

**SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2020  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



ST MARY'S  
PARISH  
CHURCH  
BIDEFORD

Readings: Rom. 5. 12-19  
Matt. 4. 1-11

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

10 am SIMPLE COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore/Steve Roberts  
Preacher: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

7 pm Evensong

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES**

**Monday 24 February**

Ps 71; Gen 37: 1-11; Galations 1

**Tuesday 25 February**

James 4: 1-10; Ps 55: 7-9, 24  
10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Alan Glover

**Wednesday 26 February,  
Ash Wednesday**

Ps 38; Dan 9: 3-6,17-19, 1 Tim 6: 6-19  
7 pm Holy Communion and Ashing

**Thursday 27 February**

Ps 77; Gen 39; Galations 2: 11-end

**Friday 28 February**

Ps 3; Gen 40; Galations 3: 1-14

**Saturday 29 February**

Ps 71; Gen 41: 1-24; Galations 3: 15-22  
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 23 FEBRUARY 2020  
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 Alan Glover.

Tonight's service is Word and Worship at  
7 pm.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** of Holy  
Communion with ashing, will be this  
Wednesday, 26 February at 7 pm. Please  
come along to this special service.

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On Sunday 8 March, 3-4 pm, as part of the  
Bishops' visit for Joy 2020, there will be a  
Worship Service in the Garden Room at  
Rosemoor. Music led by Lee Abbey. It  
should be fantastic.

So please, 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 me. Many thanks  
Lorna 477117

There will only be an 8 am Holy Communion  
Service on Sunday 8 March. This is because  
I would like to strongly encourage us all to

go to Rosemoor to meet our brothers and sisters of this Archdeaconry and also to meet our three magnificent Bishops!.... It will be a 'once in a lifetime opportunity!' So please take up Lorna's offer of a lift if you haven't got wheels! It promises to be a wonderful celebration!

Many thanks and God bless,  
Love Revd Claire

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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

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.

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## LENT 6 WEEK STUDY COURSE 2020

### '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.

Earth and heaven worship you,  
Love eternal, faithful and true,  
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
brought this sinner near to your throne ;  
all within me cries out in praise.

*Your majesty, I can but bow ;  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve your majesty,  
I live to serve your majesty.*

JESUS, BE THE CENTRE,  
Be my source, be my light,  
Jesus.

Jesus, be the Centre,  
Be my hope, be my song,  
Jesus.

*Be the fire in my heart,  
Be the wind in these sails;  
Be the reason that I live,  
Jesus, Jesus.*

Jesus, be my vision,  
Be my path, be my guide,  
Jesus.

### FINAL HYMN

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING,  
in the midst of the darkness shining :  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us ;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us :  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory ;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy ;  
send forth your word, Lord,  
and let there be light !*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance ;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness :  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness :  
shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory :  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story :  
shine on me, shine on me.

## GOSPEL READING

### Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

### OFFERTORY HYMN

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER,  
pilgrim through this barren land ;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty ;  
hold me with thy powerful hand :  
Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow ;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through :  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside ;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side :  
songs and praises  
I will ever give to thee.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY,  
God of heaven living in me.  
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,  
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End,  
all within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow ;  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve your majesty.*

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

Mon 24	7.25 pm Standing Committee
Tues 25	7 pm All Age Planning Meeting
Wed 26	9.45 and 11 am Music Makers 3.45-5.30 pm Messy Church
Thurs 27	2 pm Funeral for Violet Atchison 2.30 pm Holy Communion at Moreton Court

### March

Mon 2	2 for 2.30 pm—Talk on dementia by Anne McKiernan
Wed 4	7-9 pm Lent Course 'Broken'
Fri 6	9.30 am—12 noon 'Gift of Years' Workshop with Bishop Robert 7.30 pm Bideford Band Movie Concert.

### Please pray for those people living in:

Monday:	Bevil Close, Biddiback Way
Tuesday:	Bilton Terrace, Boards Court
Wednesday:	Bowden Green, Brecon Close
Thursday:	Brennacott Place, Brennacott Rd
Friday:	Bridge Platts Way, Bridge Street
Saturday:	Bridgeland Street, Broadlands

### Please pray for those who are sick:

David Sharp

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

**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.

## **Items for prayer**

- Praying for God to call the right person To apply as we re-advertise the 0.5 Associate Priest job.
- Praying for those interviewing for a new Head teacher at St Marys School to be given wisdom and discernment and make a good choice.
- Praying for Joy 2020- for God's blessing on the three Bishops and that all the preparation and planning that has gone into the three days will bear fruit.
- Praying for God to call to us an organist/worship leader who will have the qualities we are looking for.

## **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.

## **ALL AGE SERVICE DATE CHANGES**

Due to some clashes with other services, the following All Age Services have needed to change to the following dates:-

March—will be 22 March (instead of 8th)

April—will be 5 April (instead of 12th)

May—will be 17 May (instead of 10th)

**THANK YOU**— The final total of money collected for the Children's Society was £850. A very big thank you to everyone concerned. Liza Junkison

## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night ;  
Dayspring from on high, be near ;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee ;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief ;  
fill me, radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief ;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

## **COLLECT**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives;  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

### **2 Peter 1: 16-21**

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

## **GRADUAL HYMN**

AT YOUR FEET WE FALL, mighty risen Lord,  
As we come before Your throne to worship You.

By Your Spirit's power You now draw our hearts,

And we hear Your voice in triumph ringing clear.

*I am He that liveth, that liveth and  
was dead,  
Behold I am alive forever more.*

There we see You stand, mighty risen Lord,  
Clothed in garments pure and holy,  
shining bright.  
Eyes of flashing fire, feet like burnished bronze,  
And the sound of many waters is Your voice.

Like the shining sun in its noonday strength,  
We now see the glory of Your wondrous face.  
Once that face was marred, but now You're glorified,  
And Your words like a two-edged sword have mighty power.