

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 16 May Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877

Ps. 145; Num. 9, 15-end; 10. 33-end; Luke 4. 38-end

Tuesday 17 May

Ps 19; Num. 11. 1-33, Luke 5. 1-11

Wednesday 18 May

Ps.30; Num. Ch.12; Luke 5.12-26

Thursday 19 May Dunstan Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988

Ps.57; Num. 13. 1-3; 17-end; Luke 5. 27-end

Friday 20 May Alcuin of York, Abbott of Tours,

Ps.138; Num.14, 1-25; Luke.6. 1-11

Saturday 21 May Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330

Ps.146; Num.14. 26-end; Luke 6.12-26

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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 15 MAY 2022
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15-22 MAY

9.30 am *PARISH COMMUNION*
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover

11.15 am *ENCOUNTER*
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

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*

12.30 PM *BAPTISM OF ERNIE CALDWELL*

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 16	9.00 am Holy Dusters
Tues 17	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Reflections
Wed 18	9.30 am Music Makers (book through office)
Thurs 19	1.15 pm St Mary's School (Foundation)
Fri 20	11 am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sat 21	3.00 pm Marriage Blessing G & J Cook 6.30 pm Ride the Rollercoaster!
Sun 22	8.00 am Holy Communion 9.30 am Parish Communion Service 11.15 am Encounter 12.30 pm Baptism of Ernie Caldwell

INTINCTED WAFERS AT COMMUNION

From this Sunday intincted wafers will be used, with a view to going back to the chalice as soon as Covid levels are lower.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

It is Christian Aid week 15-22 May. Please take an envelope and give as much as you can for people who are suffering because of drought and climate change. And a big thank you to everyone for giving so generously through the Smartie tube appeal. Sue Jeffery

THANK YOU FROM REV'D MARISA

A huge thank-you for all the help with the Rural Dean's Commissioning service:

to Sue Sparkes for her beautiful transformation of the cake
to Chris, John and the choir for the wonderful music
to Marcia for the A/V
to Richard and the team for the delicious refreshments
to Debbie and the team for the planning and organisation
to the Mission Community Wardens
to all the congregation who came to support
to our lovely, invited guests
and to all who weren't able to attend but held us in prayer

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.)

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.

SUNDAY, 15 MAY THE FIRST READING Acts 11. 1-18

Now the apostles and believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?'. Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. Also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat". But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

GOSPEL READING John.13. 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

