

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

**Monday 23 January** Hebrews 9: 15.24-end; Psalms 98: 1-7;  
Mark 3: 22-30

**Tuesday 24 January Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva,  
Teacher, 1622**

Hebrews 10: 1-10; Psalms 40: 1-4. 7-10 Mark 3: 31-end

**Wednesday 25 January – THE CONVERSION OF PAUL**

Psalms 67; Acts 9: 1-22; Matthew 19 27-end

**Thursday 26 January – Timothy and Titus, companions of  
Paul**

Hebrews 10: 19-25; Psalms 26: 1-6; Mark 4: 32-25

**Friday 27 January**

Hebrews 10: 32-end; Psalms 37: 3-6. 40-end; Mark 4: 26-34

**Saturday 28 January – Thomas Aquinas, Priest,  
Philosopher, Teacher, 1274**

Hebrews 11: 1-2. 8-9; Hosea 8: Mark 35-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 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 Alan Glover

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

**SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2023**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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

11.15am 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 23 January	9.30am Holy Dusters 12.00 – 12.30pm Prayer for Christian Unity 7.30pm Bookworms at Maggie Murray's
Tues 24	10.30am Northumbria Prayer 7.30pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 25	9.30am Music Makers (book through church office) 3.30pm Messy Church (book through church office)
Thurs 26	2.00pm Funeral of Joyce Kersey
Fri 27	11.00am Friday Diner 6.00–7.00pm Choir Practice
Sat 28	8.00am Morning Prayer 10-11am Treblemakers
Sun 29	9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15am Encounter Service

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,

Below are the remaining midday half-hour services (12-12.30 pm) taking place in Bideford as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Everyone is welcome.

Monday, 23 Jan - St Mary's Church

Tuesday, 24 Jan - Baptist Church, Mill Street

Wednesday, 25 Jan - Roman Catholic Church, 3 North Road

## Treblemakers

The launch of the Junior Choir will take place again on Saturday, 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)

## Messy Church

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 tomorrow, 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.

## Free to a good home!

I have a GRACO highchair and a cot mattress size 120cm x 60cm and 11cm deep. Both in excellent condition, cot mattress only used twice. Both free. Please contact Jacquie Ballantyne tel 07811814341 or email [jballant@btinternet.com](mailto:jballant@btinternet.com)

## SUNDAY 22 JANUARY. THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### COLLECT

God of all mercy  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

### THE FIRST READING

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 1. 10 - 18

#### Divisions in the Church

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

### THE SECOND READING

#### Matthew 4. 12 – 23

#### Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.