

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 3 April – Monday of Holy Week

Psalm 41; Lamentations 1. 1-12a; Luke 22. 1-23

Tuesday 4 April – Tuesday of Holy Week

Psalm 27; Lamentations 3. 1-18; Luke 22. 24-38, 39-53

Wednesday 5 April – Wednesday of Holy Week

Psalm 102; Jeremiah 11. 18-20; Luke 22. 54-end

Thursday 6 April – Maundy Thursday

Psalm 42; Leviticus 16. 2-24; Luke 23. 1-25

Friday 7 April – Good Friday

Psalm 69; Genesis 22. 1-18; Hebrews 10. 1-10

Saturday 8 April – Easter Eve

Psalm 142; Hosea 6. 1-6; John 2. 18-22

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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 2 APRIL PALM SUNDAY

- 9.10 am Procession with donkey from Victoria Park
- 9.30 am ALL AGE PALM SUNDAY SERVICE
with All-Age Team and Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
(Followed by Holy Communion in St Peter's Chapel
for those who would like it.)
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE
- 7.00 pm ST MARY'S SINGERS CONCERT –
Easter Excerpts from Handel's Messiah

SUNDAY 9 APRIL EASTER DAY

- 6.00 am DAWN EASTER SERVICE (by Kingsley Statue,
Victoria Park)
- 9.30 am EASTER FAMILY SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore/Rev'd Robin Pirrie
- 11.15 am **NO** 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

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| Mon 3 April | 9.30am Holy Dusters 2.00pm Mother's Union 7.00pm 5 Parish Compline |
| Tues 4 | 10.30am Holy Communion MU Corporate 2.00pm Rusty Crowhurst Thanksgiving Service 7.00pm 5 Parish Stations of the Cross 8.00pm Parish Prayer in St Mary's House |
| Wed 5 | 10.00am Stay and Play |
| Thurs 6 | 7.00pm Holy Communion with foot-washing and prayers Vigil |
| Fri 7 | 9.30 am Walk of Witness from Pollyfield 11.45am United Christians Together Service 2.00 pm Meditation |
| Sat 8 | 8.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Treblemakers 10.30 Holy Grounds Café 11.15am Meditation in chapel 8.00pm Easter Vigil Service |
| Sun 9 | 6.00am Dawn Easter Service – Kingsley Statue 9.30am Easter Day Family Service with Holy Communion |

EASTER EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH – TODAY AT 7PM

St Mary's Singers present Easter excerpts from Handel's Messiah with soprano Tina Gibbons, bass John Hobbs and organist Chris Beechey, conducted by John Nixon. Retiring collection for SEOD Nepalese Children's Home (Contact: Bill Owen)

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL/PCC

Please, can anyone wanting to join the Electoral Roll, let Justine/Church Office have their completed form by Sunday 2 April. (There are still forms available by the main entrance of church.)

The APCM this year will be on 30 April at 11.15 am, following the 9.30 am service. We will hear what has happened over the past year and what plans there are for the future. We will also be electing 2 Churchwardens, 10 PCC members (1 year term) and 3 Deanery Synod Reps ((3-year term.) *Please consider who you would like to be part of the leadership team of St Mary's Church— and if it could be you. The lists will be at the back of church for your nominations from Sunday 9 April.*

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR RUSTY CROWHURST – TUESDAY 4 APRIL AT 2PM

Following the very sad death of Rusty, there will be a Thanksgiving Service to celebrate his life on Tuesday 4 April at 2pm in St Mary's Church. There will be refreshments at the back of church following the service. Lindy and family would love to see anyone who knew Rusty.

CHRISTIAN AID SMARTIE TUBE APPEAL

Please could all the Smarties tubes be returned by Easter Sunday.

A massive thanks to those who have already donated.



SUNDAY 2 APRIL – PALM SUNDAY

COLLECT

True and humble King,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

THE FIRST READING

Mathew 21. 1 - 11

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,
'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'