

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 5 September

Ps.98; 2 Sam. Ch.11; Acts 8.26-end

Tuesday 6 September - Allen Gardiner, Founder of the Soth American Mission Society, 1851

Ps.106; 2 Sam.12.1-25; Acts 9.1-19a

Wednesday 7 September

Ps.111; 2 Sam.15.1-12; Acts 9.19b-31

Thursday 8 September – Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ps.115; 2 Sam.15.13-end; Acts.9.32-end

Friday 9 September- Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880

Ps.139; 2 Sam.16.1-14; Acts 10. 1-16

Saturday 10 September

Ps.121; 2 Sam.17.1-23; Acts 10.17-33

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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 4 SEPTEMBER 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022 13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
9.30 am ALL-AGE SERVICE
President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins
11.15 am ENCOUNTER
6 pm 5 PARISH CHOIR EVENSONG (at Littleham)

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 5 Sept	9.30am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Bookworms at 8 Adrian Close
Tues 6	10.30am Holy Communion (MU Corporate) 7.00pm Northam Choral rehearsal
Thurs 8	7.30pm Parish Prayer in St Mary's House 1.00pm Lunchtime concert with John Hobbs and Marisa Cockfield 7.30pm Bideford Town Band rehearsal
Fri 9 Sept.	11.00 am Friday Diner
Sat 10	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.30am Holy Grounds Café (David and Carl Bertie)
Sun 11	8.00am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am All-Age Service 11.15 am Encounter 6 pm 5 Parish Choral Evensong at Littleham (not Weare Giffard as previously advertised.)
Mon 12	9.30 am Holy Dusters 2 pm Mothers' Union "Wave of Prayer" and Rev Chris "My Life Story" 7.30 pm Zoom PCC Meeting

PRAYERS

Please continue to hold Maggie and Steve Murray and their family in your prayers ahead of the funeral of Maggie's Dad tomorrow, 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.

Please also hold Skyler Ford, Ursula Sims and Rosie Trapnell in your prayers ahead of their baptism into the Church family in the coming weeks.

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

There is still time to get a ticket to attend Ildiko's Ordination. Please can you let Debbie know in Church Office either by telephone, 472551, or email admin@stmaryschurchbideford.org for tickets.

MUSIC MAKERS – WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER AT 9.30 AM

Music Makers starts again on 14 September. Please contact the office (472551) by 12 noon on Monday 12 September to book a place.

MESSY CHURCH – WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 3.30-5 PM

Messy Church returns on Wednesday 28 September. (See September Newsletter or contact office (472551) for more information and to book places by 12 noon on Monday 26 September.)

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 4 SEPTEMBER, 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY THE FIRST READING

1 Cor. 8.1-7, 11-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.' Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. So, by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6.27-38

'But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

