

thine own dear presence to cheer and to  
guide ;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomor-  
row,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside !



**SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2020  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY  
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9. 6-11  
Matthew 4: 12-23

- 8 am HOLY COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-  
Casemore  
Preacher: Rev'd Claire Rose-  
Casemore/Ellie Doe
- 10 am PARISH COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-  
Casemore/Paul Dean  
Preacher: Rev'd Claire Rose-  
Casemore/Ellie Doe  
led by Rev'd Marisa and AA Team
- 12.30 pm Baptism of Emilia Lucy Evans
- 4 pm Explore Together
- 7 pm Word and Worship

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES**

**Monday 20 January**

Ps 146; Gen 6: 11-7: 10; Matt 24: 1-14

**Tuesday 21 January**

1 Sam 16: 1-13; Ps 89: 19-27; Mark 2: 23-end

10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Claire Rose-  
Casemore

**Wednesday 22 January**

Ps 81; Gen 8: 1-14; Matt 24: 29-end

**Thursday 23 January**

Ps 76; Gen 8: 15-9: 7; Matt 25: 1-13

**Friday 24 January**

Ps 27; Gen 9: 8-19; Matt 25: 14-30

**Saturday 25 January, Conversion of Paul**

Ps 66; Ezek 3: 22-end; Phil 3: 1-14

8 am Prayers

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**BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN**

Part of the Mission Community of  
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and Weare Giffard

*Our Purpose:*

*TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD*

**SUNDAY 19 JANUARY 2020  
EPIPHANY 2**

*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 speaker at the 8 am and  
10 am services is Ben Warrender from CAP.

Please note there is no Explore Together  
Service today at 4 pm. This service has been  
moved to next week, 26 January at 4 pm.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS—There are still some  
Christmas cards left in the pigeon holes at  
the back of church. Please can everyone  
check for uncollected cards as we need to  
clear the pigeon holes.

If you have difficulty seeing the screen and  
large print copies of the hymns/songs on  
Sunday would be helpful for you please can  
you let the office know. (474078). We are  
very happy to provide them but obviously  
don't want to waste paper if they are not  
needed. Alternatively, you can access the  
Bulletin via the website and enlarge the font  
on your tablet.



See God working through people and places which offer unusual kindness.

Half hour sessions of prayer and meditation at churches in Bideford. 12 noon.

N.B. last session at an earlier time.

~~Sat 18 Jan Grosvenor & Rock Churches, Bideford College (cancelled)~~

**Mon 20 Jan** Catholic Church, North Road

**Tues 21 Jan** Quakers, Community Lounge, Ethelwynne Browne Close, East the Water

**Wed 22 Jan** Methodist Church, High Street

**Thurs 23 Jan** St Mary's Parish Church

**Fri 24 Jan** Baptist Church, Mill Street

**Sat 25 Jan** 10.30 am coffee, 11.00 closing service. Lavington United Reformed Church, Bridgeland Street

Acts of kindness, of love, forgiveness and hospitality bring colour and joy and offer a hopeful future.

#### DIARY DATES

⇒ **Bookworms, tomorrow, Mon 20 Jan at 7.30 pm** at Maggie's. We will be looking at 'I Let You Go' by Clare McIntosh.

⇒ **Reflections, Tues 21 Jan at 2.30 pm.** The theme will be 'How animals can help you'.

#### Dates of Events and Meeting

- Tues 21 2.30 pm Reflections  
7 pm All Age Planning
- Wed 22 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers  
3.45-5.30 pm Messy Church
- Thurs 23 11.30 am Visiting Bellringers  
12 noon Meditation & Prayer for Week of Prayer  
1.30 pm Funeral of the late David Clegg  
2.30 pm Moreton Court Holy Communion
- Sun 26 12.30 pm Baptism of Emilia Lucy Evans
- Mon 27 7.25 pm Standing Committee

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

- Monday: Torrington Lane, Torrington St  
Tuesday: Tower Street, Trafalgar Place  
Wednesday: Trents Close, Union Close  
Thursday: Upcott Hill, Upton Road  
Friday: Valley View, Victoria Gardens  
Saturday: Victoria Grove, Victoria Terrace

Until Your justice  
Burns brightly again;  
Until the nations  
Learn of Your ways,  
Seek Your salvation  
And bring You their praise.

*God of the poor ...*

WONDERFUL GRACE,  
That gives what I don't deserve,  
Pays me what Christ has earned,  
Then lets me go free.  
Wonderful grace,  
That gives me the time to change,  
Washes away the stains  
That once covered me.

*And all that I have  
I lay at the feet  
Of the wonderful Saviour  
Who loves me.*

Wonderful love,  
That held in the face of death,  
Breathed in its latest breath  
Forgiveness for me.  
Wonderful love,  
Whose power can break every chain,  
Giving us life again,  
Setting us free.

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you  
To shine upon you and be gracious  
And be gracious unto you  
The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you  
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you  
And give you peace, and give you peace;  
And give you peace, and give you peace.  
Amen

#### FINAL HYMN

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O GOD MY FATHER,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee ;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see ;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

BEAUTY FOR BROKENNESS,  
Hope for despair,  
Lord, in Your suffering world  
This is our prayer:  
Bread for the children,  
Justice, joy, peace;  
Sunrise to sunset,  
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives,  
Cures for their ills,  
Work for the craftsman,  
Trade for their skills;  
Land for the dispossessed,  
Rights for the weak,  
Voices to plead the cause  
Of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,  
Friend of the weak,  
Give us compassion we pray:  
Melt our cold hearts,  
Let tears fall like rain;  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars,  
Havens from fear,  
Cities for sanctuary,  
Freedoms to share;  
Peace to the killing-fields,  
Scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness,  
His cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth,  
Oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned—  
Our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness,  
Carelessness, greed;  
Make us content with  
The things that we need.

*God of the poor ...  
Lighten our darkness,  
Breathe on this flame*

### **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, Jean Stewart, Kevin Smith, Iris Way, Marion Woolf

**Please remember the souls of the departed**, particularly David Clegg, and the families of those who have recently been bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer is a very important part of our life at St. Mary's and in order to make it relevant and to see the wonders which God is doing we are re-thinking the prayer list in the Bulletin.

From February the list of named people for whom we pray will be cleared. If you would like prayer for yourself or somebody else (providing that they have given their permission) and you would like the name to appear on the Bulletin please ring the Church Office on 474078.

If it is appropriate for a name to come off the list please inform the office. The list will be cleared every 6 months.

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART.  
Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.

*(Repeat)*

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,'  
Let the poor say 'I am rich,'  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
*(Repeat)*

*(Last time)*

Give thanks.

### **COLLECT**

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

### **1Corinthians 1: 1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **GRADUAL HYMN**

JESUS CALLS US : O'ER THE TUMULT  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, 'Christian, follow me':

As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred  
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
that we love him more than these.

Jesus calls us : by thy mercies,  
Saviour, make us hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

### **GOSPEL READING**

#### **John 1: 29-42**

John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but

I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my love be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?