

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 7 Noember – Willbrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia 739

Ps. 20; Daniel 4. 19 – end; Revelations ch.5

Tuesday 8 November – The Saints and Martyrs of England

Ps. 21; Daniel 5. 1-12; Revelations ch.6

Wednesday 9 Novmber – Margery Kempe, Mystic. C. 1440

Ps. 23; Daniel 5. 13-end; Revelations Ch. 8

Thursday 10 November – Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 461

Ps. 25; Daniel ch.6; Revelations ch.8

Friday 11 November – Martin, Bshop of Tours c. 397

Ps. 32; Daniel 7. 1-14; Revelations 9.1-12

Saturday 12 November

Ps. 2; Daniel 7. 5-end; Revelations 9. 13-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 6 NOVEMBER 2022 THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

9.30 am	CELTIC COMMUNION President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
11.15 am	ENCOUNTER

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8 am	SAID HOLY COMMUNION President: Rev'd Alan Glover
11.30 am	CIVIC SERVICE FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY President: Rev' Alan Glover Talk: Rev'd Chris Hutchins

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 7 November	9.30am Holy Dusters
Tues 8	7.00pm Northam Choral rehearsal 7.00 pm Alpha Course
Wed 9	9.30 am Music Makers (book through church office)
Fri 11	10.50 am Armistice Service by War Memorial outside 11.00 am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sat 12	8.00 am Morning prayer 10.30 Holy Grounds cake & Coffee (Pam Howlett) 2 pm Thanksgiving Service for Daphne Preston-Smith
Sun 13	8 am Said Holy Communion 11.30 am Civic Remembrance Service
Mon 14	9.30 am Holy Dusters 2 pm Mothers' Union 7.30 pm Zoom PCC Meeting

Please note that there will not be a 9.30 am Service or 11.15 Encounter Service on Sunday 13 November due to the Civic Remembrance Service taking place at 11.30 am which everyone is welcome to attend.

Aspidistra plants to good homes!

Mary Dendle has several aspidistra plants from her mum that have now been split into more plants (5) which are available for re-homing.

They don't want any money for them but a donation to the church would be welcomed. Anybody interested can get in touch with Mary on: marydendle@gmail.com

MOTHERS' UNION – 14 NOVEMBER AT 2 PM

Our next meeting is Monday 14 November at 2pm here at St Mary's when our speaker is Hazel Hutchings. Her talk will be :- "A walk for Devon Ambulance"

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER, THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

COLLECT

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 22: 1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

THE SECOND READING

MATTHEW 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

