



ST MARY'S
PARISH
CHURCH
BIDEFORD

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 7 March Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203

Ps. 11, Gen. 41, 25-45, Gal 3, 23-47

Tuesday 8 March Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln 1910

Ps. 106, Gen. 41, 46-42, Gal 4, 8-20

Wednesday 9 March

Ps. 6, Gen 42, 6-17, Gal 4, 21-51

Thursday 10 March

Ps. 42, Gen. 42, 18-28, Gal. 5, 2-15

Friday 11 March

Ps 22, Gen. 42, 29 - end

Saturday 12 March

Ps. 63, Gen. 43, 1-15 Gal. ch 6

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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 6 MARCH 2022

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION

President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

Talk: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

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

NEXT 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

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

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| Tues 8 March | 7-9.30 pm <i>Northam Choral Rehearsal</i> |
| Wed 9 | 9.30am Music Makers 7.30 pm Bideford Music Club Concert 7.30 pm Lent Course (<i>First session at Littleham Village Hall</i>) |
| Fri 11 | 11.30 am-1 pm. <i>Friday Diner</i> <i>6pm Choir Practice</i> |
| Sat 12 | 9.30-12.30 Vision for Growth Open Meeting |
| <i>Sun 13</i> | 8.00 am Holy Communion 9.30 am Celtic Communion (not All-Age Service) 11.15 Encounter Service 6.00 m 5 Parish Evensong at Littleham |

Lent Course 2022 - Surprised by Generosity

Surprised by Generosity is a new seven-week Lent course looking at God's generosity to us and our call to live generously in return. It is based on the Gospel of Luke and features video reflections, interviews, a small group study guide and suggested church service talks. The course will run from 9 March to 27 April. (Please see March Newsletter for more details.)

CHRISTIAN AID

On Sunday 6 March we will be handing out Smartie tubes. Please do take them home, eat the goodies and then during Lent fill them with MONEY! All contributions will be given to Christian Aid, an organisation which works all over the world to try and eradicate poverty. We are so fortunate, please in thanks to God for what we have, help those who are in need. Please return tubes to Church on Easter Day. Thank you. Sue Jeffery and Lorna Dorrinton.

Vision for Growth Open Meeting – Saturday 12 March 9.30 am-12.30 pm

Following Ben and Ro's talk on Sunday, and the copy of the talk sent out, we are inviting the whole Church family to come to an Open Meeting at St Mary's Church to discuss ideas for vision for growth as a Church. Please do come along if you are able to.

Mothers' Union: Christian Care for Families

Our next meeting will be **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.

Don't forget to bring your change on 6 March as Mothers' Union will be selling Easter, Birthday and General cards after the 9.30 service. There will also be hand-made cards and knitted Easter chicks with creme egg for sale.

SUNDAY, 6 MARCH

THE FIRST READING

Deut 26, 1-11

When you have come onto the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us'. When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, our God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you O Lord have given me. You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.'

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4, 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him. 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority for it has been given over to me and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written' "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem and placed him on a pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, 'It is said' "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test he departed from him until an opportune time.

