

**NEXT SUNDAY 27 JANUARY 2019
EPIPHANY 4**

Readings: 1 Cor. 12, 12-31a
Luke 4. 14-21

8 am HOLY COMMUNION
President and Preacher:
Rev'd Robin Pirrie

10 am PARISH COMMUNION
Celebrant: Rev'd Robin Pirrie/
Peter Hooper
Preacher: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

7 pm WORD AND WORSHIP

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 21 January

Ps 146; Amos ch6; 1 Cor 6: 1-11

Tuesday 22 January

Heb 6: 10-end; Ps 111; Mark 2: 23-end
10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Shirley
Henderson

Wednesday 23 January

Ps 81; Amos ch8; 1 Cor 7: 1-24

**Thursday 24 January, Francis de Sales,
Bishop of Geneva, Teacher, 1622**

Ps 76; Amos ch9; 1 Cor7: 25-end

**Friday 25 January, The Conversion of
Paul**

Ps 66; Ezek 3: 22-end; Phil 3: 1-14

**Saturday 26 January, Timothy & Titus,
Companions of Paul**

Ps 122; Hos 2: 2-17; 1 Cor 9: 1-14
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 20 JANUARY 2019
EPIPHANY 3
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

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 service
is Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore and the
10 am service is Rev'd Claire and Richard
Holwill.

Don't forget the new Explore Together
Service today at 4 pm. Please come along if
you can to this new family service which will
take place on the third Sunday of the month.

Tonight's service is Taize at 7 pm.

We are now in the Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity (18 – 25 January). This year
there will not be any meetings in this area,
but information can be found on the website
www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

The theme is Only Justice and the material
has been prepared by the Churches of
Indonesia. The booklet containing the
readings, reflections and prayers can be
found on the website.

If you don't have access to the internet
please contact Avril on 01237 479427 who
may be able to help you.

THANKS

From Leigh and Lynn— Dear church family at St. Mary's thank you so much for the fantastic send-off you gave Lynn and I last week after the service; it was a truly overwhelming experience. It had been a pretty tough month full of good-byes, but it wasn't until Sunday that we truly realised how much so many of you have come to mean to us; thank you so much for the effort that went into the day.

And thank you too for your extremely generous gift to us! We are so humbled by your love. Not sure what we're going to use it on yet, but we will mark it down for something memorable that will last that can carry us back to our time with you in Bideford. You are such an amazing family of God's people, a delight to be amongst, I will be encouraging my new flocks to be as hospitable, caring and generous hearted as you have been. Long may you continue to be a blessing in Jesus' name to your community.

Looking forward to seeing some of you on the 23rd down at my new patch! With our love, Leigh and Lynn.

From Jill Coates-To all my brothers and sisters in Christ I would like to say a big thank you for your loving kindness through your prayers, your thoughts, your visits, your calls, your texts, your emails, your cards, your gifts and your lifts for shopping while I was recovering from a stroke. I am totally overwhelmed and pray God's blessings on you all. May the peace of the Lord be always with you. Amen. With love from Jill Coates.

From Pam Howlett - I probably can't thank you all in person so please take this as a huge thanks to all the wonderful church family at St Mary's for all the prayers, texts, cards, flowers and meals following my hip operation just before Christmas. I am now 4 weeks post-op and progressing well and now looking forward to walking, driving and getting back to normal life again. Thank you all again so much. **Pam**

Leigh's Licensing Service is this Wed 23 Jan, 7 pm at St John the Baptist Church, Hatherleigh. If you have asked for a lift but have not heard back please contact the office on Monday and we will sort this out for you.

The November PCC Meeting Minutes are on the notice board at the back of church for anyone who wishes to read them.

DIARY DATES

⇒ **Bookworms**, tomorrow Monday, 21 Jan at 7.30 pm at Maggie Murray's to review 'Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont' by Elizabeth Taylor. New members are **always** very welcome.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to
prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,
Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

CLOSING HYMN

WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD
In the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey!
*Trust and obey!
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise,
Not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear,
Not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey!

Not a burden we bear,
Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay:
Not a grief nor a loss,
Not a frown nor a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey!

But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for those who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do,
Where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey!

OFFERTORY HYMN

TEACH ME MY GOD AND KING,
In all things thee to see;
And what I do in anything
To do it as for thee!

A man that looks on glass,
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
And then the heaven espy.

All may of thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with this tincture, "for thy sake",
Will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.

This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.

COMMUNION HYMNS

JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
spot,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

⇒ **Deepening Prayer**, Tuesday 22 Jan at
2.30 pm at the Quaker House.

⇒ **4 Parish Choir Concert** at 7 pm, Friday,
22 February with a selection of the choir's
favourite pieces and "Jonah Man Jazz".

Please pray for those people living in:

Monday: Ayres Close, Barnstaple Street
Tuesday: Brookfield Street, Barton Tors
Wednesday: Broadlands, Brecon Close
Thursday: Chopes Road, Chopes Close
Friday: Chudleigh Ave, Chudleigh Terrace
Saturday: Chubb Road, Churchill Road

Please pray for those who are sick:

Jean Bale, Amanda Beer, Maryanne Benson, Trish
Bishop, Pauline Carpenter, Tim Cotter, Nicky Day,
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.

We particularly send our condolences and prayers
to Pattie Morris and family following the death of
her mother, Betty.

We also remember Cynthia Ettling whose
Celebration of Life Service will be on Thursday 24
January at 1.30 pm in St Mary's. Please also pray
for Elaine Jones (sister of Diane Hook) who died
on 12 January.

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 21 6-7.30 pm Cryptonites Youth Group
Tues 22 2.30 pm Deepening Prayer at
Quaker House
Wed 23 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers
3.45-5.30 pm Messy Church
7 pm Leigh's Licensing Service, St
John the Baptist Church, Hatherleigh
Thurs 24 1.30 pm Celebration of Life Service
for the late Cynthia Ettling.
2.30 pm Holy Communion, Moreton
Court
Sat 26 9.30-11 am MAP Breakfast
Mon 28 6-7.30 pm Cryptonites Youth Group
7.25 pm Standing Committee

ENTRANCE HYMN

HOLY SPIRIT, WE WELCOME YOU.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Move among us with holy fire,
As we lay aside all earthly desires,
Hands reach out and our hearts aspire.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.
Holy Spirit, we welcome You.
Let the breeze of Your presence blow,
That Your children here might truly know
How to move in the Spirit's flow.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

Holy Spirit, we welcome You.
Holy Spirit, we welcome You.
Please accomplish in me today
Some new work of loving grace, I pray;
Unreservedly have Your way.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit, we welcome You.

COLLECT

God of all mercy
your Son proclaimed good news to the
poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GRADUAL HYMN

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

GOSPEL READING

John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.