

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

### Monday 27 February – George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633

Psalm 80; Jeremiah 4: 19-end; John 5: 1-18

### Tuesday 28 February

Psalm 44; Jeremiah 5: 1-9; John 5: 19-29

### Wednesday 1 March – David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales c.601

Psalm 6; Jeremiah 5: 20-end; John 5: 30-end

### Thursday 2 March – Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

Psalm 42; Jeremiah 6: 9-21; John 6: 1-15

### Friday 3 March

Psalm 88; Jeremiah 6: 22-end; John 6: 16-27

### Saturday 4 March

Psalm 63; Jeremiah 7; 1-20; John 6: 27-40

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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 26 FEBRUARY 2023**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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| 8.00 am | SAID HOLY COMMUNION<br>President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie                 |
| 9.30 am | MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION<br>President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie |
| 11.15am | ENCOUNTER SERVICE  |

**SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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| 9.30 am | CELTIC COMMUNION<br>President: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield |
| 11.15am | ENCOUNTER SERVICE                                     |

***Please note that next month the All-Age Service will be on the third Sunday, 19 March at 9.30 am (rather than the usual second Sunday) to coincide with Mothering Sunday. As the All-Age Service has been moved to 19 March there will be a short 8 am Holy Communion Service on that day.***

*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 27 Feb	9.30am Holy Dusters
Tues 28	10.30am Northumbria Prayer 7.30pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 1 March	9.30am Music Makers (book through church office) 7.30 pm Bideford Music Club Concert - Maja Horvat - violin and Roelof Temmingh - piano, £15 on the door.
Thurs 2	7.30pm Lent Course at St Mary's (see below)
Fri 3	11.00am Friday Diner 2 pm World Day of Prayer, Bideford Baptist Church 2.30pm Lent Course at Littleham Village Hall (see below) 6.00 pm Choir Practice
Sat 4	8.00am Morning Prayer 8.15am Men's Breakfast 10.00am Treblemakers
Sun 5	9.30am Celtic Communion 11.15am Encounter Service

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This will take place on Friday 3 March at Bideford Baptist Church at 2pm, with refreshments afterwards. We do hope you can support it.

## LENT COURSE 2023

The Lent Course starts this week, either at 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.

## ORGAN RECITAL 3PM ON 5 MARCH, WITHERIDGE PARISH CHURCH

Chris Beechey will be giving an Organ Recital at Witheridge Parish Church on Sunday, 5 March at 3 pm, preceded by coffee and cake at 2.30 pm.

## PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Pastoral Care Committee Meeting is Tuesday 7 March at 2.30 pm. If you would like anything brought to their attention or discussed please let Lorna know on 477117.

## MOTHERING SUNDAY REQUEST

Foliage and /or flowers gratefully received on **Friday 17 March** to make up the bunches of flowers for Mothering Day. If you are able to help, even better (many hands make light and quicker work!) We will meet 10 am in the church by the font area. If anyone wants me to collect any greenery, please let me know.

## THANK YOU FROM GILL DEAN

"Thank you to the Church family for the gorgeous vase and amazing inscription given to me on my retirement as Head Server." Gill Dean.

## NOTICE OF REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

Before the Annual Church Council Meeting (APCM) takes place on Sunday 30 April, we need to revise our Electoral Roll.

Being on the Roll means you regard this church as a church of worship for you (and your family). You can still be a member of our Roll if you also attend other churches.

Being a member on the Roll allows you to vote on important issues for your church at the APCM.

The revision will take place between 19 March and 2 April.

Forms will be available in Church from 19 March for anyone who is new to St Mary's, changed address, or think they may not be on the Roll (and are baptised and aged 16 or over.)

## SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY - THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### COLLECT

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.

### THE FIRST READING Romans 5: 12 - 19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

## **THE SECOND READING Matthew 4: 1-22**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",  
and "On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,  
"Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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.

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