

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 9 May

Ps.103; Exod.32. 1-14; Luke 2. 41-end

Tuesday 10 May

Ps 48; Exod.32. 15-34; Luke3. 1-14

Wednesday 11 May

Ps.135; Exod. Ch 33; Luke 3. 15-22

Thursday 12 May Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar, 1952

Ps.57; Exod. 34 1-10, 27-end; Luke 4. 1-13

Friday 13 May

Ps.51; Exod.35.20-36.7

Saturday 14 May MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

Ps.16; 1 Sam.3.27-35, Acts 2.37-end

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Part of the Mission Community of
Bideford, Landcross, Littleham, Monkleigh and Weare
Giffard

Our Purpose:

TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

SUNDAY 8 MAY 2022 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP with All-Age Team
- 11.15 am ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETNG
- 6 pm 5 Parish Evensong at Weare Giffard

SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER

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 9	9.00 am No Holy Dusters 11.00 am Funeral of Stanley Lawrence 2.00 pm Mother's Union 7.30 pm Bookworms at 63 Abbotsham Road
Tues 10	7.00 pm Anna Chaplaincy Talk (see May Newsletter)
Wed 11	9.30am Music Makers (book through office)
Thurs 12	1.00pm Lunchtime Concert – Richard Walker
Fri 13	11am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sat 14	Holy Grounds Café in Church
Sun 15	9.30 Morning Worship 11.15 Encounter

MOTHER'S UNION

Our next meeting is on 9th May, Members invited to bring a "keep sake" and tell us about it. Our meetings are open to all the congregation and friends, and you are warmly invited to join us.

ANNA CHAPLAINCY

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.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT – RICHARD WALKER

The popular series of lunchtime concerts starts again this week on Thursday 12 May at 1 pm with Richard Walker on the organ. The concert will be 50 minutes with a retiring collection. Everyone is welcome.

'HOLY GROUNDS' CAFÉ

Saturday 14 May sees the first 'Holy Grounds' Café between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm. Meet friends and make new ones. Homemade cake, coffee/tea. More details in May Newsletter.

RIDING THE ROLLERCOASTER!

Sue and David Sparkes would love you to join them for a social evening of drinks and nibbles, and to hear from Sue as she shares the story of the last couple of years as she has ridden the rollercoaster of her cancer journey. She is so grateful for your love and support and would love to encourage you with the way God has answered your prayers for her and the family. Come and join them on Saturday May 21st at 6.30pm. Please sign the sheet on the lectern as you go out, so we know how many to cater for, or email Sue on sue_sparkes@hotmail.co.uk - many thanks.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU. This year the Lent Smartie tubes raised £626.15. An absolutely fabulous sum with which Christian Aid will be able to give help and support to those less fortunate than ourselves. You are a fabulous, caring and very generous Church Family. Sue and Lorna

SUNDAY, 8 MAY

THE FIRST READING

Acts 9. 36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon a tanner.

GOSPEL READING

John.10. 22-30

At that time the festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What the Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.

