

**NEXT SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Readings: James 5: 7-10
Matt 11: 2-11

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

10 am PARISH COMMUNION
Celebrant: Rev'd Claire Rose-
Casemore/Niccy Hunt
Preacher: Rev'd Claire Rose-
Casemore

4 pm **NO** Explore Together Service

7 pm Taize service

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 9 December

Ps 44; Isa 30: 1-18; Matt 14: 1-12

Tuesday 10 December

Isa 40: 1-11; Ps 96: 1, 10-end; Matt 18:
12-14
10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Marisa
Cockfield

Wednesday 11 December, Ember Day

Ps 62; Isa ch31; Matt 15: 1-20

Thursday 12 December

Ps 54; Isa ch32; Matt 15: 21-28

Friday 13 December, Ember Day

Ps 86; Isa 33: 1-22; Matt 15: 29-end

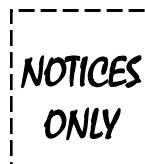
**Saturday 14 December, John of the
Cross, Poet, Teacher, 1591**

Ps 145 Isa ch35; Matt 16: 1-12
8 am Prayers

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Part of the Mission Community of
Bideford, Landcross, Littleham, Monkleigh
and Weare Giffard

Our Purpose:

TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2019

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ALL AGE CHRISTINGLE**



Our 10.30 am All Age service continues at
11.30 am with a short *COMMUNION
SERVICE* to which everyone is welcome. (if
you'd like alcohol free wine, please let the
chalice administrator know). Gluten free
wafers are also available on request before
the service.

This morning's preacher at the 8 am service
is Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore.

There is no evening service tonight.

We *WELCOME* Ezra Oke, together with his
family and friends, as he comes to be
baptised into the Church family today at
2 pm.

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

MOTHERS UNION meeting is tomorrow,
9 December at 2 pm. The talk will be on
Aspects of Christmas by Rev'd Maddy Bray
followed by a festive tea.

Don't forget **DOWN WITH GLOOM—
HELLO CHRISTMAS CONCERT** on Thurs-
day 12 December at 6 pm. There will be
songs, readings, carols, local schools, com-
bined choirs, organ solo and much more.
Free entry, donations welcome. Please
telephone Church Office on 01237 474078
to confirm you are attending (for refresh-
ment numbers).

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.

DIARY DATES

- ⇒ **Woolhanger Manor Christmas Concert** in aid of Children's Hospice on Fri 13 Dec at 6.45 pm. Tickets £10, Under 13s free. To book tickets call 01271 325270 or visit www.chsw.org.uk/woolhangerchristmas
- ⇒ **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
- ⇒ **The Winkleigh Singers, A Traditional Christmas Concert**, Sun 15 December at 3 pm at St Hieritha's Church, Chittlehampton. Handel's Messiah Part One and carols (some for the choir and some for the audience to join in.) Seasonal refreshments. Tickets - £6 in advance, £8 on the Door, accompanied under 16's free. Tel. Carole - 01769 540581

Dates of Events and Meetings

- Mon 9 2 pm Mothers' Union
6-7.30 pm Cryptonites
- Tues 10 7.30 pm Parish Prayer
- Wed 11 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers (last of term)
- Sat 14 6 pm Light Up a Life Service at Pannier Market
- Mon 16 1.45 pm Funeral of Phil Pester
6-7.30 pm Cryptonites (last of term)

Please pray for those people living in:

- Monday: Nutaberry Hill, Oaklands
- Tuesday: Ochil Close, Old Barnstaple Road
- Wednesday: Old Town, Orchard Hill
- Thursday: Orchard Gardens, Orchard Rise
- Friday: Osbourne Close, Osbourne Lane
- Saturday: Osbourne Park, Park 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 Phil Pester (previous Bideford Mayor and Councillor) 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

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

COLLECT

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Rom 15: 4-13

Matt 3: 1-12 (see separate sheet)