

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 21 Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556

Ps. 5, Gen 47, 1-27, Heb 4, 14 – 5.10

Tuesday 22 March

Ps 9, Gen 47, 28-48.end, Heb 5, 11 – 6.12
10.30 am Northumbria Morning Prayer

Wednesday 23 March

Ps. 38, Gen 49, 1-32, Heb 6, 13 - end

Thursday 24 March Walter Hilton of Thurgarton Augustinian Canon, Mystic 1396; Paul Coutourier, Priest, Ecumenist 1953; Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr 1980

Ps. 56, Gen 49, 33 – 50.en, Heb 7, 1-10

Friday 25 March THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ps 11; 113, 1 Sam 2, 1-10, Rom 5, 12 - end

Saturday 26 March Harriett Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, Clewer, 1883

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

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BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN

Part of the Mission Community of
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Giffard

Our Purpose:

TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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

NEXT SUNDAY 27 MARCH 2022

4th SUNDAY OF LENT - MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00am *SAID HOLY COMMUNION*

President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

9.30am *MORNNG WORSHIP – ALL AGE*

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

Rachael Hutchins

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

Tues 22 March	10.30 am Northumbria Morning Prayer 7-9.30 pm <i>Northam Choral Rehearsal</i>
Wed 23	9.30am Music Makers (please book through office) 3.30 pm Messy Church 7.30 pm Lent Course (3 rd Session) in St Mary's Church
Fri 25	11.30 am-1 pm. <i>Friday Diner</i> <i>6pm Choir Practice</i>
Sat 26	6.30 pm Friends of St Mary's Launch Evening
Sun 27	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 9.30am Mothering Sunday All Age Service 11.15 Encounter Service

Mothers' Union: Christian Care for Families

Our next meeting will be **28 March. (ND Cluster 2.30pm)** Lady Day Communion Service at Appledore. Our meetings are open to all the congregation and friends, and you are warmly invited to join us.

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

The revision of the Electoral Roll is currently taking place up to 10 April.

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

Forms are available in St Mary's Church (on table at entrance) 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

CHRISTIAN AID REP NEEDED

Sue Jeffery is doing a wonderful job as the Christian Aid Rep. for St Mary's, but since Maggie Webster moved to be near family, Sue is doing it on her own. Would you be able to help her? Lovely people, only a few meetings and a great witness to Christ's love for all. Thank you. For more details phone Church office on 472551 or Lorna on 477117.

ANNA CHAPLAINCY TALK - 10 MAY (7-8.30 PM), ST MARY'S CHURCH

Anne Jefferies will be coming to St Mary's Church to talk and answer questions about Anna Chaplaincy which is a ministry for older people. This is an open meeting so please do come along and invite anyone you think might be interested. There is no need to book but, in view of the still uncertain times we live in, if you are concerned that we might have had to cancel please ring the Parish Office on 472551 or Lorna on 477117.

SUNDAY, 20 March THE FIRST READING ISA 55, 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bred and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not now, and nations that you do not know shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

GOSPEL READING Luke 13, 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable; 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three year I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should I be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sit, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

