

## BIBLE READINGS

Rom. 4. 1-5, 13-17

John 3. 1-17 (see separate sheet)



ST MARY'S  
PARISH  
CHURCH  
BIDEFORD

### NEXT SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: Rom. 5. 1-11  
John 4. 5-42

8 am HOLY COMMUNION  
Celebrant and Preacher:  
Rev'd Marisa Cockfield

10 am PARISH COMMUNION  
Celebrant: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield  
Preacher: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield

4 pm Explore Together Service

7 pm Taize service

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

#### Monday 9 March

Ps 32; Gen 43: 16-end; Heb 1

#### Tuesday 10 March

Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20; Ps 50: 8, 16-end;  
Matt 23: 1-12

10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Marisa  
Cockfield

#### Wednesday 11 March

Ps 35; Gen 44: 18-end; Heb 2: 10-end

#### Thursday 12 March

Ps 34; Gen 45: 1-15; Heb 3: 1-6

#### Friday 13 March

Ps 41; Gen 45: 16-end; Heb 3: 7-end

#### Saturday 14 March

Ps 25; Gen 46: 1-7, 28-end; Heb 4: 1-13  
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 8 MARCH 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

This morning's preacher at the 8 am service is  
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore.

There is no 10.30 am All Age service today  
due to the Worship Service for Joy 2020  
taking place at RHS Rosemoor at 3 pm this  
afternoon.

There is no evening service tonight.

Next Sunday is *UCAN SUNDAY* when your  
gifts of cans and/or cash would be  
appreciated for those in need.

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 group leaders send their written  
reports for the APCM booklet to Debbie by  
Friday 13 March.

### 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.

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**MOTHERS' UNION** tomorrow, Monday 9 March at 2 pm will be 'Getting to Know You', run by Linda Fewings with contributions from MU members.

**REFLECTIONS** on Tuesday 17 March at 2.30 pm will discuss 'Food for One'.

**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 9	2 pm Mothers' Union 7.25 pm PCC
Tues 10	7.30 pm Parish Prayer
Wed 11	9.45 & 11 am Music Makers 7 pm Lent Course 'Broken'
Mon 16	2 pm Funeral of Peter Kivell
Tues 17	2.30 pm Reflections 7 pm All Age Planning
Wed 18	9.45 & 11 am Music Makers 7 pm Lent Course 'Broken'

#### **Please pray for those people living in:**

Monday: Chapel Park Close, Chapel Street  
Tuesday: Charles Avenue, Chestnut Drive  
Wednesday: Chingswell Street, Chopes Close  
Thursday: Chopes Road, Chubb Road  
Friday: Chudleigh Avenue, Chudleigh Tce  
Saturday: Chudleigh Road, Church Walk

#### **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

- For those suffering with the Coronavirus and the Lord's peace and wisdom in dealing with it
- For those affected by recent flooding and across the world those facing drought
- For Lent- may God help us to stay close to

the Lord through prayer, study, fasting and acts of Service.

- May God bless our time on the Lent course and may it be fruitful
- For God to call the right person to be our Organist and the 0.5 post
- For good fruit to come out of the Bishops mission with us.

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!

#### **DIOCESE ADVICE**

We have received advice from the Diocese about Communion and the present Coronavirus situation which is as follows:-

- Please do not intincture, that is dip the wafer which you have received into the wine.
- You may receive the bread and the wine in one kind (ie, one at a time). Unless you have a cough or cold, in which case please just have consecrated bread.
- The Priest to use a sanitiser on their hands.

At the peace, shaking hands is still fine (if you have washed them thoroughly!) but if you feel more comfortable, smile or wave.

#### **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 ☺)

#### **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**