30pm. The Course starts on February 24th.

In **Okehampton for Lent:** Tuesday evenings at 7:30 beginning on 3rd March, we will be looking at “Big Issues”: those questions at the back of your mind which seem to hang around like unwanted guests at every conversation about faith: Who needs God? (Faith and Science) How did the dinosaurs fit on the ark? (Faith and the Bible) Where was God when...? (Faith and suffering) Loaves and fishes (Faith and miracles) Dead man walking (Faith and resurrection). There will be an introduction to the subject and an open conversation. All welcome.

Future Events:



50:50 Church shop in Hatherleigh

At Salar Gallery Lower Exhibition room (EX20 3HY) **through February** (Tuesdays 10-4, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays: 10-1). We have all manners of donated goods from furniture, pictures, china, curtains, puzzles, books etc. with all monies raised going towards our Church for running costs and improvements. Do come and find yourself a bargain! (Tel. 01837 810940 for further details)

- **Tuesday 18th February: APCM** 6.45pm being held in St. Petroc's Lydford
- **Saturday 22nd February: Fair & Local Market**
Church Hall, Market St, Okehampton: 9.30 am- 12.30 p.m.
- **Tuesday 25th February: Pancake Evening** at Old Schools, Hatherleigh from 5.00 - 7.30 on Shrove Tuesday. Freebie evening - donation pot available if you wish to contribute.
- **Sunday 1st March: Fairtrade Fortnight visit**
A visit to the town by two cocoa producers from Ghana will take part in the morning service at **Fairplace at 10:30am**, then join in a Fairtrade Community Feast(bring and share) at the Ockment Centre 12 - 3:00 . All welcome.
- **Sunday 1st March.** Games afternoon - Church Hall, Okehampton: 3pm~5pm. Tea and crumpets. *This event was originally planned for 16th Feb.*
- **Wednesday 4th March: How to guide children and young people to healthy video gaming** at 7:00pm at Belmont Chapel, Exeter. This event is being run by Andy Robertson, a Christian journalist. He is bringing a unique session on how to guide children and young people to healthy video gaming. This event is aimed at Parents or Youth Workers who have a concern in video gaming or want to use it for positive interaction with the young people and children around them.
- **Saturday 4th April.** (not 4th March as previously stated!!) 9:30 ~ 12 noon. All Saints Easter Fare. Raffle, cake stall, tombola and various Easter related stalls. Ann P would be very grateful for offers of help. 01837 55830

Services for 23rd February 2020 The Sunday before Lent

8.30am	Sticklepath – Holy Communion
9.30am	Belstone – Holy Communion
	Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
	Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion
	Bridestowe – Morning Prayer
	Jacobstowe – Holy Communion
	Northlew – Family Service
11.00am	Okehampton – Holy Communion
	Sourton – Morning Prayer
	Lydford – Holy Communion
	Hatherleigh – Joint Service in Methodist Chapel
	Exbourne – Joint Service in Church
4.00pm	Hatherleigh – Praise@4.00
6.30pm	Okehampton – Evensong

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Second Sunday before Lent

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The passages set for this Sunday offer rich fair: the story of creation from Genesis, Paul's amazing vision of creation renewed in Romans 8 and Jesus' injunction to consider the birds of the air in Matthew 6. The verse that jumped out at me as I sat down to write this is from Romans "Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see we wait for it with patience"

The whole of creation, he says, is groaning: longing for us, its designated stewards, to come into our own as the adopted children of God. Adam and Eve were gardeners; put into Eden to tend it and look after it. The story of what happened in the garden sets the scene for what was to follow, starting with their anxiety at their nakedness before God. It is that anxiety that has turned us from gardeners to exploiters, from stewards to plunderers, always fearing that we are exposed: that what we have is not enough.

"If God feeds the birds and clothes the flowers he will certainly feed and clothe you." says Jesus. The antidote to the anxiety that leads to exploitation is hope. Not a kind of "maybe one day..." hope but an expectation rooted in faith that we are the adopted children of Almighty God and that we can relax in God's provision. Meanwhile, like creation, we are groaning; longing for the promise to be fulfilled, living in a hope for what we do not yet see, waiting for it with patience.

Stephen