

SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2020
SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



Readings: 2 Pet. 1. 16-21
Matthew 7. 17. 1-9

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

10 am PARISH COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover/
Paul Dean
Preacher: Rev'd Alan Glover

7 pm Word and Worship

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 17 February

Ps 44; Gen 29: 31-30: 24; 2 Tim 4: 1-8

Tuesday 18 February

James 1: 12-18; Ps 94: 12-18; Mark 8: 14-21
10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

Wednesday 19 February

Ps 119: 57-80; Gen 31: 25-32: 2; Titus 1

Thursday 20 February

Ps 57; Gen 32: 3-30; Titus 2

Friday 21 February

Ps 51; Gen 33: 1-17; Titus 3

Saturday 22 February

Ps 68; Gen 35; Philemon
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 16 FEBRUARY 2020
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE 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 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.

Explore Together Service is today at 4 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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.

We have started our Christian Aid Lent Challenge! Look out for the Smarties tubes on the table by the door. Take for yourself and more for friends and family. Eat the Smarties, fill the empty tubes with coins during Lent and return to Sue Jeffrey or Maggie Webster by Easter. Help yourself also to a Count Your Blessings booklet and save more money for Christian Aid. Thank you!

THANK YOU—A very big thank you to everyone with a Children's' Society box. Almost all of the boxes have now been counted. We will have over £800 when all the boxes are in. Many thanks also to those people who helped count the money.
Liza Junkison

DIARY DATES

Bookworms, tomorrow, Mon 17 Feb at 7.30 pm at Maggie's. We will be looking at 'I Let You Go' by Clare McIntosh.

Reflections, Tues 18 Feb at 2.30 pm. The theme will be 'How music has lifted you'.

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>

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 Dorrington
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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

*Fill me again
Fill me again
Fill me again
O Spirit of the Lord*

Spirit of God divine
Fill this mouth of mine
With holy praise
To set the earth ablaze
And glorify your name

Spirit of God divine
Take this heart of mine
To Your throne this day
Help me, I pray
My offering to give

RIVER, WASH OVER ME,
Cleanse me and make me new.
Bathe me, refresh me and fill me anew,
River wash over me.

Spirit, watch over me,
Lead me to Jesus' feet.
Cause me to worship and fill me anew,
Spirit, watch over me.

Jesus, rule over me,
Reign over all my heart.
Teach me to praise You and fill me anew,
Jesus, rule over me.

FINAL HYMN

TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE !

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

'BROKEN'

This year's Lent Course will be based on the TV series, 'Broken', written by Jimmy McGovern and starring Sean Bean. It is set in an estate parish in the UK. The series focuses on the life and ministry Father Michael Kerrigan, a Roman Catholic, priest who, despite past trauma and anxiety about his own inadequacies, attempts to bring the light of Christ into the lives of the people amongst whom he ministers.

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 the 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 who is supplying the questions for group discussion.

Please do come and join the Sessions. They will run on Wednesday evenings in St Mary's, 4 March - 8 April (7-9 pm) and Tuesday afternoons, Littleham Village Hall, 3 March - 7 April (2-4 pm.)

Dates of Events and Meetings

- Tues 18 7.30 pm Baptism Preparation Evening
- Wed 19 No Music Makers (Half term)
- Mon 24 7.25 pm Standing Committee
- Tues 25 7 pm All Age Planning Meeting

Please pray for those people living in:

- Monday: Alverdiscott Road, Appletree Gdns
- Tuesday: Ash Plant Close, Ashley Terrace
- Wednesday: Avon Road, Ayres Close
- Thursday: Bank End, Barnstaple Street
- Friday: Barton Torrs, Beech Bank
- Saturday: Belle View Terrace, Belvoir 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.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:25-34

I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

OFFERTORY HYMN

GREAT IS THE LORD and most worthy of praise,
 The city of our God, the holy place,
 The joy of the whole earth.
 Great is the Lord in whom we have the victory,
 He aids us against the enemy,
 We bow down on our knees.

*And Lord, we want to lift Your name on high,
 And Lord, we want to thank You,
 For the works You've done in our lives;
 And Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love,
 For You alone are God eternal,
 Throughout earth and heaven above.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

SPIRIT OF GOD DIVINE
 Fill this heart of mine
 With holy flame
 To praise the name
 of Jesus my Lord

Items for prayer

Please could we pray:-

- that our Organist/Worship Leader advert will attract the person that God is calling,
- for Joy 2020 and all those involved in it's organisation,
- for Explore this afternoon—that families will come and be blessed,
- for Chris, Rachael and Tabitha Hutchins

If you would like to join in prayer—particularly for the above you are welcome to Morning Prayer 9-9.30 am on Thursday.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020 -Praying with Zimbabwe will take place on Friday 6th March, 2.30 pm at Baptist Church, Meeting Street, Appledore

Can you help with a knitting challenge for the Devon Show? A group of us are knitting bunting to raise money for "The Addington Fund" which is a charity that is dedicated to providing homes for farming families who find themselves homeless. Please contact Jacquie Ballantyne for pattern and sample bunting on 01271 860564 or 07811814341 and jballant@btinternet.com

ENTRANCE HYMN

ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED ;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust ;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought :
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow ;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand ;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all :
ye who follow shall not fall.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Romans 8: 18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GRADUAL HYMN

I AM A NEW CREATION,
No more in condemnation,
Here in the grace of God I stand.
My heart is overflowing,
My love just keeps on growing,
Here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise You Lord,
Yes, I will praise You Lord,
And I will sing of all that You have done.

A joy that knows no limit,
A lightness in my spirit,
Here in the grace of God I stand.