

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 21 November

Ps. 96; Isaiah 40. 1-11; Revelations 14. 1-13

Tuesday 22 November – Cecillia, Martyr of Rome.c.230

Ps. 97; Isaiah 40. 12-26; Revelations 14. 14-end of ch 15

Wednesday 23 November –Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr. C.100

Ps. 112; Isaiah 40.27-41.7; Revelatons 16.1-11

Thursday 24 November

Ps. 125; Isaiah 41.8-20; Revelations 16.12 - end

Friday 25 November – Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr 4th century; Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748

Ps. 139; Isaiah 41.21-42.9; Revelations 17

Saturday 26 November –

Ps. 145; Isaiah 42.10-17; Revelations 18

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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 20 NOVEMBER 2022 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT CHRIST THE KING

- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP
President: Rev' Claire Rose-Casemore
Talk: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER
- 4 pm 5 PARISH ADVENT SERVICE

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 21	9.30am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Bookworms at Tangletrees, Orchard Hill
Tues 22	10.30 am Northumbria Prayer (followed by Deanery Chapter) 7.00pm Northam Choral rehearsal 7.00 pm Alpha Course
Wed 23	9.30 am Music Makers (book through church office)
Thurs 24	9.00 am St Mary's School Advent Service
Fri 25	11.00 am Friday Diner (set up at 9.30am) 6.30 pm Thanksgiving Service for John Owens 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sat 26	8.00 am Morning prayer
Sun 27	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 11.15 am Encounter 4.00 pm 5 Parish Advent Service
Mon 28	9.30 am Holy Dusters

ADVENT SERVICE, - 27 NOVEMBER AT 4PM

There will be a 5P Advent Service with Advent carols and readings at 4pm on Sunday 27 November. This will be an opportunity for us all to come together as one Mission Community to worship. Please do put this in your diaries. There will be an 8am Said Holy Communion Service that day and an 11.15 am Encounter Service, but **no 9.30am Service.**

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

A big thank you to everyone who has already donated cash towards the Christmas hampers for families in need at St Mary's School.

If you would still like to make a donation, please hand in any money to the office at 9 Church Walk when the office is open, or pop through the letterbox at other times by 30 November if possible, please. Thank you very much.

HOLY GROUNDS

A belated thank you to everyone who attended, helped and donated cakes, for the Holy Grounds coffee morning on 12 November. It was a very enjoyable, lively morning with some new faces there as well so a big THANK YOU.

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 6 DECEMBER AT 6PM

There will be a Christmas Concert for Christian Aid at Bideford Methodist Church on Tuesday, 6 December at 6.00 pm. West Croft, St George's Infants and Appledore Schools will be performing as well as Littleham Howlers and Shirwell Singers. A cash collection will be taken for the work of Christian Aid.

APPLEDORE SINGERS' CHARITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 11 DECEMBER AT 2.30PM

Appledore Singers are holding their Charity Christmas Concert, in aid of North Devon Hospice, on Sunday 11 December, 2.30pm, at Northam Hall (top of Fore Street). Entry at the door £6 (U16s free) to include light refreshments. Contact Pam Beechey on 01237 420652

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER, SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

COLLECT

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

THE FIRST READING

Colossians 1. 11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

THE SECOND READING

Luke 23. 33 - 43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

