

**NEXT SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER 2018
ADVENT 4**

Readings: Mic. 5.2-5a; Luke 1. 39-45(46-55)

8 am HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant: Rev'd Leigh Winsbury

10 am FAMILY COMMUNION
Celebrant: Rev'd Alan Glover/Rev'd Leigh Winsbury

7 pm SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

CHRISTMAS EVE

Readings Midnight Mass: Isaiah 52: 7-10; John 1:1-14

2 pm and NATIVITY SERVICE
4 pm (repeated, choose the time to suit you)

11.30 pm MIDNIGHT MASS
Celebrant: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore/
Peter Hooper

CHRISTMAS DAY

Readings: Titus 2. 11-14, Luke 2. 1-20

10 am FAMILY COMMUNION
Celebrant: Rev'd Robin Pirrie/Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
Preacher: Rev'd Kevin Beer

**SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER 2018
CHRISTMAS 1**

Readings: Col. 3. 12-17; Luke 2: 41-end

8 am HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant and Preacher:
Rev'd Alan Glover

11 am 5 PARISH MORNING PRAISE at
Littleham with Sarah Cordingley

**SUNDAY 6 JANUARY 2019
EPIPHANY**

Readings: Eph 3: 1-12; Matthew 2. 1-12
Rev'd Leigh's last Sunday

8 am HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd Leigh Winsbury

10 am 5 PARISH COMMUNION
Celebrant: Rev'd Claire/Rev'd Leigh
Preacher: Rev'd Leigh Winsbury

7 pm EVENSONG - Peter Hooper

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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 16 DECEMBER 2018
ADVENT 3**

WELCOME! Please stay for tea or coffee after the service—we would love to chat with you.

If you don't normally take communion but would like God's blessing, please come up to the altar rail holding this bulletin. Alcohol free wine is available at the 10 am service: please go to the right hand side of the altar and then ask the chalice administrator. Gluten free wafers are also available on request.

This morning's preacher at the 8 am and 10 am services is Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore.

Tonight's service is Taize at 7 pm.

Next Sunday is our **SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS** at 7 pm, after which we serve mulled wine and mince pies. Please invite friends and family to this special service.

We would be very grateful for any mince pies for the Carol Service: please bring them ideally to the 10 am service, or before the 7 pm service.

The clergy team would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and Christmas cards at this special time.

REFLECTIONS this **Tues 18 Dec** will be a *Bring and Share Christmas Lunch*. This will be at **12 noon** (not the usual 2.30 pm) and everyone is welcome to attend.

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

COFFEE TEAMS

We still urgently need helpers. If you'd be willing to join the rota or find out more then please speak to Mary Dendle or Anne Kent.

Help needed for Music Makers coffee team—Wednesday mornings from January. Please speak to Liza Junkison if you would like to join Tel 476630 or contact office.

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 let office know if you are interested or Liza 476630. If you have already ordered tickets please see Debbie to pay for and/or collect tickets which have arrived.

Please note there will be *NO BULLETINS* for Sundays 23 and 30 December. The office will close from noon on 21 December, reopening on 2 January. If you have any notices for 7 Jan please let Debbie have them by 19 December.

Please pray for those people living in:

Monday: Silver Street, Southcott Road
Tuesday: South View Terr, Southwood Drive
Wednesday: Slade Road, Stanbridge Park
Thursday: Stanhope Terrace, Stella Maris Ct
Friday: Stucley Road, The Quay
Saturday: The Salterns, The Strand

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, Sue Sparkes, 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

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height

READINGS & SERVICES for w/c 17 DECEMBER

Monday 17 December

Ps 40; Isa 49: 14-25; 1 Thess 5: 1-11

Tuesday 18 December

Jer 23: 5-8; Ps 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-end
10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

Wednesday 19 December

Ps 146; Isa 51: 1-8; 2 Thess ch1

Thursday 20 December

Ps 46; Isa 51: 9-16, 2 Thess ch2

Friday 21 December

Ps 121, Isa 51: 17-end, 2 Thess ch3

Saturday 22 December

Ps 124; Isa 52: 1-12; Jude
8 am Prayers

READINGS & SERVICES for w/c 24 DECEMBER

Monday 24 December, Christmas Eve

Ps 45; Isa 52: 13-53end; 2 Pet 1: 1-15

Tuesday 25 December, Christmas Day

Ps 110; Isa 62: 1-5; Matt 1: 18-end

**Wednesday 26 December, Stephen, Deacon,
First Martyr**

Ps 13; Jer 26: 12-15; Acts ch6

**Thursday 27 December, John, Apostle and
Evangelist**

Ps 21; Exod 33: 12-end; 1 John 2: 1-11

Friday 28 December, The Holy Innocents

Ps 36; Gen 37: 13-20; Matt 18: 1-10

**Saturday 29 December, Thomas Becket,
Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170**

Ps 19; Isa 57: 15-end; John 1: 1-18

READINGS & SERVICES for w/c 31 DECEMBER

Monday 31 December

Ps 102; Isa 59, 15b-end; John 1: 29-34

Tuesday 1 January, The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Ps 103; Gen 17: 1-13; Rom 2: 17-end

No 10.30 am Holy Communion today

**Wednesday 2 January, Basil the Great and
Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops**

Ps 18: 1-30; Isa 60: 1-12; John 1: 35-42

Thursday 3 January

Ps 127; Isa 60: 13-end; John 1: 43-end

Friday 4 January

Ps 89: 1-37; Isa ch61; John 2: 1-12

Saturday 5 January

Ps 48; Isa ch62; John 2: 13-end
8 am Prayers

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust is Jesus' name

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless, stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone....

CLOSING HYMN

*REJOICE! Rejoice! Christ is in you,
The hope of glory in our hearts.
He lives! He lives! His breath is in you,
Arise a mighty army, we arise.*

Now is the time for us to march upon the
land,
Into our hands He will give the ground we
claim.
He rides in majesty to lead us into victory,
The world shall see that Christ is Lord!

Rejoice! Rejoice! ...

God is at work in us His purpose to perform,
Building a kingdom of power not of words,
Where things impossible, by faith shall be
made possible;
Let's give the glory to Him now.

Rejoice! Rejoice! ...

Though we are weak, His grace is every-
thing we need;
We're made of clay but this treasure is with-
in.
He turns our weaknesses into His opportuni-
ties,
So that the glory goes to Him.
Rejoice! Rejoice! ...

In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

COLLECT

God for whom we watch and wait,
You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of
your Son:
Give us courage to speak the truth,
To hunger for justice,
And to suffer for the cause of right,
With Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Philippians 4: 4 - 7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about
anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests
be made known to God. And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GRADUAL HYMN

HOW LOVELY ON THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE
FEET OF HIM

Who brings good news, good news,
Proclaiming peace, announcing news of hap-
piness,
Our God reigns, our God reigns.

*Our God reigns, our God reigns,
Our God reigns, our God reigns.*

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one
Shout for your King, your King.
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion:
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with
joy,
We are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved and comforted His
people:
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your
God,
Jesus is Lord, is Lord.
Before the nations He has bared His holy
arm:
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3: 7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

OFFERTORY HYMN

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE,
Seek Thou this soul of mine
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
O let it freely burn,

Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path
illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human tell-
ing;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwell-
ing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in
faith
Find forgiveness at the cross

*So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King*

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn
for you
Eat and remember
The wounds that healed the death that
brings us life
Paid the price to make us one

So we share in this bread of life

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter
in
To receive the life of God

*So we share in this bread of life
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