

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



ST MARY'S
PARISH
CHURCH
BIDEFORD

Readings: Phil. 1. 3-11
Luke 3. 1-6

8 am HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant: Rev'd Leigh Winsbury
Preacher: Rev'd Leigh Winsbury
10 am COFFEE AND CROISSANT before
10.30 am ALL AGE SERVICE (with baptisms)
led by Rev'd Leigh and AA Team
11.30 am HOLY COMMUNION
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
7 pm No service

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 3 December

Ps 50, Isa 42: 18-end; Rev ch19

Tuesday 4 December

Isa 11: 1-10; Ps 72: 1-4, 18-19; Luke 10:
21-24

8.30 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Communion, MU Corporate,
Rev'd Leigh Winsbury

Wednesday 5 December

Ps 7; Isa 43: 14-end; Rev 21: 1-8

Thursday 6 December

Ps 42; Isa 44: 1-8; Rev 21: 9-21
8.30 am Morning Prayer

Friday 7 December

Ps 25; Isa 44: 9-23; Rev 21: 22-22: 5

**Saturday 8 December, The Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Ps 9; Isa 44: 24-45:13; Rev 22: 6-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 2 DECEMBER 2018

ADVENT SUNDAY

*WELCOME, especially to members of the Village
Churches of our Mission Community at our
10am 5 Parish Advent Carols and Communion.*
Please stay for tea or coffee after the service—
we would love to chat with you.

The 5 Parish Advent lunch follows today's
service at 12/12.30 pm.

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 service
is Rev'd Leigh Winsbury.

There is no evening service tonight.

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

There will be the opportunity this morning for
people to make final silent bids for the lovely
Christmas hamper donated by Carol Newton.
Please give any bids to Debbie Crawford or the
Churchwardens. The winner will be announced
at the Advent Lunch. The money made will go to
Church funds.

POSADA 2018 Advent is now here and Mary
and Joseph will be setting off on their journey to
Bethlehem. If during December, in your home,
you would like to give shelter to the Holy
Family (small figures!!) please sign the list at
the back of the Church or see me. Many thanks
Lorna 477117

As the Winsburys are preparing to move house could you have a look around your home for any items you may have borrowed. (e.g. books, DVDs etc.) Also if we have forgotten to return any of your belongings, please do remind us. Thanks, Lynn.

Harmony Singers Carol Concert today at 3 pm at Bideford Baptist Church.

Coffee and Communion will be tomorrow Mon 3 Dec at 10.30 for 11 am at Jean Stewart's.

Christian Aid Carol Concert is this Tues. 4 Dec at 6.30 pm at Bideford Methodist Church. All are welcome.

The 5 parish ADVENT COURSE is on Wednesday evenings at 7pm: Weare Giffard Village Hall on 5th Dec, and at St Mary's on Dec 12th. We are watching the BBC film of 'The Nativity'. Please come and join us for whatever sessions you can make.

The next **REFLECTIONS** meeting 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 **next Tea With Friends will be on Wed 19 December at 2 pm** when the speaker will be Sue Ashmole from Cadenza Alpacas. This unfortunately will be the last meeting of the group. Over the last few years attendance has gradually declined, and a year ago we moved the week that we meet to see if that would improve our numbers, but that hasn't happened. We would like to thank those who have regularly attended over the years, and I would particularly like to thank Ro Day, Babs Muir and Isobel Green for all their help. *Maggie Murray*

CAR PARKING

Sadly too many cars are now parking in the churchyard on a Sunday, and to compound the issue some cars not being parked well which has resulted in two cars being damaged in bumps recently. As such the PCC agreed unanimously that only presiding clergy, incapacitated people or those people bringing someone to church who is incapacitated should park on a Sunday. If you are bringing someone else and can park elsewhere once you have dropped off that would be greatly appreciated. We are asking everyone to examine their own conscience and consider if they really need to use the churchyard to park. We are hoping that this will resolve the issue and we won't have to introduce any other measures to manage the situation. 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.

DIARY DATES

- ⇒ **BOOKWORMS**—The next book to reviewed is 'Together' by Julie Cohen on Tuesday 11 December at 7.30 pm at Maggie's.
- ⇒ **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

Please pray for those people living in:

- Monday: Orchard Gardens, Orchard Rise
- Tuesday: Osbourne Close, Park Avenue
- Wednesday: Park Lane, Hillcroft Place
- Thursday: Hillside Terrace, New Row
- Friday: Pynes Lane, Pynes Walk
- Saturday: Quarry Close, Queens Street

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 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, particularly Alyson Gardner, and the families of those who have recently been bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Dates of Events and Meetings

- Mon 3 6-7.30 pm Cryptonites Youth Group
7.30 pm Standing Committee
- Wed 5 9.45 and 11 am Music Makers
7 pm 5 Parish Advent Course,
Weare Giffard Village Hall
- Thurs 6 10.30 am ETW Primary Yr 1 Christingle
- Fri 7 7 pm Bideford Rotary Carol Concert
- Sat 8 8.30 am Mens' Breakfast

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: so that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

1 Thess 3: 3-13, Luke 21: 25-36
(see separate sheet)