

**NEXT SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2019  
ADVENT SUNDAY**

Readings: Romans 13 11-end  
Matthew 24: 36-44

8 am HOLY COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield  
Preacher: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield

10 am 5 PARISH ADVENT SERVICE  
President: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield/  
Steve Roberts

7 pm Evensong



**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 NOVEMBER 2019  
CHRIST THE KING  
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT**

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES**

**Monday 25 November**

Ps 96; Isa 14: 3-20; Matt 9: 18-34

**Tuesday 26 November**

Dan 2: 31-45; Canticle: Benedicite 1-3; Luke  
21: 5-11

10.30 am Communion Rev'd Claire Rose-  
Casemore

**Wednesday 27 November**

Ps 112; Isa ch19; Matt 10: 16-33

**Thursday 28 November**

Ps 125; Isa 21: 1-12; Matt 10: 34-11: 1

**Friday 29 November**

Ps 139; Isa 22: 1-14; Matt 11: 2-19

**Saturday 30 November, Andrew the  
Apostle**

Ps 47; Ezek 47: 1-12; John 12: 20-32

8 am Prayers

*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 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 Alan Glover.

There is a special Pet Service today at 3 pm.  
Please bring your pet along for this time of  
thanksgiving.

Tonight's service is Word and Worship at 7  
pm.

**CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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We also *WELCOME* Verity Tugwell, together  
with Sophie, Dan, Bertie and Connie, and  
family and friends, as she comes to be  
baptised into the Church family at 12 noon.

The Church family are also invited to Verity's  
baptism.

Next Sunday, 1 December is our 5 Parish  
Advent Service at 10 am. There will be  
drinks and nibbles following the service.

Congratulations to the Rev'd Madeline Bray on becoming a Granny! James was born on 13 Nov weighing 6lbs 13oz. Our love and prayers to them all.

#### **DIARY DATES**

- ⇒ **Weare Giffard Christmas Craft Fayre**, Sat 30 November, W G Village Hall 10.30 am—4 pm
- ⇒ **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

Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love :

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song :



**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 25 6-7.30 pm Cryptonites  
7.25 pm Standing Committee
- Tues 26 2.30 pm Deepening Prayer
- Wed 27 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers  
3.45-5.30 pm Messy Church
- Thurs 28 2.30 pm Moreton Court Holy Communion

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.

condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

YOU ARE THE KING OF GLORY,  
you are the Prince of Peace,  
you are the Lord of heaven and earth,  
you're the Son of righteousness.  
Angels bow down before you,  
worship and adore,  
for you have the words of eternal life,  
you are Jesus Christ the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David !  
Hosanna to the King of kings !  
Glory in the highest heaven  
for Jesus the Messiah reigns !

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### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

ALL HAIL THE LAMB, enthroned on high;  
His praise shall be our battle cry.  
He reigns victorious, forever glorious,  
His name is Jesus, He is the Lord.

### **Taizé**

Jesus remember me  
when you come into you kingdom  
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### **FINAL HYMN**

CHRIST TRIUMPHANT, EVER REIGNING,  
Saviour, Master, King !  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing :

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth !  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth :

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified !  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified :

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.

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

Monday: Moreton Park Road, Morton Dr  
Tuesday: Mount Pleasant, Myrtle Grove  
Wednesday: Mount Raleigh Ave, New Road  
Thursday: Mount Raleigh Dr, Myrtle Gdns  
Friday: New Row, New Street  
Saturday: Newbridge Close, Newport Tce

### **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.

## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE ;  
O gratefully sing his power and his love ;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space ;  
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old ;  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite ?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light ;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail ;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above,  
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

## **COLLECT**

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

**Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

### ***Colossians 1: 11-20***

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## **GRADUAL HYMN**

CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night ;  
Dayspring from on high, be near ;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee ;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief ;  
fill me, radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief ;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### ***Luke 23: 33-43***

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of