

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 17 October – Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr c.107

Ps. 80; 2 Kings 5; Acts 26. 1-23

Tuesday 18 October – LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Ps. 89. 1-18; 2 Kings 6. 1-23; Acts 26. 24-end

Wednesday 19 October – Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812

Ps. 119. 105-228; 2 Kings 9.1-16; Acts 27. 1-26

Thursday 20 October

Ps. 92; 2 Kings 9.17-end; Acts 27. 27-end

Friday 21 October

Ps. 88; 2 Kings 12.1-19; Acts 28. 1-16

Saturday 22 October

Ps.97; 2 Kings 17.1-23; Acts 28.17-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 16 OCTOBER 2022 18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP
President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins
TALK: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
11.15 am ENCOUNTER

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 2022 LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP
President: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield
Talk: 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.

This church currently has a policy of not taking collections during services

If you would like to donate to the work and ministry of St Mary's Church, we would be very grateful. You can donate at the door using our contactless machine or post cash in the slot in the same unit.

If you would like to find out about regular giving, then please speak to one of the clergy or one of the Church Wardens.

Thank you for your kind generosity.

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 17 October	9.30am Holy Dusters
Tues 18	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30pm Reflections 7.00pm Northam Choral rehearsal 7.00 pm Alpha Course
Wed 19	9.30am Music Makers (book through Church Office) 7.30 pm Friends of St Marys Concert
Thurs 20	2.30 pm Kingsley College Harvest Festival Service
Fri 21	10 am Burial of ashes of the late Leonard Coombes 11.00 am Friday Diner (set up at 9.30 am) 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sat 22	8.00 am Morning prayer
Sun 23	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship 11.15 am Encounter
Mon 24	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Bookworms at Maggie Murray's

MUSIC MAKERS – WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER AT 9.30 AM

This well attended Toddler Music session runs in term time on a Wednesday from 9.30 to 10.45am. We have interactive songs and signing, rhythm, instruments, stories and dance. All children aged 0 to 5 years are welcome to join us with a carer. £2 per session.

Please contact the office (472551) by 12 noon on Monday 17 October to book a place.

STAY AND PLAY – WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 10.00AM – 12 NOON

Following the very successful Stay and Play sessions at St Mary's Church during the Summer holidays, there will be a session during the October half-term holiday on Wednesday 26 October from 10 am to 12 noon.

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 session is free, but if carers are able to make a donation of £2 towards the refreshment costs it would be much appreciated.

MESSY CHURCH PUMPKIN PARTY – MONDAY 31 OCTOBER, 3.30-5.15 PM

Following on from the hugely successful return to Messy Church, our next event is the Messy Pumpkin Party on Monday 31 October at St Mary's Church from 3.30 to 5.15pm. £2.50 per child with a max of £7.00 per family. Please come dressed in bright colours if you want to and be ready for some pumpkin fun, crafts, games, story, song and food. Please book in through the office by Thursday 27 October, 12 noon. Ideal for primary school aged children and accompanied by a carer please.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CONCERT – WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER AT 7.30 PM

Please come along and support the fundraising Concert organised by Friends of St Mary's, featuring Joanna Preston – Recorders with Tom Bayliss - Harpsichord and the Giocosa Wind Quartet. Cost is £5 on the door (free entry for Friends)

1 PM LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

The next lunchtime concert will be on Thursday 27 October with John Hobbs – Bass, Marisa Cockfield – Spinnet. Everyone is welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION GET TOGETHERS OPEN TO ALL

All are welcome to join Mothers' Union members at the following get togethers:- Coffee at Affinity meeting at Costa (usually meet at Cornish Bakery but they are having refurbishment work carried out)
Mon October 17, 24, and 31 10.30 to 12.00
Knit and Natter Thursday 6 October (only one meeting this month) and 3 November 10.30 to 12.00
Contact Jacquie for venue and to answer any questions tel 01271860564 or 07811814341. Looking forward to seeing you on any of these dates. Jacquie.

REQUEST FOR SEWING ITEMS

I am collecting sewing items which will be sent to The Solomon Islands for the young women to learn dressmaking skills. This is a scheme organised by members of their own local Mothers' Union.

Items needed

Working sewing machines

Lengths of *unused* dress material

Unused dress patterns

Sewing cottons, needles, pins, tape measurers, scissors

Or a cash donation towards the expensive shipping costs.

Many thanks for your help Jacquie Ballantyne Bideford Mothers' Union Branch Leader jballant@btinternet.com 07811814341 or 01271 860564

BOOKWORMS – MONDAY 24 OCTOBER AT 7.30 PM

The next session of Bookworms (which is open to anyone who would like to come along) is at Maggie Murray' House at Tangletrees, Orchard Hill, Bideford. We will be talking about The Electricity of Every Living Thing by Katherine May.

RIDE AND STRIDE EVENT

Claire and Chris would like to thank everyone who has sponsored them. All sponsorship money will be counted up this week and we will let you know the grand total in next week's bulletin!

FLAT FOR RENT IN NORTHAM

A charming flat, situated in Northam, is available to rent. Please see Rev'd Claire for more details.

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER, 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
THE FIRST READING
Genesis 32.22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man^[b] said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

THE SECOND READING
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL READING
Luke 18. 1-8

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