

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MOTHERING SUNDAY



Readings: Eph. 5. 8-14
John 9. 1-41

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

10 am Coffee and croissant followed by

10.30 am ALL AGE SERVICE & BAPTISM of Mollie Winter
Led by Rev'd Claire and AA Team

4 pm Explore Together

7 pm Taize

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 16 March

Ps 5; Gen 47: 1-27; Heb 4: 14-5: 10

Tuesday 17 March, Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland c.460

Dan 2: 20-23; Ps 25: 3-10; Matt 18: 21-end
10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

Wednesday 18 March

Ps 38; Gen 49: 1-32; Heb 6: 13-end

Thursday 19 March, Joseph of Nazereth

Ps 25; Isaiah 11: 1-10; Matt 13: 54-end

Friday 20 March, Cuthbert, bishop, missionary, 687

Ps 22; Exod 1: 1-14; Heb 7: 11-end

Saturday 21 March, Thomas Cranmer, archbishop, Reformation martyr 1556

Ps 147; Exod 1: 22-2: 10; Heb 8

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 15 MARCH 2020
THIRD 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 to the altar rail bringing this bulletin. Gluten free wafers are available on request before the service.

As a precautionary measure and following the guidelines of the Church of England the PCC has decided to:-

- Suspend the administration of the chalice and offer Communion in one kind only i.e. the consecrated bread/wafer/host, with the priest alone taking the wine.
- Suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace.
- Suspend direct physical contact as part of a blessing or 'laying on of hands.'

Welcomers and sidespeople again, can you refrain from shaking peoples hands and thoroughly wash your hands before giving out orders of service or bulletins. Those setting up communion i.e. servers please thoroughly wash your hands before setting up and preparing the wafers.

This morning's preacher at the 8 am and 10 am services is Rev'd Marisa Cockfield.

There will be an Explore Together Service 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.

Emergency Contact Information

There have been a few occasions in the past when someone has been unwell in Church and we have not known how to get in touch with a member of the family or close friend. We have therefore produced a form which, if you are willing, you can fill in your emergency contact details. These will be kept in a secure place.

Please see Lorna or Debbie if you would be happy to complete one. It would be really helpful if as many people can do this as possible. Thank you very much.

Photographs

Could people please bring in photographs on Mothering Sunday, 22 March, of mums (alive or no longer with us) grandmothers, or other special women who cared for you. We will put them all on display for one of the prayer stations. Thank you.

Foliage/flowers

Could people bring foliage and/or flowers to make the bunches for Mothering Sunday to the church on Saturday 21 March at 9.30 am. If you CAN STAY TO HELP that is even better. It should only take an hour /hour and half. Coffee and biscuits provided.

Thank you everyone—Pattie

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.

WALKIES!

Maisy (the gorgeous Cocker) loves her Mum but gets a little bored when she's out at meetings a lot!

If you had time and enjoy energetic and loving dogs, would you be willing to join a dog walking rota for Maisy? She would only call upon you once a month ☺ and the rewards would be plentiful!

Please see Rev Claire for details (who is acting on Maisy's behalf ☺)

Our *ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING* (APCM) is on Sunday 26 April at 11.45 am, when we hear what has happened over the past year, what is to come—and to elect 2 Churchwardens, 10 PCC members (1 year term) and 3 Deanery Synod Reps (3 year term.) *Please consider who you would like to be part of the leadership team of St Mary's Church— and if it could be you.*

Please can any group leaders, who have not already done so, send their written reports for the APCM booklet to Debbie asap.

thou, his vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine ;
holier gladness ours shall be ;
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side ;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

COMMUNION HYMNS

IT'S YOUR BLOOD THAT CLEANSSES ME,
It's Your blood that gives me life.
It's Your blood that took my place
In redeeming sacrifice,
And washes me whiter than the snow, than
the snow.
My Jesus, God's precious sacrifice.

SUCH LOVE, PURE AS THE WHITEST SNOW ;
such love weeps for the shame I know ;
such love, paying the debt I owe ;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness ;
such love, filling my emptiness ;
such love, showing me holiness ;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, springs from eternity ;
such love, streaming through history ;
such love, fountain of life to me ;
O Jesus, such love.

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.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to
embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we
pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of
the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose pres-
ence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we
pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of
the day.

GOSPEL READING

John 4: 5-42

So Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS
thou wast fasting in the wild ;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled :

Sunbeams scorching all the day ;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed ;
prowling beasts about thy way ;
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Shall not we thy sorrows share,
and from earthly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
glad with thee to suffer pain ?

And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

Before the Annual Church Council Meeting (APCM) takes place on 26 April, we need to revise our Electoral Roll.

Being on the Roll means you regard this church as a church of worship for you (and your family). You can still be a member of our Roll if you also attend other churches.

Everyone is entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) but being a member on the Roll allows you to vote on important issues for your church.

If you are new to St Mary's, have changed address or think you may not be on the Roll (and are baptised and aged 16 or over) please complete a form (situated on the table near the main entrance) and return to Justine Duhig, our Electoral Roll Officer.

The **closing date** for inclusion on the Electoral Roll this year is **Friday 10 April 2020**.

(Please note that, from this year, the new copy of the Electoral Roll will only show names, not addresses, of the people on it.

REFLECTIONS this Tuesday 17 March at 2.30 pm will be discussing 'Food for One'.

LENT COURSE—Please note that the Tuesday Lent course has changed venue from Littleham Village Hall, and will be at a slightly later time. On Tuesday 17 and 24 March it will be at St Mary's House from 2.30-4.30 pm and on Tuesday 31 March and 7 April it will be in St Mary's Church from 2.30-4.30 pm.

The Wednesday evening course continues in St Mary's Church on 18, 25 March and 1, 8 April from 7-9 pm.

STREAMS will be on Saturday, 21 March from 12.30-5 pm at Weare Giffard Village Hall. Bring a picnic lunch—this is a time to enjoy various crafts or simply enjoy a peaceful few hours in a tranquil environment. Cost is £5 to cover costs.

The next **BOOKWORMS** will be on Monday, 30 March at 7.30 pm at Maggie Murray's, and will be discussing 'Grandmothers' by Sally Vickers. New members always welcome.

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 16	2 pm Funeral of Peter Kivell
Tues 17	2.30 pm Reflections 2.30 pm (Villages Lent Course), St Mary's House 7 pm All Age Planning
Wed 18	9.45 & 11 am Music Makers 7 pm Lent Course 'Broken'
Thurs 19	11 am Funeral of Philip Brock

Please pray for those people living in:

Monday: Churchill Road, Cintra Terrace
Tuesday: Cleavewood Drive, Clifton Street
Wednesday: Clovelly Cl, Clovelly Gdns North
Thursday: Clovelly Rd, Clovelly Gdns South
Friday: Coach Drive, Coldharbour
Saturday: Coldstream Place, Colledge Green

Please pray for those who are sick:

David Sharpe.

Please remember the souls of the departed, particularly Peter Kivell and Philip Brock, and the families of those who have recently been bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Items for Prayer

- Prayer for those suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are fearful of it.
- Prayer for the appointment of the 0.5 Assistant Priest position.
- Prayer for those who have recently lost loved ones.
- Prayer for positive follow up to Joy 2020.

ENTRANCE HYMN

AMAZING GRACE (HOW SWEET THE SOUND)

that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

COLLECT

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Romans 5: 1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GRADUAL HYMN

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS, LORD OF ALL JOY,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.