

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

### Monday 16 January

Hebrews 5: 1019; Psalms 110. 1-4; Mark 2.18-24

**Tuesday 17 January - Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbott, 356;** Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932

Hebrews 6. 10-end; Psalms 111; Mark 2. 23-end

**Wednesday 18 January** - Amy Carichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, Spiritual Writer, 1951;  
The Week of Prayer for Christian untl 25 January  
Hebrews 7. 1-3 & 15-17; Psalms 110. 1-4; Mark 3. 1-6

**Thursday 19 January – Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095**

Hebrews 7. 7-8.6; Psalms 40. 7-10 & 17-end; Mark 3 7-12

**Friday 20 January – Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 304**

Hebrews 8. 6-end; Psalms 85. 7-end; Mark 3. 13-19

**Saturday 21 January – Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304**

Hebrews 9. 2-3 & 11-14; Psalms 47. 1-8; Mark 3. 20-21

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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 15 JANUARY 2023

#### THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION  
President Rev'd Robin Pirrie  
Talk: Rev'd Chris Hutchins

11.15am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

### SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023

#### THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore  
Talk: Rev'd Chris Hutchins

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

*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 16 January	9.30am Holy Dusters
Tues 17	10.30am Holy Communion 2.30pm Reflections 7.30pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 18	9.30am Music Makers (book through church office) 3.45pm Mary's Place
Fri 20	11.00am Friday Diner 6.00-7.00pm Choir Practice – open rehearsal 7.00-9.00pm St Brannocks Chapter of Guild of Servants Mass and AGM
Sat 21	8.00am Morning Prayer 10-11am Treblemakers
Sun 22	8.00am Said Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15am Encounter Service

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,

Below are the week of midday services taking place in Bideford as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Everyone is welcome to any of these services. The dates and venues for the half-hour services from noon-12.30pm are:-

Wednesday, 18 Jan - Lavington URC, Bridgeland Street  
Thursday, 19 Jan - Methodist Church, 60 High Street  
Friday, 20 Jan - Quakers, Ethelwynne Brown Community Centre  
Monday, 23 Jan - St Mary's Church  
Tuesday, 24 Jan - Baptist Church, Mill Street  
Wednesday, 25 Jan - Roman Catholic Church, 3 North Road

## Open Choir Practice

On Friday 20 January, 6-7 pm, there will be an open choir practice for anyone who would like to see how the Choir works and maybe join in. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

## Treblemakers

The launch of the Junior Choir will take place on Saturdays, 21 and 28 January 10-11 am in St Mary's Church and will be led by Chris Beechey. If you know of any children who may be interested, please either speak to Chris or email [stmarysmusicbideford@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmusicbideford@gmail.com)

## Bookworms

The next Bookworms meeting will be on Monday, 23 January at 7.30 pm at Maggie Murray's house. We will be discussing 'Small Pleasures' by Clare Chambers, as well as having a nice social! New people always welcome.

## Messy Church

This monthly family group is for children 0-11, accompanied by parents/carers, with crafts, games, a bible story, song and prayer, finishing with tea together.

The cost is £2.50 per child, with a maximum of cost £6 per family.

Anyone wishing to book for the January session of Messy Church on Wednesday, 25 January from 3.30-5.15 pm, please contact Church Office on 472551 by 12 noon on Monday 23 January.

## 5 Parish Social, Supper & Skittles

Come along to our 5 Parish Social, Supper and Skittles at Littleham Village Hall on Thursday, 16 February from 6.30-9.30pm for a great evening of entertainment.

As well as skittles there will be games available to play and singing by The Howlers. The cost will be £5 per head, with children under 12 free. Included in the price will be bowl food, and coffee and tea (bring your own other drinks.)

Please sign-up on the list near the front door of church or telephone Sarah on 471441.

## Good News!

Many of you will know Wayne Britt, who attended St Mary's for many years before moving to Northam.

He has asked us to let you know that his daughter Donna gave birth to a son, Rory, on 5 January.

Rory is to have a blessing during the 9.30am Service on Sunday, 12 March at St Mary's Church.

We send our congratulations to the Wayne and all the family!

## SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2023 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### COLLECT

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THE FIRST READING**

### **Thanksgiving for Deliverance and Prayer for Help To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.**

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make  
the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.  
You have multiplied, O Lord my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;  
none can compare with you.  
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt-offering and sin-offering  
you have not required.  
Then I said, 'Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.  
I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.'

I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O Lord.  
I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.

Do not, O Lord, withhold  
your mercy from me;

let your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
keep me safe for ever.

For evils have encompassed me  
without number;  
my iniquities have overtaken me,  
until I cannot see;  
they are more than the hairs of my head,  
and my heart fails me.

## **THE SECOND READING**

### **John 1. 29 - 42**

#### **The Lamb of God**

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

#### **The First Disciples of Jesus**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

