

**SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2020
CANDLEMAS**



Readings: Heb. 2. 14-end
Luke 2. 22-40

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

10 am SIMPLE COMMUNION and
BAPTISM of Lydia Stradling
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-
Casemore
Preacher: Rev'd Alan Glover

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 26 JANUARY 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 27 January

Ps 108; Gen. 11:27-12:9; Matt. 26: 1-16

Tuesday 28 January

Ps. 36; Gen. 13: 2-end; Matt. 26: 17-35
10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Alan Glover

Wednesday 29 January

Ps 46; Gen 14; Matt 26: 36-46

Thursday 30 January

Ps 47; Gen 15; Matt 26: 47-56

Friday 31 January

Ps 65; Gen 16; Matt 26: 57-end

Saturday 1 February

Ps 68; Gen. 17: 1-22; Matt. 27: 1-10
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 Claire Rose-
Casemore with Ellie Doe.

There will be an Explore Together service this
afternoon at 4 pm (moved from last week.)

Tonight's service is Word and Worship at
7 pm

We also welcome Emilia Evans, together
with her family and friends, as she comes to
be baptised into the Church family at
12.30 pm today.

The next Cake and Communion will be
on 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 Northdown
Rd.)

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The Children's Society are looking forward to receiving donations from St Mary's Church family. Please can you bring your boxes to Church Office by Mon 10 February. Many thanks, Liza Junkison.

'Appledore Singers would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Christmas concert such a success. We raised a magnificent £843 for North Devon Hospice from this concert alone. We welcome new members so contact our Musical Director, Pam Beechey 01237 420652 for further details.'

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 27 7.25 pm Standing Committee
Tues 28 2.30 pm Deepening Prayer
Wed 29 9.45 and 11 am Music Makers
Feb
Sat 1 8.15 am Men's Breakfast
Mon 3 1.30 pm Reflections Team Meeting

DIARY DATE

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 workshops. 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>

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 Ave
Saturday: Westward Reach, Wickham Close

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.

FINAL 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 ;
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.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

COMMUNION HYMNS

FATHER GOD, I WONDER HOW I MAN-
AGED TO EXIST

Without the knowledge of Your parenthood
and Your loving care.

But now I am Your son, I am adopted in
Your family,

And I can never be alone,

'Cause Father God, You're there beside me.

I will sing Your praises,

I will sing Your praises,

I will sing Your praises,

Forever more.

I will sing Your praises,

I will sing Your praises,

I will sing Your praises,

Forever more.

JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind ;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve :
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down ;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to
prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

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 next week 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.

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

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.

COLLECT

God of all mercy
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 9: 6-11

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever. 'He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

GRADUAL HYMN

I WANT TO SERVE THE PURPOSE OF GOD
In my generation.
I want to serve the purpose of God
While I am alive.
I want to give my life
For something that will last forever.
Oh, I delight, I delight to do Your will.

*What is on Your heart?
Tell me what to do;
Let me know Your will
And I will follow You.
(Repeat)*

I want to build with silver and gold
In my generation.
I want to build with silver and gold
While I am alive.
I want to give my life
For something that will last forever.
Oh, I delight, I delight to do Your will.

I want to see the kingdom of God
In my generation.
I want to see the kingdom of God
While I am alive.
I want to live my life
For something that will last forever.
Oh, I delight, I delight to do Your will.

I want to see the Lord come again
In my generation.
I want to see the Lord come again
While I am alive.

I want to give my life
For something that will last forever.
Oh I delight, I delight to do Your will.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4: 12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

OFFERTORY HYMN

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?