

**NEXT SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2019**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Readings: Romans 15: 4-13  
Matthew 3: 1-12

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

10 am COFFEE AND CROISSANT before ..  
10.30 am ALL AGE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE  
led by Rev'd Claire and AA Team  
11.30 am HOLY COMMUNION  
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

2 pm Baptism of Ezra Oke

7 pm No service

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES**

**Monday 2 December**

Ps 50; Isa 25: 1-9; Matt 12: 1-21

**Tuesday 3 December, Francis Xavier,  
Missionary, Apostle of the Indies,  
1552**

Isa 11: 1-10; Ps 72: 1-4, 18-19; Luke 10: 21-24

10.30 am Communion M U Corporate  
Rev'd Marisa Cockfield

**Wednesday 4 December**

Ps 7; Isa 28: 1-13; Matt 12: 38-end

**Thursday 5 December**

Ps 42; Isa 28: 14-end; Matt 13: 1-23

**Friday 6 December**

Ps 25; Isa 29: 1-14; Matt 13: 24-43

**Saturday 7 December**

Ps 9; Isa 29: 15-end; Matt 13: 44-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 1 DECEMBER 2019**  
**ADVENT SUNDAY**

*WELCOME, especially to members of the Village Churches of our Mission Community at our 10am 5 Parish Advent Carols and Communion. Please stay for drinks and nibbles 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 Marisa Cockfield.

Please note here is no evening service tonight.

Next Sunday 8 December will be an All Age Christingle Service at 10.30 am, after coffee and croissants at 10 am.

**Tea and Communion** will be tomorrow Mon 2 Dec at at the slightly different time of 2.15 for 2.30 pm at Chris and Mary Hall's House (Pine Lodge, Slade, Bideford, EX39 3LZ).

**Christian Aid Carol Concert** is this Tues. 3 Dec at 6.30 pm at Bideford Methodist Church. All are welcome.

The next **REFLECTIONS** meeting will be a *Bring and Share Christmas Lunch*. This will be at 12.30 pm on Tues 17 December (not the usual 2.30 pm) and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Freewill Offering Envelopes for next year are now available for collection from the back of church by the pigeon-holes.

## DIARY DATES

- ⇒ **Northam Choral Society Christmas Concert**, Sat 7 Dec at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church.
- ⇒ **Down With Gloom—Hello Christmas Concert**,  
Thurs 12 December, 6 pm (see below notice).
- ⇒ **Appledore Singers 'Charity Christmas Concert'**, in aid of North Devon Hospice Sun 15 Dec, 2.30 pm at Northam Hall (top of Fore Street). Festive music for all! Entry £6 at the door (under 16s free) to include tea/coffee and mince pies. Contact Pam Beechey 01237 420652

## Dates of Events and Meetings

- Mon 2 2.15 for 2.30 pm Tea & Communion at Chris & Mary Hall's.  
6-7.30 pm Cryptonites
- Wed 3 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers
- Thurs 4 9.10 am St Mary's School Advent Service
- Sat 7 8.15 am Men's Breakfast  
7.30 pm Northam Choral Christmas Concert



## DOWN WITH GLOOM—HELLO CHRISTMAS.

Come and join the celebration at St Mary's on Thursday, 12 December at 6 pm.

There will be songs, readings, carols, local schools, combined choirs, organ solo and much more.

Free entry, donations welcome. Please telephone Church Office on 01237 474078 to confirm you are attending (for refreshment numbers).

The Christmas Fund, administered by the Foodbank, is once again collecting money to convert into supermarket vouchers for local families in need this Christmas. Last year 45 families and 106 children in Bideford were helped to have a happier Christmas.

Donations can be made direct to the Foodbank or to Linda Fewings or Good Living in Mill Street for delivery to the Foodbank. For more information or any queries please contact Linda on 423544.

## Please pray for those people living in:

Monday: Niggala Road, Newton Road  
Tuesday: North Avenue, North Road  
Wednesday: North View Ave, Northam Rd  
Thursday: North View Hill, Northam Ridge  
Friday: Northdene, Northdown Drive  
Saturday: Northdown Road, Northfield Rd

## Please pray for those who are sick:

Amanda Beer, Maryanne Benson, Trish Bishop, Pauline Carpenter, Tim Cotter, Nicky Day, Gill Dean, Alan Hooper, Tyler Hooper Graham and Karel Johnston, Eileen King, Alan Power, Beryl Pullin, David Sharp, Kevin Smith, Jean Stewart, 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.

St Mary's has two prayer lines. Each one has a group of about 10-12 people who commit to praying for a list of people, each day all with differing needs. Some people prefer to remain anonymous so just an initial is used.



It is done in complete confidence and anyone can ask to be prayed for or ask for another person to be prayed for. We communicate by email so that "pray-ers" can be notified quickly about urgent prayers. This is separate from the list of people to be prayed for on the bulletin. Contact the church office or Pattie on 01237 476501/ 07984937179  
morrispattie59@gmail.com

If we can do anything to help you please get in touch. If we don't have the answers we will try to put you in touch with someone who does. Contact Church Office 474078 or Lorna 477117.

## COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: so that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

## BIBLE READINGS

Romans 13: 11-14, Matt 24: 36-44  
(see separate sheet)