

**NEXT SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2019
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Readings: Exodus 2. 1-10
John 19: 25-27

8 am HOLY COMMUNION
President and Preacher:
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

10 am PARISH COMMUNION
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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 24 MARCH 2019
LENT 3**

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

**Monday 25 March, The Annunciation of
Our Lord to The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Ps 111; 1 Sam 2: 1-10; Rom 5: 12-end

Tuesday 26 March

Dan 2: 20-23; Ps 25: 3-10; Matt 18: 21-end
10.30 am Holy Communion, Rev'd Niccy
Hunt

Wednesday 27 March

Ps 38; Jer 13: 1-11; John 8: 12-30

Thursday 28 March

Ps 56; Jer ch14; John 8: 31-47

Friday 29 March

Ps 22; Jer 15: 10-end, John 8: 48-end

Saturday 30 March

Ps 31; Jer 16: 10-17: 4; John 9: 1-17
8 am Prayers

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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 Cathy Scoffield.

Tonight's service is Word and Worship at 7 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.

The APCM on 7 April at 11.45 am, follows
the 10 am service. We will 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.

Any donations of **cakes** would be gratefully
received for the St Mary's School Church
Trail on **Thursday 28 March.**

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

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 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
- ⇒ **Coffee and Communion**, Mon 1 April 10.30 for 11 am at Jean Stewart's.
- ⇒ **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: Cintra Terrace, Clovelly Close
Tuesday: Clovelly Gdns North, Coach Dr
Wednesday: Clovelly Gdns South, Culm Cl
Thursday: Brookfields, Coldstream Place
Friday: Coldharbour, College Green
Saturday: Penpt Court, Cooper Street

COMMUNION HYMNS

GATHER AROUND for the table is spread
Welcome the food and rest!
Wide is our circle, with Christ at the head
He is the honoured guest.

Learn of his love, grow in his grace,
Pray for the peace he gives;
Here at this meal, here in this place,
Know that his Spirit lives!
Once he was known in the breaking of bread
Shared with a chosen few;
Multitudes gathered and by him were fed,
So will he feed us too.

CLOSING HYMN

O LORD MY GOD! WHEN I IN AWESOME
WONDER
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I
wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain gran-
deur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle
breeze;

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of accla-
mation
And take me home—what joy shall fill my
heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great
Thou art!

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 Richard Southon, whose funeral takes place on Friday 29 March at 1.30 pm. Please also remember the families of those who have recently been bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Dates of Events and Meetings

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 3.45-5.30 pm Messy Church 7 pm Lent Course, St Mary's
Thurs 28	2.15 pm St Mary's School Church Trail 2.30 pm H. Communion, Moreton Court
Fri 29	1.30 pm Funeral of Richard Southon
Sat 30	9.30 am—12 Marriage Preparation 2-3.30 pm Mothering Sunday flower preparation

ENTRANCE HYMN

BE STILL, FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD
the Holy One is here,
come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear
in Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned.
how awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace.
no work too hard for Him,
in faith receive from Him,
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

COLLECT

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are
promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

GRADUAL HYMN

SEEK YE FIRST the KINGDOM OF GOD
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto
you,
Allelu, alleluia!

*Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Allelu, Alleluia!*

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God,
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto
you,
Allelu, alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13: 1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' "Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

OFFERTORY HYMN

ALL I ONCE HELD DEAR, built my life upon,
All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing You, Jesus,
Knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love You, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found in You and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,
And to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
So with You to live and never die.