

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

**Monday 8 August – Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221**

Ps.30; 1 Sam.14.24-46; Luke 23.13-25

**Tuesday 9 August – Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mother's Union, 1921**

Ps.36; 1 Sam.15.1-23; Luke 23.25-43

**Wednesday 10 August – Lawrence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258**

Ps.34; 1 Sam.16; Luke 23.44-56a

**Thursday 11 August – Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253; John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractorian, 1890**

Ps.37; 1 Sam. 17.1-30; Luke 23.56b-24.12

**Friday 12 August**

Ps.31; 1 Sa.17.31-54; Luke 24.13-35

**Saturday 13 August – Jeremy, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher, 1667; Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910; Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912.**

Ps.42; 1 Sam.17.55-18.16; Luke 24.36-end

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## BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN

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

*Our Purpose:*

*TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD*

### SUNDAY 7 AUGUST

#### 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER and Baptism of Poppie Johns

### SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 2022

#### 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield
- 9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER
- 12.30 pm Baptism of Hallie Law

*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 8 August	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Zoom Standing Committee
Wed 10	10.00 am Stay and Play (Rachael Hutchins)
Thurs 11	1.00 pm Lunchtime Concert with Tina Gibbons/ Lorraine Homewood
Fri 12	11.00 am Friday Diner
Sat 13	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.30 am Holy Grounds Cafe
Sun 14	8.00 am Holy Communion 9.30 am Parish Communion 11.15 am Encounter 12.30 pm Baptism of Hallie Law
Mon 15	9.30 am Holy Dusters 2 pm Funeral of the late Mervyn Fudge

### **PRAYERS**

Please hold Mike Brown and family in your prayers after Sheena sadly passed away last week. Also, the family of Mervyn Fudge, whose funeral will take place at St Mary's on Monday 15 August.

Please also remember Poppie Johns who will be baptised today, and Hallie Law and Sebastian Ackroyd as they will be baptised into the church family in the coming weeks.

### **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.

### **LUNCHTIME CONCERT – THURSDAY 11 AUGUST AT 1PM**

Please come along to the next concert with Tina Gibbons and Lorraine Homewood.

### **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S – WIN A QUILT AND CUSHION**

Someone has made a lovely quilt and cushion which has been given to St Mary's to be raffled to raise money for the church. It is at the back of the church and will be raffled TODAY.

### **THANK YOU**

A big thank you to Claire for hosting the barbecue last Sunday. It was lovely to get together for a social occasion. The sun also came out which was a bonus!

Also, many thanks to Richard and David for all their hard work in setting up and cooking and to Pam and helpers who made things run smoothly.

### **SUNDAY 7 AUGUST**

### **8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY**

### **THE FIRST READING**

#### **Heb. 11.1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### **GOSPEL READING**

#### **Luke.12. 32-40**

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this; if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'



