



ST MARY'S
PARISH
CHURCH
BIDEFORD

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 14

Ps. **32**, Gen 43, 16-end, Heb ch 1

Tuesday 15 March

Ps. **132**, Gen 44 1-17, Heb 2, 1-9

Wednesday 16 March

Ps. 35, Gen 44, 18-end, Heb 2, 10-end

Thursday 17 March. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, c460

Ps. **143**, Gen 45 1-15, Heb 3, 1-6

Friday 18 March. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher 386

Ps **41**, Gen 45, 16-end, Heb 3, 7-end

Saturday 19 March. JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

Ps. 25, Isa. 11, 1-10, Matt 13, 54-end

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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 13 MARCH 2022

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am ENCOUNTER with Rev'd Chris Hutchins and
Rachael Hutchins

6.00 pm 5 PARISH EVENSONG AT LITTLEHAM

NEXT SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2022

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover

11.15 am ENCOUNTER with Rev'd Chris Hutchins and
Rachael Hutchins
Including Baptism of Mollie Winter

WELCOME! Please stay for tea or coffee
after the 9.30 am service—we would love to chat with you.

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 14 March	10 am Interment of ashes of Barbara Bissett 2 pm <i>Mother's Union</i> 7.30pm PCC Meeting (<i>St Mary's Church</i>)
Tues 15	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Reflections 7-9.30 pm <i>Northam Choral Rehearsal</i>
Wed 16	9.30am Music Makers (please book through office) 7.30 pm Lent Course (2 nd Session) in St Mary's Church
Fri 18	11.30 am-1 pm. <i>Friday Diner</i> 6pm <i>Choir Practice</i>
Sun 20	9.30am Parish Communion 11.15 Encounter Service

Mothers' Union: Christian Care for Families

Our next meeting will be tomorrow, **14 March** in church and starts at 2pm. The speaker will be Andrew Tregoning talking about Harbour Community. Our meetings are open to all the congregation and friends, and you are warmly invited to join us.

NOTICE OF REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

Before the Annual Church Council Meeting (APCM) takes place on Sunday 8 May, 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.

Being a member on the Roll allows you to vote on important issues for your church at the APCM.

The revision will take place between 13 March and 10 April.

Forms will be available in Church from 13 March for anyone who is new to St Mary's, changed address or think they may not be on the Roll (and are baptised and aged 16 or over.) Please return completed forms to St Mary's House, 9 Church Walk, Bideford, EX39 2BP for the attention of Justine Duhig, our Electoral Roll Officer.

Following completion of the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council (electronically, with a hard copy kept in St Mary's office) for at least fourteen days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the PCC.

Help needed on Friday 25 March

On Friday 25 March from 10.30 am we will be assembling the Mothering Sunday bunches for Sunday 27 March. Please come along and help and maybe also have coffee or lunch at the Diner. We will need greenery and flowers. Please can you bring any donations to Church at that time or leave in the Church porch on Friday morning. *Thank you, the All-Age Team.* If necessary, we can collect. Please ring Lorna 477117

Thank You

A huge thank you to all those people who have knitted chicks and provided creme eggs, which will be going to the housebound and poorly at Easter. You are wonderful. God Bless you. Lorna

SUNDAY, 13 March

THE FIRST READING

Gen 15, 1-12

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13, 31 - end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox that for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

