

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 29 August – The beheading of John the Baptist

Ps.80; 2 Sam.3. 12-end; Acts 6

Tuesday 30 August – John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688

Ps.89.1-18; 2 Sam.5.1-12; Acts 7.1-16

Wednesday 31 August – Adan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

Ps.119.105-128; 2 Sam.6.1-19; Acts 7.17-43

Thursday 1 September – Giles of Provence Hermit, c.710

Ps.92; 2 Sam.7.1-17; Acts 7. 44-53

Friday 2 September – The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942

Ps 88; 2 Sam.7. 18-end; Acts 7.54-8.3

Saturday 3 September – Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 604

Ps. 97; 2 Sam. Ch.9; Acts 8.4-25

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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 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

SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION (Patronal)
President: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield
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

Wed 31 Aug.	10.00 am Stay and Play
Fri 2 Sept.	11.00 am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir Practice
Sat 3	8.00 am Morning Prayer
Sun 4	9.30 am Celtic Communion (Patronal) 11.15 am Encounter
Mon 5	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Bookworms (Hazel's at 8 Adrian Close) to discuss Midnight at Malabar House by Vaseem Khan.

We warmly welcome Sebastian Ackroyd today, and his family and friends, as he is baptised today into the church family.

PRAYERS

Please continue to hold Maggie and Steve Murray and their family in your prayers following the sad passing of Maggie's father. The funeral of Maggie's Dad is on Monday 5 September, 2pm at Chichester Crematorium. If anyone would like to support Maggie, the funeral details can be found at: www.reynoldsfunerals.co.uk and just type in Jim Warman, and there is a link to the live webcast, which will also be available two days later for the next 28 days.

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.

OPEN CHOIR PRACTICE – FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 6-7PM

For anyone who would like to see how the Choir works and maybe join in, please come along on Friday 16 September to St Mary's Church where you will be very welcome.

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 28 AUGUST, 11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

THE FIRST READING

Heb. 13. 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke.14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by our host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so then when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher", then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

