

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
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)

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

(Psalm 32)

Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11

Next week's Readings (may vary)

Genesis 12.1-4a

(Psalm 121)

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

John 3.1-17

Later Today

4.00pm **Hatherleigh** – Praise@4.00

6.30pm **Okehampton** – Holy Communion

Verse for the Week

“If, because of one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.” **Romans 5:17**

Prayer and Reading Diary Meeth

Monday

Read: Genesis 12.1-4a,

Pray for: Rev. Leigh and his wife Lynne who work so hard for us all in so many ways.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 121,

Pray for: All who play and active role in our small village and those on the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee etc.

Wednesday

Read: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17,

Pray for: All in our community who are housebound and for those who care for them in so many ways.

Thursday

Read: John 3.1-17,

Pray for: All who are ill and who are recovering from operations and life changing conditions that they may find a good neighbour in their hour of need.

Friday

Read: Numbers 21.4-9,

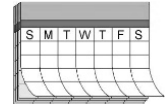
Pray for: All who work hard in keeping the church open and welcoming for parishioners and visitors alike. May they find peace here!

Saturday

Read: Luke 14.27-33,

Pray for: Pray that our congregation may grow and many more will come to know our Lord.

Events This Week:



Tuesday 3rd March:

9am Hatherleigh Prayer Group - Methodist Prayer Room

Wednesday 4th March:

9am Bridestowe weekly jnt. church prayer meeting

Thursday 5th March:

10am Holy Communion - St James Church, Okehampton



Notices:

•**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.

Hatherleigh: Discover what the church is and should be according to the Revelation of St. John, chapter 21. At the Rectory, Hatherleigh, 2.00 p.m. Wednesdays' 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th March and 1st of April.

Okehampton: Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Church Hall, 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.

The Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book 2020 is 'Saying Yes to Life' by Ruth Valero; published by SPCK. Available on line or from the local bookshop: There is an excellent introduction by the Archbishop.

Future Events:



Keith Christmas' funeral will take place on Tuesday 3rd March at 11:00 am in All Saints, Okehampton.

- **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.

- **Friday 6th March: World Day of Prayer Service**

7.30pm at Old Schools, Hatherleigh
This year we are praying with Zimbabwe.

- **Saturday 14th March: Coffee Morning**

Being held at Longridge, Lydford - at 10am to 12 noon, by kind invitation of Vic & Linda Hanson.

- **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

Dates for your Diary: Okehampton

Sunday 19th April: Church lunch at Golf Club

Friday 24th April: Quiz ~ 'Everything English'

Saturday 16th May: Valley Voices Concert in church.

Services for 8th March 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

8.00am	Sourton – Holy Communion
9.30am	Belstone – Holy Communion
	Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
	Bratton Clovelly – Holy Communion
	Bridestowe – Morning Prayer
	Jacobstowe – Holy Communion
	Northlew – Morning Prayer
11.00am	Okehampton – Holy Communion
	Lydford – Holy Communion
	Hatherleigh – Morning Prayer
	Meeth – Holy Communion
4.00pm	Hatherleigh – Praise@4.00
6.30pm	Okehampton – Evensong

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Choices: we all have to make them and most of the time we want to be able to. Fiona and I are trying to decide where we want to go on holiday this year and although part of me wants to say “I don’t know: you decide!” most of me wants to be involved, even if I end up sharing the blame for a bad decision.

Choice is built into the design of the moral universe. God might have made a world without choice: a perfect world with happy smiley people who never made a wrong decision because there were no decisions to be made. There would be no crime, no war, no hatred, no exploitation, no inequality, no racism and, because creativity was channelled in the right direction, in time no disease, no hunger, no want. But would you want to live in a world without choice?

Lent is about choice. In the readings set for today we have laid before us the choice that Adam and Eve made when tempted and the choice that Jesus made. In the next forty days we are asked to examine the choices we regularly make and to opt to take the harder, steeper path that leads to salvation. God respects us enough not to choose for us: we are set free to choose life or death, to follow Jesus or Adam because a choice to do right is better than doing right because there is no choice to be made.

Stephen