

NEXT SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2019
SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



Readings: Col 1: 11-20
Luke 23: 33-43

8 am HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
Preacher: Rev'd Alan Glover

10 am HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover/
Paul Dean
Preacher: Rev'd Alan Glover

12 noon Baptism of Verity Tugwell

3 pm Pet Service

7 pm Word and Worship

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 18 November

Ps 47; Isa 9: 8-10: 4; Matt 7: 1-12

**Tuesday 19 November, Hilda Abbess of
Whitby, 680**

Rev 3: 1-6, 14-31; Ps 11; Luke 19: 1-10
10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Claire Rose-
Casemore

Wednesday 20 November

Ps 56; Isa 10: 20-32; Matt 8: 1-13

Thursday 21 November

Ps 62; Isa 10: 33-11: 9; Matt 8: 14-22

Friday 22 November

Ps 63; Isa 11: 10- 12end; Matt 8: 23-end

Saturday 23 November

Ps 78: 1-39; Isa 13: 1-13; Matt 9: 1-17
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 NOVEMBER 2019

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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, bringing 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 before
the service.

This morning's preacher at the 8 am and
10 am services is Rev'd Marisa Cockfield.

There will be an Explore Together Service at
4 pm today.

Tonight's service is Taize at 7 pm.

This Sunday is *UCAN SUNDAY* when your
gifts of cans and/or cash are appreciated for
those in need.

Next week on Sunday 24 November at 12
noon the baptism will take place of Verity
Tugwell, daughter of Sophie and Ben and
sister of Bertie and Connie; and grandchild of
Alan and Jane Glover.

Alan will be taking the service and the family
would be delighted for St Mary's Church
family to also attend Verity's baptism.

Don't forget to bring your pets along to our
special **PET SERVICE on SUNDAY 24 NOV**
at 3 pm at St Mary's.

QUIET DAY, SAT 23 NOVEMBER AT HOLE FARM, WOOLSERY

If you would like to come to the Mission Quiet Day on Saturday, 23 November, 9.30 am-3 pm, please sign up on the list at the back of church today.

This will be a time to relax, enjoy good fellowship, listen to two sessions from the Prayer Course (on Petition and Intercession) stroll in a lovely garden, and enjoy a good farmhouse lunch.

Suggested donation for day of £5. Please sign up by Sun 17 Nov at back of Church if you would like to attend and also if you need, or can offer, a lift.

BOOKWORMS— tomorrow Mon, 18 Nov, reviewing 'War The Doctor' by David Nott will be at 7.30 pm at Maggie's. New people welcome.

REFLECTIONS is on Tues, 19 Nov at 2.30 pm. There will be a discussion on an aspect of bereavement.



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).

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 18	6-7.30 pm Cryptonites 7.30 pm Bookworms
Tues 19	2.30 pm Reflections 7 pm All Age Planning
Wed 20	9.45 and 11 am Music Makers 1 pm Funeral of Darran Jenkins
Sat 23	9.30 am-3 pm Quiet Day, Hole Farm
Mon 25	7.25 pm Standing Committee

yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God
as the waters cover the sea.

COMMUNION HYMNS

DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD

And he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him
And he will make your righteousness shine,
Shining like the dawn and like the noon-day sun.

The righteous will dwell in the land for ever,
To share His inheritance.

Delight yourself in the Lord,
And he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord.
Commit your way to the Lord.

WORTHY, O WORTHY ARE YOU, LORD,
Worthy to be thanked and praised
And worshipped and adored.

Worthy, O worthy are You, Lord,
Worthy to be thanked and praised
And worshipped and adored.

Singing, Hallelujah, Lamb upon the throne,
We worship and adore You, make Your glory known.

Hallelujah, glory to the King:
You're more than a conqueror,
You're Lord of everything.

FINAL HYMN

JUDGE ETERNAL, THRONED IN SPLENDOUR,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgment
purge this realm of bitter things :
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release :
and the city's crowded clangour
cries aloud for sin to cease ;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O Lord, thine own endeavour ;
cleave our darkness with thy sword ;
cheer the faint and feed the hungry
with the richness of thy word ;
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.

be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

OFFERTORY HYMN

GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT,
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out,
and the time is drawing near ;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,
wherever feet have trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of
God
as the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase
the love of God in all mankind,
the reign of the Prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God
as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God,
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world ;
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of
God
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed ;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed ;

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.

There will be a table of books, CDs, Christmas cards and postcards at the back of church on Sunday. Please feel free to help yourself and/or make a donation. Anything left will be disposed of.

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.

Please pray for those people living in:

Monday: Merryfield Road, Metherill Road
Tuesday: Middle Gunstone, Middleton Rd
Wednesday: Mignonette Walk, Mill Street
Thursday: Milton Place, Mines Road
Friday: Model Terrace, Monks Close
Saturday: Montague Place, Morton Avenue

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, Iris Way, Marion Woolf

Please remember the souls of the departed, particularly Darran Jenkins, 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

ENTRANCE HYMN

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

is Jesus Christ her Lord ;
she is his new creation
by water and the word :
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy Bride ;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth ;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore opprest,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distrest ;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long ?'
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore ;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won :
O happy ones and holy !
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with

you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GRADUAL HYMN

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring your light ;

and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22: 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will