

**NEXT SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER 2018
ADVENT SUNDAY**

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3: 3-13
Luke 21: 25-36

8 am HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
Preacher: Rev'd Alan Glover
10 am 5 PARISH ADVENT SERVICE
President: Rev'd Alan Glover/
Rev'd Marisa Cockfield
7 pm Word and Worship

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 26 November

Ps 96; Isa 40: 1-11; Rev 14: 1-13

Tuesday 27 November

Rev 14: 14-19; Ps 96; Luke 21: 5-11
8.30 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Niccy Hunt

Wednesday 28 November

Ps 112; Isa 40: 27-41: 7; Rev 16: 1-11

Thursday 29 November

Ps 125; Isa 41: 8-20; Rev 16: 12-end
8.30 am Morning Prayer

Friday 30 November, Andrew the Apostle

Ps 47; Ezek 47: 1-12; John 12: 20-32

Saturday 1 December

Ps 145; Isa 42: 10-17; Rev ch18
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 25 NOVEMBER 2018
CHRIST THE KING**

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 bul-
letin. 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 service is Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore.

Tonight's service is Word and Worship at
7 pm.

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.

CYCLE LAKE VICTORIA 2018

James Lewis from Wings and his friend Dave
Beard are currently cycling,
unsupported, 1000 miles around Lake
Victoria in East Africa. All money raised goes
towards Amigos and Wings charities. If you
would like to read more and donate go to the
Wings website. Also, Jo Sawle has a sponsorship
form for those who would like to sponsor the
bike ride, today, after the 10 am service. Thank
you.

5 Parish Advent Lunch will take place at
St Mary's **next Sunday, 2 December**, following
the 5 Parish Advent Service. Homemade soup
and ploughman's will be available at 12 for
12.30. For catering purposes we do need to
know numbers so please would you be kind
enough to sign the list at the back of the Church
by today. There will be no charge but a
donations pot will be available.

We would be very grateful if people could bring mince pies for after the 5 Parish Advent service next week.

SILENT AUCTION

We have had a very generous donation of a Christmas hamper, given by Carol Newton, which we will hold a silent auction for and announce the winner at the Advent Lunch on 2 December. The hamper will be on display at church and anyone wishing to bid for it should email the office with their bid or, alternatively, post a bid into St Mary's House. There will be a final chance to enter bids at the Advent Lunch on 2 Dec when the highest bidder will be announced. All money made will go to Church funds.

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

The 5 parish ADVENT COURSE is on Wednesday evenings at 7pm: Weare Giffard Village Hall on 28th Nov and 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 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY,
God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End:
All within me falls at Your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve Your majesty.*

Earth and heaven worship You,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner near to Your throne:
All within me cries out in praise.

HALLELUJAH, FOR THE LORD OUR GOD
The Almighty reigns.
Hallelujah, for the Lord our God
The Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and be glad
And give the glory unto Him.
Hallelujah, for the Lord our God
The Almighty reigns.

WE BOW DOWN and confess
You are Lord in this place.
We bow down and confess
You are Lord in this place.
You are all I need;
It's Your face I seek.
In the presence of Your light
We bow down, we bow down.

CLOSING HYMN

LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Halleluia! Halleluia! Halleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him
Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear!
All His saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear.

Yea, Amen, let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for Thine own:
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Everlasting God, come down!

OFFERTORY HYMN

O WORSHIP THE KING,
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and His love:
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour
And girded with praise.

O tell of His might,
O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is His path
On the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power
Hath founded of old;
Hath 'stablished it fast,
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care
What tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
It shines in the light;
It streams from the hills,
It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils
In the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,
And feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
Nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender,
How firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend!

O Lord of all might,
How boundless Thy love!
While angels delight
To hymn Thee above,
The humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to Thy praise.

DIARY DATES

- ⇒ **BOOKWORMS**—The next book to reviewed is 'Together' by Julie Cohen on Tuesday 11 December at 7.30 pm at Maggie's.
- ⇒ WoodaPlus (Wooda Surgery) Christmas Fair is on Sat 1 Dec from 2 to 4 pm, at Robin's Nest, Bideford Football Club. Live music, stalls, raffle, tombola, refreshments, cakes and more! All welcome - please do come along!
- ⇒ **Northam Choral Society Christmas Concert**, Sat 1 Dec at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church
- ⇒ **Harmony Singers Carol Concert** on Sun, 2nd Dec at 3 pm at Bideford Baptist Church. All are very welcome.
- ⇒ **Christian Aid Carol Concert** will be on Tuesday 4 December, at 6.30 pm at Bideford Methodist Church.
- ⇒ **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 Moreton Court and:-

Monday: Sunningdale Terr, Northam Ridge
Tuesday: Northdene, Northdown Drive,
Wed: Northdown Rd, South View Terr
Thursday: South Bank Drive, Oaklands
Friday: Ochil Close, Old Town
Saturday: Albert Place, Orchard Hill

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

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 26 6-7.30 pm Cryptonites Youth Group
Tues 27 2.30 pm Deepening Prayer
Wed 28 9.45 and 11 am Music Makers
3.45-5.30 pm Messy Church
7 pm 5 Parish Advent Course, Weare Giffard Village Hall
Sat 1 7.30 pm Northam Choral Christmas Concert, St Mary's Church
Sun 2 10 am 5 Parish Advent Service followed by 5 Parish Lunch
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

ENTRANCE HYMN

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy chosen King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God
Before the worlds began;
And ye who tread where He hath trod,
Crown Him the Son of Man,
Who every grief hath known
That wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears them for His own,
That all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save:
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown Him the King to whom is given
The wondrous name of Love
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

COLLECT

God the Father,
Help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Revelations 1: 4b -8

Grace to you and peace from him who is
and who was and who is to come, and
from the seven spirits who are before his
throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful
witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the
ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who
loves us and freed us from our sins by his
blood, and made us to be a kingdom,
priests serving his God and Father, to him
be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Amen. Look! He is coming with the
clouds; every eye will see him, even
those who pierced him; and on his account
all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is
to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the
Omega', says the Lord God, who is and
who was and who is to come, the Almighty

GRADUAL HYMN

FOR THIS PURPOSE Christ was revealed,
To destroy all the works
Of the Evil One.
Christ in us has overcome,
So with gladness we sing
And welcome His kingdom in.

(Men)

Over sin He has conquered, (Women)

Hallelujah, He has conquered. (Men)

Over death victorious, (Women)

Hallelujah, victorious. (Men)

*Over sickness He has triumphed,
(Women)*

Hallelujah, He has triumphed. (All)

Jesus reigns over all!

In the name of Jesus we stand,
By the power of His blood
We now claim this ground.
Satan has no authority here;
Powers of darkness must flee,
For Christ has the victory.

GOSPEL READING

John 18: 33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters
again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,
'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus
answered, 'Do you ask this on your own,
or did others tell you about me?' Pilate
replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own
nation and the chief priests have handed
you over to me. What have you done?'
Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from
this world. If my kingdom were from this
world, my followers would be fighting to
keep me from being handed over to the
Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from
here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a
king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am
a king. For this I was born, and for this I
came into the world, to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens
to my voice.'