

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 9 January 2023

Psalm 29; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 14-end

Tuesday 10 January William Loud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645

Hebrews 2: 5-12; Psalm 8; Mark 1: 21-28

Wednesday 11 January – Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915

Hebrews 2: 14-end; Psalm 105: 1-9; Mark 1: 29-39

Thursday 12 January – Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167; Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth, Scholar, 689

Hebrews 3: 7-14; Psalm 95: 1, 8-end; Mark 1: 40-end

Friday 13 January – Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher, 367; Kentigern (Mungo) Missionary Bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria 603; George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends (The Quakers), 1691

Hebrews 4: 1-5; Psalm 78: 3-8; Mark 2: 1-12

Saturday 14 January

Hebrews 4: 12-end; Psalm 19: 7-end; Mark 2: 13-7

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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 8 JANUARY 2023

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

9.30 am ALL-AGE EPIPHANY SERVICE

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

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

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 9 January	9.30am Holy Dusters 12.00 noon MU lunch at The Royal 7.30pm PCC Meeting in St Mary's Church
Tues 10	10.30am Holy Communion (MU Corporate) 7.30pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 11	9.30am Music Makers (book through church office) 2.00pm Pastoral Care Meeting in Church House
Fri 13	11.00am Friday Diner 6.00 – 7.00pm Choir Practice
Sat 14	8.00am Morning Prayer 10.30 – 12.30 Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Sun 15	9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15am Encounter Service

Bideford Music Club Concert – TODAY AT 3.00PM

With Jonathan Radford, Saxophonist.

Pastoral Care

The next Pastoral Care Committee meeting is on Wednesday, 11 January. If you have anything which you would like discussed or brought to the attention of the committee please let me know. Thank you – Lorna.

Holy Grounds

Our next Coffee morning is on Saturday 14 January from 10.30 - 12.30. Please come. Bring your friends and spread the word. Home made cakes, fresh coffee, lovely tea and good company. See you there.

If you have any Christmas presents which you would like to give to a good home, please bring them to raise money for Alzheimer's (preferably not pets or things which St. Mary's folk have given you - don't want any upsets!). Thank you – Lorna.

Mary's Place

Mary's Place is a warm hub for families in St Mary's Church on the third Wednesday of the month, 18 January from 3.45-6 pm. It will provide a warm space, good (free) food, help with reading for primary children and good space for older children.

If you know of anyone who may be interested please ask them to phone the Church office (01237 472551) by Tuesday 10 January to book places.

SUNDAY 8 JANUARY 2023

COLLECT

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 60. 1-6 The Ingathering of the Dispersed

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 2.1-12 The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

