

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

### Monday 23 May

Ps.65; Num.16.1-35; Luke 6. 27-38

### Tuesday 24 May John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers 1791 and 1788

Ps.126; Num.16.36-end; Luke 6.39-end

### Wednesday 25 May The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735

Ps.132; Num.17. 1-11; Luke 7.1-10

### Thursday 26 May ASCENSION DAY

Ps.110; Isa.52. 7-end; Heb. 7.(11-25) 26-end

### Friday 27

Ps 81; Num.20.1-13; Luke.7.11-17

### Saturday 28 Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089

Ps.47; Num.21.4-9; Luke 7.18-35

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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 22 MAY 2022**

**6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (ROGATION SUNDAY)**

- 8 am HOLY COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield
- 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE  
Talk: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
- 12.30 pm Baptism of Ernie Caldwell

**SUNDAY 29 MAY 2022**

**7th SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY)**

- 9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins  
Talk: Rev'd Chris Hutchins
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER with Rev'd Chris 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

Mon 23	9.00 am Holy Dusters
Tues 24	10.30 am Northumbrian Morning Prayer
Wed 25	9.30am Music Makers (book through office)
Thurs 26	1.00pm Lunchtime Concert with Miles Quick 2.30 pm Holy Communion at Moreton Court 5 pm Confirmation Class at Church Office, 9 Church Walk 7 pm Ascension Day Service at St Mary's Church
Fri 27	11am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sun 29	9.30 5 Parish Celtic Communion 11.15 Encounter

### LUNCHTIME CONCERT – MILES QUICK

The next lunchtime concert is this week on Thursday 26 May at 1 pm with Miles Quick on the organ. The concert will be 50 minutes with a retiring collection. Everyone is welcome.

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

We would welcome anyone who would like to join us with a view to being confirmed on 26 June at Hartland.

Classes will be on Thursdays - 26 May, 9 June and 16 June at 5 pm at St Mary's House. Also, a rehearsal (date to be arranged.)

### SUNDAY, 29 MAY THE FIRST READING Acts 16.9 - 15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convicted that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home. And she prevailed upon us.

### GOSPEL READING

#### John.14, 23 - end

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise and let us be on our way.

