

**SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2020**  
**THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**



Readings: 1 Corinthians 2. 1-12  
Matthew 5: 13-20

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

10 am Coffee and croissant followed by.

10.30 am ALL AGE SERVICE led by Rev'd  
Marisa and the All Age Team

11.30 am HOLY COMMUNION

12.30 pm Baptism of Gabriel Watson

**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 2 FEBRUARY 2020**  
**CANDLEMAS**

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES**

**Monday 3 February**

Ps. 1; Lev. 19. 1-18, 30-end; 1 Tim. 1.1-17

**Tuesday 4 February**

Ps. 5; Lev. 23.1-22; 1 Tim. 1.18-end of 2  
10.30 am Communion, M.U. Corporate,  
Rev'd Alan Glover

**Wednesday 5 February**

Ps. 119. 1-32; Lev. 22.23-end; 1 Tim. 3

**Thursday 6 February**

Ps. 15; Lev. 24. 1-9; 1 Tim. 4

**Friday 7 February**

Ps. 19; Lev. 25. 1-24; 1 Tim. 5. 1-16

**Saturday 8 February**

Ps. 23; Num. 6. 1-5, 21-end; 1 Tim. 5. 17-end  
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,  
bringing this bulletin. Alcohol free wine is  
available at the 10 am service: please go to  
the right hand side 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.

We also welcome Lydia Stradling, together  
with her family and friends, as she comes to  
be baptised into the Church family today in  
our 10 am service.

Tonight's service is Evensong at 7 pm.

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The next Cake and Communion will be  
tomorrow, Mon 3 Feb at 3 for 3.30 pm at  
Pine Lodge, Slade, Bideford - the home of  
Chris and Mary Hall (at the top of North-  
down Rd.)

Please can boxes for The Children's Society  
be brought to Church Office by Monday, 10  
February. Many thanks, Liza Junkison.

**DIARY DATES**

**Sat 22 Feb 10am—4.30 pm—BIG GREEN  
EVENT at Exeter Cathedral.** A festival of

thought and action to join up faith and the  
environment. Panel discussion and work-  
shops. Keynote speaker is Rt Revd Nick  
Holtam, Lead Bishop for Environment. £8 to  
cover speaker costs. U16s free. Book at  
[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-  
green-event-tickets-86794132587](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-green-event-tickets-86794132587)

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On **Mon 2 March at 2 for 2.30 pm**, Anne McKiernan will be coming to St. Mary's Bideford to talk about 'Dementia; what it is; how it affects behaviour and the magic ingredients of Memory Cafes'. She will talk for about 40 mins and then there will be time for questions. Everyone is most welcome to come and take part. If you come at 2 there will be a cup of tea, biscuits and a chance to chat with other folk.

If you want anymore information please contact me . Many thanks, Lorna Dorrinton  
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### **6-8 MARCH—JOY 2020**

Please keep some space in your diaries for a special weekend of activities and worship which have been organised by Bishops Robert, Jackie and Nick.

Events include:-

**Friday 6 March** from 9.30 am to 12 noon —A Gift of Years Workshop at St Mary's Church, Bideford, hosted by Bishop Robert;

**Friday 6 March**, 7-8 pm—Deanery Prayers at Woolsey Church, led by Bishop Nick;

**Saturday 7 March** from 2-5 pm—The Big Sing at The Big Sheep Abbotsham;

**Sat 7 & Sun 8 March**, 10 am—5 pm—Art and Craft Exhibition, the Garden Room, RHS Rosemoor;

**Sunday 8 March**, 3-4 pm—Joy 2020 Worship Service, the Garden Room, RHS Rosemoor.

For more details see February Newsletter

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### **LENT 6 WEEK STUDY COURSE 2020**

#### **'BROKEN'**

We will follow the TV series 'Broken' which speaks on many issues our community faces (e.g. poverty, gambling suicide etc).

After each episode we will follow Paula Gooder's Lent Course to explore the theme for that day.

*Starts:* Wednesday 4 March (for 6 weeks until 8 April)

*Time:* 7-9 pm

*Venue:* St Mary's Church (back of Church)

(There will also be a group running in the Villages on another day, time and venue to be confirmed).

Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from within and make me holy.  
Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

#### **FINAL HYMN**

IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS FOUND,  
he is my light, my strength, my song ;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease !  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone ! — who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe !  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save :  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied —  
for every sin on him was laid ;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain :  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again !  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine —  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me ;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand ;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand !

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?

When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?*

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?

When I needed a shelter, were you there?

When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?

When I needed a healer, were you there?

Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there, wherever you travel I'll be there.

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, I'll be there.*

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT.

He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone.  
And I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.

*And I will trust .....*

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

PURIFY MY HEART,  
let me be as gold and precious silver.  
Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire  
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.  
I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my  
Master,  
ready to do your will.*

This Lent Course is open to everyone so please come and bring a friend.

For more details see February Newsletter.

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## **Dates of Events and Meeting**

Mon 3	1.30 pm Reflections Team Meeting
Wed 5	9.45 & 11 am Music Makers 3.45-5.30 pm Messy Church
Sat 8	10 am-12.30 pm Marriage Preparation Course
Sun 9	12.30 pm Baptism of Gabriel Watson
Mon 10	2 pm Mothers' Union
Tues 11	7.30 pm Parish Prayer
Wed 12	9.45 & 11 am Music Makers
Thurs 13	7 for 7.15 pm Deanery Synod Meeting

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

Monday: Vinegar Hill, Virginia Close  
Tuesday: Warren View, Water Park Road  
Wednesday: Waterloo Terrace, Watkins Way  
Thursday: Wellbeck Terrace, Westcombe Lane  
Friday: Westcroft Court, Westview Avenue,  
Saturday: Westward Reach, Wickham Close

## **Please pray for those who are sick:**

David Sharp.

**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.

## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

NAME OF ALL MAJESTY,  
fathomless mystery,  
King of the ages  
by angels adored ;  
power and authority,  
splendour and dignity,  
bow to his mastery,  
Jesus is Lord !

Child of our destiny,  
God from eternity,  
love of the Father  
on sinners outpoured ;  
see now what God has done  
sending his only Son,  
Christ the beloved One,  
Jesus is Lord !

Saviour of Calvary,  
costliest victory,  
darkness defeated  
and Eden restored ;  
born as a man to die,  
nailed to a cross on high,  
cold in the grave to lie,  
Jesus is Lord !

Source of all sovereignty,  
light, immortality,  
life everlasting  
and heaven assured ;  
so with the ransomed, we  
praise him eternally,  
Christ in his majesty,  
Jesus is Lord !

### **COLLECT**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make you home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.

**Amen.**

### **THE FIRST READING**

#### **Hebrews 2: 14-18**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### **GRADUAL HYMN**

JESUS, STAND AMONG US AT THE MEETING OF OUR LIVES;

Be our sweet agreement at the meeting of our eyes.

O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to You we're gathering out of each and every land;  
Christ the love between us at the joining of our hands.

O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Jesus, stand among us at the breaking of the bread;

Join us as one body as we worship You, our Head.

O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

### **GOSPEL READING**

#### **Luke 2: 22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.