

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 22 August

Ps.71; 1 Sam.24; Acts 3. 11-end

Tuesday 23 August

Ps.73; 1 Sam.26; Acts 4.1-12

Wednesday 24 August – BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

Ps.86; 1 Sam. 28.3-en; Acts 4.13-31

Thursday 25 August

Ps78.1-39; 1 Sam.31; Acts.4. 32 – 5.11

Friday 26 August

Ps.55; 2 Sam. 1; Acts 5. 12-26

Saturday 27 August – Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Ps.76; 2 Sam.2.1-11; Acts 5-27-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 21 AUGUST 10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST 2022 11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
- 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION and
Baptism of Sebastian Ackroyd
President: 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 22 August	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Tues 23	10.30 am Northumbria Prayer
Wed 24	10.00 am Stay and Play
Thurs 25	1.00 pm Lunchtime Concert with Roger Cleverdon
Fri 26	11.00 am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir Practice
Sat 27	8.00 am Morning Prayer
Sun 28	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Parish Communion and baptism of Sebastian Ackroyd 11.15 am Encounter

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

Also, make a note in your diaries, **Wednesday 19 October at 7.30 pm**, for a concert by Chris Beechey and friends on behalf of Friends of St Mary's to raise money for church funds. More details to follow.

PRAYERS

Please hold Maggie and Steve Murray and their family in your prayers following the sad passing of Maggie's father.

Please also remember Sebastian Ackroyd as he will be baptised into the church family next Sunday 28th August in the 9.30 am Service.

STAY AND PLAY

Do you know anyone with children/grandchildren under 5 who are looking for things to do with them over the summer? At St Mary's 'stay and play' sessions continue every Wednesday in August 10am-12 noon in church. There will be lots of toys, refreshments for the adults and snacks for the children, books, crafts, a baby area, songs and story time. Please help us spread the word. The sessions are free but if carers are able to make a donation of £2 towards the refreshment costs it would be much appreciated.

Ildiko Varardi's Ordination as Deacon on 10 September at Exeter Cathedral at 3 pm

If you would like to support Ildiko at her Ordination, please can you let Debbie know in Church Office either by telephone, 472551, or email admin@stmaryschurchbideford.org as she has the tickets. Ildiko would be thrilled to have some support from St Mary's.

PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS!

On Saturday 24 September, 10.15 am-12.30 pm, in St Mary's Church there will be a morning with David Davies (Organist at Buckfast Abbey) aimed at young people to discover the joys of playing the pipe organ, and a chance to have a go! Please speak to Chris Beechey or phone 420652 for further details and register or email stmarysmusicbideford@gmail.com (Under 18s need to be accompanied by a responsible adult.)

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST, 10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY THE FIRST READING, Isaiah 58.9b-14

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honourable;
if you honour it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

GOSPEL READING

Luke.13. 10 - 17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand upright. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days to be cured, and not on the Sabbath day. But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

