

Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice,
and as they crucify
prays: 'Father, forgive.'

Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible
in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.

**SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Readings: Rom. 4. 1-5, 13-17
John 3. 1-17

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

10 am **No** PARISH COMMUNION

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES
Monday 2 March**

Ps 10; Gen 41: 25-45; Galations 3: 23-4: 7

Tuesday 3 March

Isaiah 55: 10-11; Ps 34: 4-6, 21-22; Matt 6: 7-15

10.30 am Communion M U Corporate, Rev'd
Claire Rose-Casemore

Wednesday 4 March, Ember Day

Ps 6; Gen 42: 6-17; Galations 4: 21-5: 1

Thursday 5 March

Ps 42; Gen 42: 18-28; Galations 5: 2-15

Friday 6 March, Ember Day

Ps 22; Gen 42: 29-end; Galations 5: 16-end

Saturday 7 March, Ember Day

Ps 63; Gen 43: 1-15; Galations 6

8 am Prayers

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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 1 MARCH 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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 Claire Rose-Casemore.

Tonight's service is Evensong at 7 pm.

Coffee and Communion is tomorrow, 2
March, 10.30 for 11 am at Pine Lodge, Slade,
Bideford—the home of Chris and Mary Hall (at
the top of Northdown Road.) Everyone is
welcome.

Tomorrow at 2 for 2.30 pm there will also be
a **talk about Dementia** by Anne
McKiernan; what it is; how it affects
behaviour and the magic ingredients of
Memory Cafes'. Come at 2 pm for a cup of tea
and a chance to chat with other people.

Lent 6 week Study Course 2020 'Broken'
starts this week: Wed evenings in St Mary's, 4
March-8 April (7-9 pm) and Tues afternoons,
Littleham Village Hall, 3 March-7 April (2-4
pm.)

The series portrays real life at its most
gritty and unvarnished, and in doing so raises
many questions along the way about how to
live faithfully when life is very hard.

The idea of the course is to provide space for
people to pick up the questions raised in the
series and to explore how they might want to
answer them. Paula Gooder is the Theologian
supplying the questions for group discussion.
Please try and come to the sessions.

Friday 6 March from 9.30 am to 12 noon as part of the Joy 2020 weekend there will be a 'Gift of Years' Workshop at St Mary's Church hosted by Bishop Robert.

It will explore how to make the most of life over 60 (although people under 60 are also welcome to attend!)

Please come and support this special event and bring along friends and family.

Next Sunday, **8 March (3-4 pm)** to conclude the Bishops' visit to North Devon for Joy 2020, there will be a Worship Service in the Garden Room at Rosemoor. Music led by Lee Abbey.

If you would like to go, but need a lift, sign the appropriate list at the back of Church.

If you are able to offer a lift please sign the other list. Any queries please ring Lorna on 477117.

Because of the Rosemoor service next Sunday there will only be an 8 am Holy Communion Service on Sunday 8 March at St Mary's and no 10 am service.

See main highlights of the weekend below:-

6-8 MARCH—JOY 2020

Friday 6 March from 9.30 am to 12 noon — 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.

Please pick up leaflets and flyers (available near the main door) and pass on to friends, family etc. We really would like as many people as possible to be involved with this special weekend.

Also next week, on **Friday 6 March at 7.30 pm Bideford Town Band** will be performing a **Movie Concert** at St Mary's Church. Admission £6. See poster in porch.

Dates of Events and Meeting

Wed 4 9.45 and 11 am Music Makers
2.30 pm Pastoral Care Committee
Sat 7 8.15 am Men's Breakfast

yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away ;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have ;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say ?
Heaven was his home ;
but mine the tomb
wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing :
no story so divine ;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine !
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

AS THE DEER PANTS FOR THE WATER,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

You're my Friend and you're my Brother,
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

FINAL HYMN

MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony,
the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.

*Oh, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
for this is your God,
this is your God.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood
From your wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

My Rock
My Rock
My Jesus my Rock

Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfill your law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone.
You must save and you alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to your cross I cling.
Naked, come to you for dress,
Helpless, look to you for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly.
Wash me, Saviour, or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See you on your judgment throne,
Rock of Ages cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee

COMMUNION HYMNS

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die ?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow ;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend !

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing ;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify !'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done ?
What makes this rage and spite ?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries !

Please pray for those people living in:

Monday: Brook Field Street, Brookfield
Tuesday: Buckland Cross, Bull Hill
Wednesday: Burton Road, Buttgarden Street
Thursday: Capern Road, Catshole Lane
Friday: Cedar Way, Chanters Avenue
Saturday: Chanters Lane, Chantry Road

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.

Items for Prayer

- Joy 2020- for smooth preparation and good attendance at the events on offer. That the Bishops, clergy and all involved will feel relaxed! That God will surprise all who come with joy!
- For those applying for the 0.5 Team Vicar and Organist/ Worship leader jobs and for discernment and wisdom for those interviewing.
- Prayers for us all that we may go deeper with God through Lent .
- For the Lent Course – that we may all be blessed by it and find it helpful.
- Prayers too for those with positions of responsibility in the Church – that they may feel encouraged and be supported.
- Prayers for our future new Curate Chris, Racheal and baby Tabitha- particularly as Chris finishes his studies and they adjust to family life.
- Prayers that God will help us to establish good connections with Westcroft School.

Bideford World Day of Prayer this year is at Sacred Heart Church, North Rd on Friday 6 March at 11 am with refreshments afterwards. The theme is " Praying with Zimbabwe". All are welcome.

How has God answered your prayers lately? The board by the children's corner is for testimonies of what God has done.

You can either write them yourself and display it or send it to sue_sparkes@hotmail.co.uk for her to print off. Lets encourage each other by sharing the good news of our faithful God!

OPEN THE BOOK

We need more people for the Kingsley School and St Mary's School team who bring bible stories to the children. Would you like to be part of the team? We need YOU! Please see Pattie Morris if you are interested.

ENTRANCE HYMN

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

I have a strong, a perfect plea :
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart ;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free ;
for God, the Just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb!
my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord, I cannot die ;
my soul is purchased by his blood ;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of
darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom
and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love in
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Gen 2:15-17; 3: 1-7

THE SECOND READING

Romans 5: 12-19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If,

because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

GRADUAL HYMN

JESUS CHRIST I think upon your sacrifice;
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again.
I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon the cross
where you died.*

*I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm
broken inside.*

*Once again I thank you, once again I
pour out my life.*

Now you are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But for now I marvel at this saving grace,
And I'm full of praise once again,
I'm full of praise once again.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.