THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 10 October - Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary 644; Thomas Treherne, Poet, Spiritual writer, 1674

Ps. 71; Kings 21; Acts 21. 37- 22.21

Tuesday 11 October – Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675; Hames the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century Ps. 73; 1 Kings 22. 1-28; Acts 22.22-23.11

Wednesday 12 October – Wilfred of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary 709; Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845; Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915

Ps. 77; 1 Kings 22. 29-45; Acts 23. 12-end

Thursday 13 October - Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066

Ps.78. 1 -39; 2 Kings 1.2-17; Acts 24.1-23

Friday 14 October

Ps.55; 2 Kings 2.1-18; Acts 24.24-25.12

Saturday 15 October - Teresa of Avila, Teacher, 1582

Ps. 76; 2 Kings 4.1-37; Acts 25.13-end

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BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN

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

Our Purpose: TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER 2022 17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
 9.30 am ALL AGE SERVICE
 (Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore)
 11.15 am ENCOUNTER

6 pm 4 PARISH CHOIR EVENSONG at Weare Giffard

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

WELCOME! Please stay for tea or coffee after the 9.30 am service—we would love to chat with you

This church 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 10	October	9.30am F	Holy Dusters

2.00 pm Mothers Union (Autumn Crafts - Babs Muir)

7.30 pm Zoom Standing Committee

Tues 11 7.00pm Northam Choral rehearsal

7.00 pm Alpha Course

Wed 12 9.30am Music Makers (book through Church Office)

Thurs 13 1.00 pm Lunchtime Concert - John Nixon

Fri 14 11.00 am Friday Diner 8.00 am Morning prayer Sat 15 Sun 16 9.30 am Morning Worship 11.15 am Encounter

Mon 17 9.30 am Holy Dusters

MUSIC MAKERS - WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER AT 9.30 AM

Please contact the office (472551) by 12 noon on Monday 10 October to book a place.

STAY AND PLAY - WEDNESDAY 26TH 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.

1 PM LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Thursday 13 October - John Nixon - Organ

Thursday 27 October - John Hobbs - Bass, Marisa Cockfield - Spinet

ONE WORLD WEEK EVENT - SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER (3-4.30 PM), LAVINGTON CHURCH

There will be short time of worship followed by afternoon tea. The quest speaker is Katrine Musgrave, Regional Christian Aid Co-ordinator.

The theme of the service will be climate justice and reflecting on the impact of the climate crisis on countries and people across the globe. For further details contact Rob Weston on lavingtonurc@gmail.com

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

Everyone is invited to a Friends of St Mary's Concert featuring Joanna Preston -Recorders with Tom Bayliss - Harpsichord and the Giocosa Wind Ouartet. Cost is £5 (free entry for Friends)

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 10, 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.

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER, 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY THE FIRST READING

2 Kings 5. 1 - 3, 7 - 15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean? He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to then man of God, he and all his company; and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a resent from your servant.'

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17. 11 - 19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

COLLECT

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.