

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 25 April, MARK THE EVNGELIST

Ps 37, 23-end; Isa.62.6-10;Acts 12.25-13.13

Tuesday 26 April, GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND, c304.

Ps.5. 146; Josh 1.1-9; Eph 6.10-20

Wednesday 27 April, Christina Rosetti, Poet 1894

Ps 30; Exod 16. 11-end; Col 2. 1-15

Thursday 28 April, Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841

Ps 28; Exod ch 17,;Col 2.16-3.11

Friday 29 April, Catherine of Siena, Teacher, 1380

Ps 61; Exod 18.1-12; Col 3.12-4.1

Saturday 30 April, Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922

Ps 84; Exod 18. 13-end; Col 4.2-end

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BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN

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Our Purpose:

TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2022 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
- 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER with Rev'd Chris Hutchins
And Rachael Hutchins
Including baptism of Mikey Russell

SUNDAY 1st MAY 2022 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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 26	10.30am Northumbria Morning prayer
Wed 27	9.30am Music Makers (book through office) 3.30pm Messy Church (book through office) 7.30pm Lent Course
Thur 28	2.30pm Holy Communion at Moreton Court
Fri 29	11 am Friday Diner
Sat 30	8.15 am Men's Breakfast changed from Saturday 7 May. (Book with Martin Fishleigh)
Sun 1 May	9.30am Parish Communion 11.15 am Encounter 2.00pm Rural Dean Commissioning Service

TRY PRAYING

Sunday 24 April is "Use It" Sunday. As a congregation in all churches of the Mission Community we are invited to pick up a booklet called "TRY PRAYING" from the Sunday Service. For 7 days we are invited to pray intentionally – using the booklet to guide us. This is "Use It" Sunday. See the April Newsletter for more information.

REV'D MARISA'S LICENSING AS RURAL DEAN will take place on Sunday 1st May at 2pm in St Mary's Church. Revd Marisa will be licensed as the Area Dean for Hartland Deanery in a service led by the Bishop of Crediton, the Rt. Revd Jackie Searle. Everyone welcome. (Any donations of cake and biscuits for the refreshments following the service would be very appreciated.)

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 is to be arranged in St Mary's Church, possibly in June. Details will be passed on when they are known.

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.

THANK YOU FROM MADELINE BRAY

Madeline (Maddy) would like to thank all who have sent messages of sympathy following the death of her father. These have been greatly appreciated and have helped her at this time. His funeral will be on 29 April.

MESSY CHURCH

The next session will be on Wednesday, 27 April, 3.30-5 pm. The session for families will be about Easter and beyond. Cost is £2.50 per child, and no more than £6 per family. Please contact the office to book places by 12 noon on Monday 25 April.

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.

VALUABLES Please note that following several recent incidents in church, people are advised to keep their personal items with them at all times.

SUNDAY, 24 APRIL

THE FIRST READING

Acts 5. 27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us'. But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

GOSPEL READING

John.20, 19- end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. He said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails, and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

