THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 2 MAY PHILIP AND JAMES APOSTLES Ps.139; 146, Prov.4. 10-18; Jas.1.1-12

Tuesday 3 MAY. Ps 98; Exod.20.11-21; Luke 1.26-38

Wednesday 4 MAY ENGLISH SAINTS AND MARTYRS OF THE REFORMATION ERA Ps.105; Exod. Ch24;Luke 1.26-38

Thursday 5 MAY Ps.136; Exod.25.1-22; Luke 1.57-end

Friday 6 MAY Ps.107; Exod.28. 1-4a, 29-38; Luke 2.1-20

Saturday 7 MAY Ps.110; Exod.29.1-9; Luke 2.21-40

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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 1 MAY 2022 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER
- 2.00 pm RURAL DEAN FOR HARTLAND COMMISSIONING SERVICE OF REV'D MARISA COCKFIELD

SUNDAY 8 MAY 2022 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 am HOLY COMMUNION President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP with All-Age Team
11.15 am ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETNG

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 3 May	10.30am Holy Communion MU Corporate
	2 pm Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
Wed 4	9.30am Music Makers (book through office)
	1.30pm Funeral of Brian French
	7.30pm Bideford Music Club Concert
Fri 6	11am Friday Diner
Sun 8	8 am Holy Communion
	9.30am Family Worship
	11.15 am Annual Parochial Church Meeting

JEAN STEWART

Many of you will know of the sad passing of Jean Stewart, a stalwart of St Mary's Church. There will be a private funeral, but a thanksgiving service to celebrate her life will be on Thursday 16 June at 11 am in St Mary's Church.

STANLEY LAWRENCE

Sadly Stanley Lawrence, our dedicated Tower Captain at St Mary's for many years, has also passed away. His funeral will take place in St Mary's Church on Monday, 9 May at 11 am. Everyone is welcome.

BOOKWORMS

The next meeting of Bookworms is on Monday, 9 May, 7.30 pm at 63 Abbotsham Road, (Christine Holmes' house.) The book for discussion is Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens.

- Is anyone available on Sat 7 May from 10.00 12 noon. to help with a bit of gardening, sorting, transporting to the tip etc. for a member of the Church Family? Distinct possibility of coffee and bacon buttie! Lovely surroundings in Bideford. Please give me a ring. Many thanks Lorna 01237 477117
- Pastoral Care Committee Meeting Tues 3 May 2.00p.m. Church House.
- Tues 10 May. Talk on the Anna Chaplaincy, a ministry to older people. 7.00 pm in Church. Please come and support. Organised by our Pastoral Care Committee. More details in the Newsletter for May
- Sat. 14 May 'Holy Grounds' 10.30 12.30 Our first cafe venture. Meet friends and make new ones. Homemade cake, coffee/tea. More details in May Newsletter.

SUNDAY, 1st MAY THE FIRST READING Acts 9, 1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men and women, he might bring them bond to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply cam, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

GOSPEL READING

John.22.1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Tomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know tatt it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon peter heard that it was the Lord he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far away from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are vou?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you,' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes Lord; you know that I love you,' Jesus said to him 'Tend my sheep,' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God). After this he said to him, 'Follow me.