

**NEXT SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2019  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Readings: 1 Cor. 10. 1-13  
Luke 13. 1-9

- 8 am HOLY COMMUNION  
President and Preacher:  
Rev'd Cathy Scoffield
- 10 am PARISH COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Cathy Scoffield/  
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore  
Preacher: Rev'd Cathy Scoffield
- 7 pm WORD AND WORSHIP  
Sue Sparkes

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES**

**Monday 18 March**

Ps 32; Jer 7: 21-end; John 6: 41-51

**Tuesday 19 March, Joseph of Nazareth**

2 Sam 7: 4-16; Ps 89: 26-36; Rom 4: 13-18;  
Matt 1: 18-end  
10.30 am Holy Communion, Rev'd Claire  
Casemore

**Wednesday 20 March, Cuthbert, Bishop  
of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687**

Ps 35; Jer 8: 18-9: 11; John 6: 60-end

**Thursday 21 March, Thomas Cranmer,  
Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation  
Martyr, 1556**

Ps 34; Jer 9: 12-24; John 7: 1-13

**Friday 22 March**

Ps 41; Jer 10: 1-16; John 7: 14-24

**Saturday 23 March**

Ps 25; Jer 10: 17-24; John 7: 25-36  
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 17 MARCH 2019  
LENT 2**

*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.

Explore Together Service this afternoon is at  
4 pm.

Tonight's service is Taize at 7 pm.

We also *WELCOME* Imogen Mudway, together  
with her family and friends, as she comes to be  
baptised into the Church family today at  
12.30 pm.

If we can do something to help you please  
do get in touch. If we don't have the  
answers we will try to signpost you to those  
who do. Contact Church Office 474078 or  
Lorna 477117.

**THANKS**

We would like to thank the Church family for all  
your love, support and prayers over a very  
difficult time which we are trying to cope with.  
With God's help we will win this battle and once  
again return to good health and be amongst you  
all again. We miss you all so much, you keep us  
going, and we pray for better days ahead.  
With our love Karel and Graham Johnson.

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Many thanks to all those with Children's Society  
boxes. The final total was £752.00. Well done  
everyone! God Bless you all, Liza Junkison

**LENT COURSE** on 'The Passion' continues on Tuesdays, 2.30 pm at Pollyfields on 19 and 26 March and 2 April or Wednesdays, 7 pm at St Mary's on 20 and 27 March and 3 April. Please come along to whichever sessions you can.

BOOKWORMS, tomorrow, 18 March at 7.30 pm will be at Ro's. to discuss 'The Children Act' by Ian McEwan.

REFLECTIONS GROUP is for anyone in the community dealing with bereavement and loss. The next meeting is this Tues, 19 March, at 2.30 pm when there will be a discussion on an aspect of bereavement.

Deanery Plan: All Parishes are invited to a Special meeting on 21 March, 7.30 pm, in St Mary's Church, Bideford with Archdeacon Revd Mark Butchers and Jon Marlow to include Synod Reps, Church Wardens, Treasurers, and any members of our congregations who are able to share their skills and talents across the Hartland Deanery.

### **ELECTORAL ROLL**

A reminder that the deadline for returning completed Electoral Rolls to Justine Duhig is **this Friday 22 March**. Any forms received after this date cannot be included in this year's Roll.

The APCM this year will be on 7 April at 11.45 am, following the 10 am service. We hear what has happened over the past year, what is to come—and to elect 2 Churchwardens and 10 PCC members (1 year term). *Please consider who you would like to be part of the leadership team of St Mary's Church—and if it could be you. The lists are at the back of church for your nominations.*

The **Parish Lunch** is following the APCM on 7 April at Royal Hotel, Bideford, 1 for 1.30 pm. Carvery and dessert £15.90—same price as last year! Please sign the list at back of church by 31 March.

**Carbon Neutral by 2030**—Dr Alan Whitehead MP, Shadow Minister for Energy & Climate Change, will be speaking at public meeting at 11 am on Sat 23 March at Pollyfields Centre on why Britain needs to become carbon neutral by 2030. Discussion will follow on how we can ensure renewable energy jobs come to Torridge.

The Bideford Christian Aid group are going to give a letter to the HSBC bank, Bideford branch, asking HSBC to honour their commitment to stop funding coal-fired power stations, which contribute to climate change. Please support Christian Aid by signing the letter. More information from Sue Jeffery or Maggie Webster.

Please can anyone with a garden spare some

### **CLOSING HYMN**

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN,  
Zion, city of our God!

He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See! The streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove;  
Who can faint, whilst such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show,  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know.

The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased with His blood:  
My life is hid with Christ on high.  
With Christ my Saviour and my God,  
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

### **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 Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you: eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

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,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith  
We rise to respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT  
My light and salvation.  
In God I'll trust,  
In God I'll trust.

foliage/flowers to make bunches of flowers for Mothers Day. Also if you are able to help make the bunches on Sat 30th March at 2–3.30 pm, it would be much appreciated. Please bring scissors, secateurs and bucket. We will bring biscuits and coffee. Thank you—Pattie

### **DIARY DATES**

- ⇒ **Christian Aid Lent Lunch, Lavington URC**, Thurs 28 March, 12-1.30 pm £2.50
- ⇒ **Christian Aid Lent Lunch, Catholic Church**, Thurs 4 April, 12-1.30 £2.50
- ⇒ **Lent Lunch**, Sat 6 April, 12 noon to 2 pm at Bideford Baptist Church, Mill Street. Homemade soup, roll and cheese, tea or coffee £3. All proceeds to Christian Aid. If anyone would like to help on the day please contact Maggie Murray on 477568. Many thanks.
- ⇒ **Streams**, Sat 6 April, 12.45– 5 pm at Weare Giffard Village Hall. A chance for women to take time out from normal schedules, to join in range of activities and enjoy a few hours in tranquil setting. See poster in church for information.

### **Please pray for those people living in:**

Monday: St. Mary's Flats, Capern Road  
Tuesday: Cedar Way, Chanters Lane  
Wednesday: Chanters Road, Chantry Ave  
Thursday: Chapel Street, Chestnut Drive  
Friday: Chingswall Street, Church Walk  
Saturday: Cintra Terrace, Clovelly Close

### **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**, particularly Mervyn Langmead and Brian Huntley, 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 6 pm Cryptonites Youth Group  
Tues 19 2.30 pm Reflections  
2.30 pm Lent Course, Pollyfields  
7 pm All Age Planning  
Wed 20 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers  
2 pm Funeral of late Mervyn Langmead  
7 pm Lent Course, St Mary's  
Thurs 21 7.30 pm Deanery Chapter Meeting  
Mon 25 6 pm Cryptonites Youth Group  
7.30 pm Standing Committee  
Tues 26 2.30 pm Lent Course, Pollyfields  
Wed 27 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers  
7 pm Lent Course, St Mary's

## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

Longing for light we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth we turn to you.  
Make us your own your holy people  
Light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness  
Christ be our light  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others.  
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others.  
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people.  
Many the hearts that year to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another.  
Making your kingdom come.

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's  
sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
may we come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

### ***Philippians 3:17-4:1***

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and

sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

## **GRADUAL HYMN - CHOIR**

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.*

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.*

## **GOSPEL READING**

### ***Luke 13: 31-35***

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.  
Behold Him there! The risen lamb.  
My perfect, spotless righteousness;