

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 28 November – Daily Eucharistic Lectionary Year 1 begins

Ps. 50; Isaiah 42.18-end; Revelations 19

Tuesday 29 November - Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the missionary work of the Church

Ps. 80; Isaiah 43. 1-13; Revelations 20

Wednesday 30 November – ANDREW THE APOSTLE

Ps. 144; Zechariah 8. 20-end; Jon 12. 20-32

Thursday 1 December – Charles de Foucoud, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916

Ps. 42; Isaiah 44. 1-8; Revelations 21. 9-21

Friday 2 December

Ps. 25; Isaiah 44. 9-23; Revelations 21.22 – 22.5

Saturday 3 December – Francis Xavier Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552

Ps. 9; Isaiah 44. 24- 45.13; Revelations 22. 6-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 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

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION
President: Rev' Claire Rose-Casemore
Talk: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER

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 28	9.30am Holy Dusters
Tues 29	7.00pm Northam Choral rehearsal 7.00 pm Alpha Course
Wed 30	9.30 am Music Makers (book through church office)
Thurs 1 Dec	11.00 – 12.00 noon Year 3 East-the-Water school 6.00 pm Wedding rehearsal
Fri 2	11.00 am Friday Diner (set up at 9.30am) 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sat 3	8.00 am Morning prayer 8.15 am Men's Breakfast 12 noon Wedding of Hannah Evans and Sebastian Sanders
Sun 4	9.30 am Celtic Communion 11.15 am Encounter
Mon 5	9.30 am Holy Dusters 2 pm M.U. "Christmas Here and There" - MU speaker Ann Leigh. followed by a festive tea. All are welcome.

PRAYERS

Please hold Hannah Evans and Sebastian Sanders in your prayers ahead of their wedding in St Mary's Church next Saturday, 3 December, at 12 noon.

ADVENT SERVICE, - TODAY 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.

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.

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. 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.

LIGHT UP A LIFE SERVICE, PANNIER MARKET- 10 DECEMBER AT 6.30PM

A special service for anyone who misses loved ones and a chance to remember them and celebrate their life.

NORTHAM CHORAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 10 DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

Please join us for Carols and Christmas music. There will be a £5 entry and retiring collection for RNLI.

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

CHRISTMAS CAROLS OUTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, MILL STREET 17 DECEMBER AT 11AM

Everyone is welcome to to the Christmas Carols starting from 11 am.

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COLLECT

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

THE FIRST READING

Romans 13. 11 – end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 24. 36 – 44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

