

**NEXT SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2019  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Readings: Rom. 10. 8b-13  
Luke 4. 1-13

8 am HOLY COMMUNION  
President and Preacher:  
Rev'd Kevin Beer

10 am COFFEE & CROISSANT before ...

10.30 am ALL AGE SERVICE  
Led by Rev'd Kevin and the All  
Age Team

11.30 am HOLY COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Kevin Beer

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES**

**Monday 4 March**

Ps 80; Jer ch1; John 3: 1-21

**Tuesday 5 March**

Ecclus 35: 1-12; Ps 50: 1-6; Mark 10: 28-31  
10.30 am Holy Communion, M U Corporate  
Rev'd Claire Casemore

**Wednesday 6 March, Ash Wednesday**

Ps 38; Dan 9: 3-6, 17-19; 1 Tim 6: 6-19  
10.30 am Landcross, Holy Communion with  
Ashing  
7pm St. Mary's, Holy Communion with Ash-  
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**Thursday 7 March**

Ps 77; Jer 2: 14-32; John 4: 1-26

**Friday 8 March, Edward King, Bishop of  
Lincoln, 1910**

Ps 3; Jer 3: 6-22; John 4: 27-42

**Saturday 9 March**

Ps 71; Jer 4: 1-18; John 4: 43-end  
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 3 MARCH 2019  
SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

*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 Claire Rose-Casemore.

Tonight's service is Evensong at 7 pm.

Sadly Brian Huntley has recently died. He was  
very much a part of St Mary's church family and  
was part of the maintenance team for many  
years. Any cards for his wife Chris should be  
sent to 8 Newport Terrance, East-the-Water,  
Bideford, EX39 4ES. Once Brian's funeral  
arrangements are known there will be a notice  
in the bulletin.

**5 Parish Lent Course** Following the  
successful BBC Advent film, the Lent Course  
this year will watching and discussing The  
Passion BBC film. The dates will be  
Tuesday afternoons, 2.30 pm on 12, 19, 26  
March and 2 April at Pollyfields Community  
Centre or Wed evenings, 7 pm on 13, 20,  
27 March and 3 April at St Mary's.

**CAKE AND COMMUNION** is tomorrow, Mon 4  
March at 3 pm for 3.30 at Jean Stewart's.  
Everyone is welcome.

**Local Churches Evening—Lee Abbey,  
Lynton**, Sun 10 March. From 5.45 pm tea and  
cake and chance to enjoy fellowship with other  
local Christians. At 6.30 pm there is worship  
and teaching with private prayer offered at the  
end for those desiring it. The event finishes at  
7.30/7.45 pm. If you have questions re. shared  
transport, directions etc. please call Ruth and  
Derek Wilson on 01237 420558 or email  
derek@derekwilson.com

**MOTHERS' UNION** at 2 pm on Monday 11 March. There will be a talk from Rev'd Claire about her recent sabbatical. This meeting will be open to everyone in the church and will be a chance to hear about Claire's experiences while she was away.

The next **BOOKWORMS** meeting will be at Ro's on Monday 18 March at 7.30 pm. We will be discussing *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan.

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 by **22 March 2019**.

Being a member on the Roll allows you to vote at The APCM on important issues for your church.

Our **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** (APCM) is on Sun 7 April at 11.45 am, when we hear what has happened over the past year, what is to come—and to elect 2 Churchwardens and 10 PCC member (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.*

There will be a Parish Lunch 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.

If anyone has a notice that needs to go in Sunday 24 March bulletin please let Debbie have by Tuesday 12 March.

### **DIARY DATES**

⇒ **Nosey-Oke**, 8 pm on Thurs 14 March at Crealock Arms, Weare Giffard. There will be songs, audience participation, a raffle and general silliness (in the spirit of Comic Relief). Do come and support it if you can – and if you can't, try and send someone else – or send some money instead or raffle prizes!

⇒ **Reflections** Tues 19 March at 2.30 pm

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

Monday: Stanbridge Park, Valley Way  
Tuesday: Water Park Rd, Abbotsham Road  
Wednesday: Acacia Close, Adrian Close  
Thursday: Alexandra Terrace, Allhalland St  
Friday: Appletree Gdns, Ash Plant Close  
Saturday: Ashley Terrace, Beech Bank

### **CLOSING HYMN**

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING,

In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your word,  
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.

Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower:  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise:  
Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

BE STILL AND KNOW that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE,  
and with fear and trembling stand:  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture –  
in the body and the blood.  
He will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry –  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most High!

### **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 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 4 6 pm Cryptonites Youth Group  
7.30 pm Standing Committee  
Wed 6 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers  
10.30 am H. Communion with Ashing at Landcross  
7 pm H Communion with Ashing at St Mary's  
Mon 11 2 pm M.U. with Rev'd Claire on her Sabbatical.  
6 pm Cryptonites Youth Group  
7.30 pm PCC  
Tues 12 2.30 pm Lent Course, Pollyfields  
7.30 pm Parish Prayer  
Wed 13 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers  
7 pm Lent Course, St Mary's  
Sun 17 12.30 pm Baptism of Imogen Mudway

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in – the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in – the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is  
shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us for ever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in – all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## **COLLECT**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

### ***2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2***

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

## **GRADUAL HYMN**

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD,  
Fill me with life anew;  
That I may love what Thou dost love  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure;  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.  
Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine;  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### ***Luke 9: 28 -36***

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

BE THOU MY VISION, O Lord of my heart,  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought in the day and the  
night,  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence  
my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.