

**NEXT SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER 2018
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



ST MARY'S
PARISH
CHURCH
BIDEFORD

FULL
VERSION

Readings: Phil. 4.4-7
Luke 3. 7-18

8 am HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant: Rev'd Claire Rose-
Casemore
Preacher: Rev'd Claire Rose-
Casemore
10 am PARISH COMMUNION
Celebrant: Rev'd Claire Rose-
Casemore/Peter Hooper
Preacher: Rev'd Claire Rose-
Casemore
7 pm TAIZE

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 10 December

Ps 44; Isa 45: 14-end; 1 Thess ch1

Tuesday 11 December

Isa 40: 1-11; Ps 96: 1, 10-end; Matt 18: 12
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8.30 am Morning Prayer

10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Robin Piree

Wednesday 12 December, Ember Day

Ps 62, Isa ch47; 1 Thess 2: 13-end

Thursday 13 December

Ps 54; Isa 48: 1-11; 1 Thess ch3

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**Friday 14 December, John of the Cross,
Poet, Teacher, 1591, Ember Day**

Ps 86; Isa 48: 12-end; 1 Thess 4: 1-12

Saturday 15 December, Ember Day

Ps 145; Isa 49: 1-13; 1 Thess 4: 13-end

8 am Prayers

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BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN

Part of the Mission Community of
Bideford, Landcross, Littleham, Monkleigh
and Weare Giffard

Our Purpose:

TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2018
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Our 10.30 am All Age service continues at
11.30 am with a short *COMMUNION
SERVICE* to which everyone is welcome. (if
you'd like alcohol free wine, please let the
chalice administrator know). Gluten free
wafers are also available on request.

This morning's preacher at the 8 am service
is Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore.

There is no evening service tonight.

We **WELCOME** our baptism candidates,
together with families and friends, as they
come to be baptised into the Church Family
today.

Next Sunday is *UCAN SUNDAY* when your
gifts of cans and/or cash would be
appreciated for those in need.

Please note that there **will** be a Taize
service next week on Sunday 16 December
at 7 pm.

A big thank you to Richard James and his
team for such a great lunch last week
following the 5 Parish Advent Service. It
was a really nice occasion for the five
parishes to get together.

This week is your last chance to get **CARDS
FOR GOOD CAUSES**, until 15 December.
(10-4 pm Mon-Fri, 10-1 pm Saturday).

There are 6 spare pantomime tickets to see
Peter Pan at Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple on
Sat 29 December at 2.30 pm. (£10.50 per
ticket) if anyone would like them. Please
speak to Liza Junkison on 476630 if you are
interested.

If you have already ordered tickets for the pantomime please let the office have your money as the tickets have arrived.

MOTHERS' UNION tomorrow 10 Dec at 2 pm with Rev'd Claire for 'Celebrating Christmas'.

BOOKWORMS is this Tuesday, 11 Dec at 7.30 pm at Maggies. to review 'Together' by Julie Cohen

The last session of the **5 Parish ADVENT COURSE** is this Wednesday 12 December at St Mary's. We are watching the BBC film of 'The Nativity'. Please come and join us if you can..

The next **REFLECTIONS** meeting on **Tues 18 Dec** will be a *Bring and Share Christmas Lunch*. This will be at 12.30 pm (not the usual 2.30 pm) and everyone is welcome to attend.

The last **Tea With Friends will be on Wed 19 December at 2 pm** when the speaker will be Sue Ashmole from Cadenza Alpacas.

Please note there will be *NO BULLETINS* for Sundays 23 and 30 December. Please let Debbie know of any notices for 6 January by 19 Dec.

CAR PARKING

Further to our request in the bulletin over the past few weeks please remember the churchyard on Sundays should only be used for parking by presiding clergy, people who are incapacitated or who are bringing someone who is incapacitated. Given the emergency we had last weekend when an ambulance needed access to the front entrance it is vital there is enough space for emergency vehicles as well as adequate room for cars to safely manoeuvre. Many thanks. *The PCC*

COFFEE TEAMS

Do you enjoy your tea and coffee after the service? If you do, we urgently need more helpers – at least 8 if we are to maintain this important time of fellowship. If you'd be willing to join the rota or would like to find out more then please speak to Mary Dendle or Anne Kent.

Help is also needed for Music Makers coffee team on Wednesday mornings from January. Please speak to Liza Junkison if you would to join the rota.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH BIDEFORD

CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE,
followed by mulled wine and mince
pies. **Sunday 23 December at 7 pm.**

**NATIVITY SERVICE, Christmas Eve
at 2 and 4 pm** (it's repeated: choose
the time to suit you). Especially for
families. **CHILDREN:** come dressed as
an angel, shepherd, wise man or
animal.

**MIDNIGHT MASS, Christmas Eve, at
11.30 pm.** Traditional Eucharist, with
carols and candlelight.

**CHRISTMAS MORNING 10 am
FAMILY COMMUNION WITH CAROLS**

EVERYONE WELCOME

And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are all white in the world
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

BLESSING

The God of all grace,
Establish, strengthen and settle your
faith;
And the blessing...

THE PEACE

DIARY DATES

- ⇒ **Appledore Singers 'Charity Christmas Concert'**, in aid of 'Families in Grief' Sun 16 Dec, 2.30 pm at Northam Hall (top of Fore Street). Entry £6 at the door (under 16s free) to include light refreshment. Plenty of familiar carols and audience participation. Contact Pam Beechey 01237 420652
- ⇒ **Light Up a Life Service** will be on Saturday 15 December in the Pannier Market at 6 pm.

Please pray for those people living in:

Monday: Harvest Lane, Hawthorn Park
Tuesday: Heywood Road, High Park Close
Wednesday: High Street, High View
Thursday: Higher Gunstone, Hill Garden Close
Friday: Hilltop Road, Hillcroft Terrace
Saturday: Honestone Street, Mount Pleasant

Please pray for those who are sick:

Jean Bale, Amanda Beer, Maryanne Benson, Trish Bishop, Pauline Carpenter, Tim Cotter, Nicky Day, Cynthia Ettling, Tyler Hooper, Graham and Karel Johnston, Eileen King, Alan Power, Beryl Pullin, David Sharp, Kevin Smith, Phyllis Ward, Iris Way, Marion Woolf

Please remember the souls of the departed, and the families of those who have recently been bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 10 6-7.30 pm Cryptonites
Tues 11 1.30 pm Bideford College Year 7
Carol Service
7.30 pm Parish Prayer
Wed 12 9.45 & 11am Music Makers
1.15 pm Funeral of Alyson Gardner
7 pm 5 Parish Advent Course at St Mary's
Thurs 13 2.30 pm Moreton Court Carol
Service
Fri 14 11.30-1 pm Christmas Friday Diner
Sat 15 10-1 pm Last day of CFGC
2-6 pm Nativity rehearsal
Sun 16 7 pm Taize
Tues 18 12-2.30 Reflections—Christmas
bring and share lunch
7 pm All Age Planning
Wed 19 2 pm Tea with Friends
Thurs 20 3.45-5.30 pm Messy Church
Fri 21 2 pm St Mary's School Christingle
Sat 22 4-6 pm Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Sun 23 7 pm Nine Lessons & Carol Service
Mon 24 2 pm & 4 pm Nativity Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass
Tues 25 10 am Christmas Day Service
Sun 30 8 am Holy Communion
11 am 5 Parish Morning Praise at
Littleham

COLLECT

Almighty God,
Purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God

Amen

BIBLE readings

Phil. 1. 3-11, Luke 3. 1-6
(see separate sheet)

Baptisms. Kelly Marie Davies; Leon Davies; Hunter Zak David Hill.

Prayer;

Kelly, Leon and Hunter today God has
touched you with His love
And given you a place among his people.
God promises to be with you

In joy and in sorrow,

To be your guide in life

And to bring you safely to heaven.
In baptism, God invites you on a life long
journey.

Together with all God's people
We invite you to explore the way of Jesus
And grow in friendship with God,
In love for his people,
And in serving others.

With us you will listen to the word of God
And receive the gifts of God.

Giving candles and Bibles.

God has delivered us from the dominion of
darkness

And has given us a place with the saints in
light.

You have received the light of Christ;
Walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
To the glory of God the Father.**

SONG Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord,
And these are the days of Your servant
Moses
Righteousness being restored

And though these are the days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant,
David
Rebuilding a temple of praise

ST MARY'S ALL AGE AND BAPTISM SERVICE

***Our Theme today is:
Jesus is coming again!
Are we ready?***



Signing with oil...

Do not be afraid to confess the faith of
Jesus crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Jesus
Against sin, the world and the Devil,
And remain faithful to Jesus to the end
of your life.**

May Almighty God deliver you from the
powers of darkness,
Restore in you the image of his glory,
And lead you in the light and obedience of
Jesus.

Amen.

Prayer over the water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ
Was baptised in the river Jordan,
We thank you for the gift of water
To cleanse and revive us.

Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the waters of
the Red sea

You led your people out of slavery
To freedom in the Promised Land

Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the deep
waters of death

You brought your son, and raised him to
life in triumph.

Saving God give us life.

Bless this water, that your servants who
are washed in it

May be made one with Christ in his death
and resurrection,

To be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Saving God, give us life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
Bring them to new birth in the household
of faith

And raise them with Christ to full and
eternal life;

For all might, majesty, authority and
power are yours,

Now and forever. Amen.

Saving God, give us life.

WELCOME

CREED

Do you believe and trust in God the Father
Source of all being and life,
The one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in Jesus, the son of
God,

Who took our human nature,
Died for us, rose again, and will come back
to rule the world?

I believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy
Spirit,

Who gives life to the people of God and
makes Jesus known in the world?

I believe and trust in Him.

This is the faith of the church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

CRAFT ACTIVITY AT FONT FOR CHILDREN

PLEASE STAND

SONG

The lion and the lamb. [He's coming on the clouds].

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms
will bow down

And every chain will break, as broken hearts
declare His praise

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before You

Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the
chains

And every knee will bow before the Lion and
the Lamb

Oh every knee will bow before the Lion and the
Lamb

So open up the gates, make way before the
King of kings
Our God who calls the saved is here to set the
captives free
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before You
Our God...

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

PLEASE SIT

DRAMATISED BIBLE READING

TALK

PLEASE STAND

SONG

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

PLEASE SIT



THE BAPTISMS

Decision;

Do you turn to Jesus as rescuer from sin
and death?

I turn to Jesus.

Do you accept Jesus as Lord of your life?

I accept Jesus.

Do you come to Jesus to show you how to
live?

I come to Jesus.

Absolution

Almighty God who forgives all who truly
repent,
Have mercy upon you, pardon and forgive
all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness,
and keep you in life eternal, amen.