

**NEXT SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2019
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

Readings: Rev. ch. 4
Luke 8. 22-25

- 8 am HOLY COMMUNION
President and Preacher:
Rev'd Alan Glover
- 10 am PARISH COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover/
Peter Hooper
Preacher: Rev'd Alan Glover
- 7 pm WORD AND WORSHIP

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 18 February

Ps 44; 2 Chron 2: 1-16; John 17: 1-5

Tuesday 19 February

Gen 6: 5-8, 7: 1-5, 10; Ps 29; Mark 8: 14-21
10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Claire Rose-
Casemore

Wednesday 20 February

Ps 119: 57-80; 2 Chron ch5; John 17: 20-
end

Thursday 21 February

Ps 57; 2 Chron 6: 1-21; John 18: 1-11

Friday 22 February

Ps 51; 2 Chron 6: 22-end; John 18: 12-27

Saturday 23 February

Ps 68; 2 Chron ch7; John 18: 28-end
8 am Prayers

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

Our Purpose:

TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2019
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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 Marisa Cockfield.

Tonight's service is Taize at 7 pm.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held for Ken
Thimbleby at 3 pm on Friday, 22 February in
St Mary's Church.

Sadly Richard Southon also died last week.
Richard and Pat had been part of the church
family for many years. Richard was a very
gifted artist and often painted the poster of
welcome or advertised 'up and coming' Services
for us, which you could see displayed as you
walked up the driveway to Church. We will miss
his dry sense of humour and warm friendship.
Richard's funeral will be on Friday 29 March at
1.30 pm in church followed by a committal at
the crematorium. All are welcome.

For both Ken's Thanksgiving Service and
Richard's funeral refreshments will be served in
Church after the services. If you are able to
contribute sandwiches, cakes or other
refreshments to either of these events the
family would be very grateful.

Don't miss out! Claim your FREE smarties on the
table by the door on Sunday 24 Feb. Like last
year, our Christian Aid Lent Challenge is to
enjoy these chocolates before Lent and then re-
fill the tube(s) with coins to support those in
other countries who are suffering starvation or
who are on the breadline. Return your tube(s)
to Maggie Webster or Sue Jeffery by Palm
Sunday if possible please. Many thanks!

BOOKWORMS is tomorrow, Mon. 18 Feb at 7.30 pm at Maggie Murray's. to review 'The Rest of Their Lives' by Jean-Paul Didierlaurant. New members are **always** very welcome.

The next meeting for **REFLECTIONS GROUP** is this Tues, 19 Feb, at 2.30 pm for anyone in the community dealing with bereavement and loss. There will be a discussion on favourite films.

The **4 Parish Choir Concert** is 7 pm this Friday, 22 Feb at St Swithun's Church, Littleham, with a selection of the choir's favourite pieces and "Jonah Man Jazz".

World Day of Prayer, (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) this year will be on Friday March 1st at the Baptist Church at 11am, starting with coffee from 10.30. All are welcome. Please support this special day.

ELECTORAL ROLL

This year we are required to complete a new Electoral Roll, rather than the usual revision. This means that everyone who is baptised, aged 16 or over, wishing to be on the Electoral Roll this year will need to complete a form (situated on the table by the main entrance) and return to Justine Duhig, our Electoral Roll Officer.

Everyone is entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) but being a member on the Roll allows you to vote on important issues for your church.

The APCM this year will be on 7 April at 11.45 am, following the 10 am service.

The closing date for inclusion on the Electoral Roll this year is **22 March 2019**.

DIARY DATES

⇒ Parish Lunch following APCM on 7 April. at Royal Hotel, Bideford, 1 for 1.30 pm. Carvery and dessert £15.90—same price as last year! Sign up list will be available from beginning of March.

Please pray for those people living in:

Monday: Torrington Lane, Torridge Close
Tuesday: Torridge Mount, Torridge Place
Wednesday: Trents Close, Upton Road
Thursday: Vinegar Hill, West View Avenue
Friday: Westward Reach, Ashplants Close
Saturday: Bridge Platt Way, Dursley Way

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

the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord;
he has shown the master's privilege -
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they
feast.

Heaven shall not wait
for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of
pain:
Jesus is Lord;
he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose plain.

Heaven shall not wait
for our legalised obedience,
defined by statute, to strict conventions bound:
Jesus is Lord:
he has hallmarked true allegiance -
goodness appears where his grace is sought and
found.

Heaven shall not wait
for triumphant Hallelujahs,
when earth has passed and we reach another
shore:
Jesus is Lord
in our present imperfection;
his power and love are for now and then

CLOSING HYMN

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my
own.

COMMUNION HYMNS

BEAUTY FOR BROKENNESS,
Hope for despair,
Lord, in Your suffering world
This is our prayer:
Bread for the children,
Justice, joy, peace;
Sunrise to sunset,
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives,
Cures for their ills,
Work for the craftsman,
Trade for their skills;
Land for the dispossessed,
Rights for the weak,
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,
Friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray:
Melt our cold hearts,
Let tears fall like rain;
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars,
Havens from fear,
Cities for sanctuary,
Freedoms to share;
Peace to the killing-fields,
Scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness,
His cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth,
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned—
Our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
Carelessness, greed;
Make us content with
The things that we need.

God of the poor ...

Lighten our darkness,
Breathe on this flame
Until Your justice
Burns brightly again;
Until the nations
Learn of Your ways,
Seek Your salvation
And bring You their praise.

God of the poor ...

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT
for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a
friend:
Jesus is Lord:
he has championed the unwanted;
in him injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven shall not wait
for the rich to share their fortunes,

Please remember the souls of the departed, particularly Kim Brewer, Ken Thimbleby and Richard Southon, and the families of those who have recently been bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 18 2 pm Pastoral Care Meeting
6 pm No Cryptonites—Half Term
Tues 19 2.30 pm Reflections
7 pm All Age Planning
Wed 20 No Music Makers—Half Term
Thurs 21 7.30 pm Baptism Introduction
Evening
Fri 22 3 pm Thanksgiving Service for Ken
Thimbleby
Mon 25 6 pm Cryptonites Youth Group
Wed 27 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers
3.45-5.30 pm Messy Church
Thurs 28 2.30 pm Holy Communion at
Moreton Court
7-9 pm Deanery Synod Meeting

ENTRANCE HYMN

ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED,
All my trust He shall renew;
He, my guide through changing order,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be His own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray His trust;
All that human toil can fashion,
Tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

Day by day our mighty giver
Grants to us His gifts of love;
In His will our souls find pleasure,
Leading to our home above.
Love shall stand
At His hand,
Joy shall wait for His command.

Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ His Son.
Hear Christ's call
One and all;
We who follow shall not fall.

COLLECT

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 15: 12 -20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

GRADUAL HYMN

AS THE DEER PANTS FOR THE WATER,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.
You alone are ...

You're my Friend and You are my Brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.
You alone are ...

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6: 17 - 26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

OFFERTORY HYMN

LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE COME TO US,

You are one with us, Mary's son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring Your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for You we sing,
Living Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day,
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of You:
Into our lives Your power breaks through,
Living Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,
Born as one of us, Mary's son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to You,
Live my life for You, Son of God.
All Your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life Your power breaks through,
Living Lord!