

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 30 January – Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

Hebrews 1: 30-end; Psalms 31: 19-end; Mark 5: 1-20

Tuesday 31 January – John Bosc, Priest and Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888

Hebrews 12: 1-4; Psalms 22: 25b-end; Mark 3: 21-end

Wednesday 1 February – Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525

Psalms 95; Hosea 11. 1-11; 1 Corinthians 14. 1-19

Thursday 2 February – THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

Psalms 48; Exodus 13. 1-16; Romans 12. 1-5

Friday 3 February – Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865

Psalms 19; Hosea 13. 1-14; 1 Corinthians 16. 1-9

Saturday 4 February – Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189

Psalms 23; Hosea 14; 1 Corinthians 16. 10-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 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

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover

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 30 January	9.30am Holy Dusters
Tues 31	7.30pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 1 February	9.30am Music Makers (book through church office)
Fri 3	11.00am Friday Diner 6.00–7.00pm Choir Practice
Sat 4	8.00am Morning Prayer 8.15am Men's Breakfast
Sun 5	9.30am Celtic Communion 11.15am Encounter Service 3.00pm Bideford Music Club

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 by Sunday, 12 February.

LENT COURSE 2023

The Lent Course we will be following this year '**Dust and glory – A Lent journey of faith, failure and forgiveness**' is recommended by Archbishops of York and Canterbury.

There will be 2 options of doing the course:-

St Mary's Church on Thursday 2 March, then Wednesdays 8,15,22,29 March from 7.30-9 pm

or

Littleham Village Hall on Fridays 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 March, 2.30-4 pm

Please let the Church Office know if you would like to join the course (and which one), either as part of a home group or as an individual.

Also, if you are interested in purchasing the books which accompany this Course (this is not obligatory – but you may find them useful) please contact the office with email headed 'Good Living Order' on admin@stmaryschurchbideford.org or telephone 472551 and Debbie will place a bulk order with Christine at Good Living.

The book **Failure: What Jesus said about Sin, Mistakes and Messing Stuff up** will be approximately £10.

There is also a booklet **Dust and Glory** which offers 40 daily reflections for Lent on faith, failure and forgiveness. The adult edition is £1.99 and the child edition is £1.50.

Coffee Rota Teams

Could coffee rota teams please arrive at 9 am to set up/finish setting up for refreshments. It is not always possible for the Friday Diner team to set up for Sunday before leaving on Friday. Could all teams also remember to take away all recycling, food waste etc. Thank you.

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY. FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

COLLECT

God of heaven,
you send the Gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 12. 1-8

The Call of Abram

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord.

THE SECOND READING

John 2. 1 - 11

The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

