

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

### Monday 20 March – JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

Psalm 100; Exodus 24 John 7. 1-24

### Tuesday 21 March – Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556

Psalm 79; Jeremiah 18. 1-22; John 10.1-10

### Wednesday 22 March

Psalm 90; Jeremiah 18.13-end; John 10.11-21

### Thursday 23 March

Psalm 86; Jeremiah 19. 1-13; John 10. 22-end

**Friday 24 March** – William Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon Mystic, 1396; Paul Couturier, Priest, Ecumenist, 1953; Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980  
Pslm 102; Jeremiah 19. 14-20.6; John 1. 1-16

### Saturday 18 March – THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Psalm 119. 33-72; Isaiah 52. 7-12; Hebrews 2. 5-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 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

### SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023

#### THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – (Passiontide begins)

- 8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION WITH PASSION READINGS  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION AND  
PASSION READINGS  
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
- 11.15 am 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 20 March	9.30am Holy Dusters
Tues 21	10.30am Holy Communion 2.30pm Reflections 7.30pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 22	9.30am Music Makers (book through church office) 3.30pm Messy Church (book through office) 7.30pm Lent Course
Fri 24	11.00am Friday Diner 2.30pm Lent Course at Littleham Village Hall 6.00pm Choir Practice
Sat 25	8.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Treblemakers 2.00pm St Mary's Singers practice for Handel's Messiah
Sun 26	8.00am Said Holy Communion and Passion Readings 9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion And Passion readings 11.15am Encounter Service

## PRAYER

Please remember Rory and family, as Rory comes for a blessing and thanksgiving today in our 9.30 am Service.

## NOTICE OF REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

The revision of the Electoral Roll takes place from today until Sunday 2 April.

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 on 30 April in St Mary's Church at 11.15 am. *(Please note there will be no Encounter Service that day.)*

If you are new to St Mary's, changed address in the last year or think you may not already be on the Roll (and are baptised and aged 16 or over), then please fill out a form (by the main door.) Please then either give the form to Justine Duhig (Electoral Roll Officer) or drop it at Church House by Sunday 2 April.

## 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](mailto:hutchins77@me.com) Thank you.

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who collected for the Children's Society. The money has now been counted and a total of £600 has been raised this year. Thank you! Liza Junkison.

## FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S – TALK BY SHARON BRADDICK ON BIDDEFORD, USA

Everyone is welcome to the next Friends' event on Tuesday 28 March at 2.30 pm in St Mary's Church when Sharon Braddick will be giving a talk on Biddeford, USA. The event will be free for members of Friends and £5 to non-members.

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

## SUNDAY 19 MARCH– THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### COLLECT

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### THE FIRST READING

#### 2 Corinthians 1. 3-7

#### Paul's Thanksgiving after Affliction

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

### THE SECOND READING

#### Luke 1: 30-38

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

