

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 13 March

Psalms 7; Jeremiah 11. 1-17; John 7. 37-52

Tuesday 14 March

Psalms 9; Jeremiah 11. 18-12.6; John 7.53-8.11

Wednesday 15 March

Psalms 38; Jeremiah 13.1-1; John 8.12-30

Thursday 16 March

Psalms 56; Jeremiah 14; John 8.31-47

Friday 17 March – Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460

Psalms 22; Jeremiah 15.10-end; John 8.48-end

Saturday 18 March – Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem Teacher, 386

Psalms 31; Jeremiah 16.10-17.4; John 9.1-17

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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 12 MARCH 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE
- 6 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST SWITHUN'S,
LITTLEHAM

SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MOTHERING SUNDAY

- 8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 9.30 am ALL AGE MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE and
Blessing for Rory (Wayne Britt's grandson)
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

The All-Age Service will be on the third Sunday this month, 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 also 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 13 March	9.30am Holy Dusters 2.00pm Mother's Union 7.30 pm PCC Meeting
Tues 14	7.30pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 15	9.30am Music Makers (book through church office) 3.45pm Mary's Place Warm Hub 7.30pm Lent Course
Fri 17	11.00am Friday Diner 2.30pm Lent Course at Littleham Village Hall
Sat 18	8.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Marriage Introduction Course
Sun 19	2.00pm St Mary's Singers practice for Handel's Messiah 8.00am Said Holy Communion 9.30am All Age Mothers' Day Service 11.15am Encounter Service

PRAYER

Following the sad passing of Rusty Crowhurst, please remember Lindy and family in your prayers. Please also pray for Sheila Gibbs and family following the passing of her husband, Keith, and Debbie Oke following the death of her brother, Danny.

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 at 10 am in the church by the font area. If anyone wants me to collect any greenery, please let Pattie Morris know.

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.)

FEEDBACK FOR REV'D CHRIS HUTCHINS

Rev'd Chris Hutchins would welcome some feedback from people on his ministry and talks/sermons that he's given or anything else. He needs

this for his portfolio which will be passed to Bishop Robert. Please send any feedback to Rev'd Chris on hutchins77@me.com Thank you.

SPONSORSHIP FOR PATTIE MORRIS

I am running a half Marathon in April to raise money for ARUK. We all probably know people who have suffered from this terrible disease. My Dad, Tony and Mum both died from it.

If you can spare any money to donate to this cause, I would be really grateful. You can sponsor me on my form which will be in church or donate to my Just Giving page below. Thank you x

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Pattie-morris?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20221023&mi_u=23802621&mi_ecmp=LFCFRUK_MomentumUpdate

SUNDAY 12 MARCH– THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

COLLECT

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING

Romans 5. 1- 11 Results of Justification

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

THE SECOND READING

John 4. 5-26, 39-42 Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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