

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 17 April

Psalm 19; Deuteronomy 1: 3-18; John 20: 1-10

Tuesday 18 April

Psalm 8; Deuteronomy 1: 19-40; John 20: 11-18

Wednesday 19 April – Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012

Psalm 30; Deuteronomy 3: 18-end; John 20: 19-end

Thursday 20 April

Psalm 28; Deuteronomy 4: 1-14; John 21: 1-14

Friday 21 April – Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher, 1109

Psalm 61; Deuteronomy 4: 15-31; John 2: 15-19

Saturday 22 April

Psalm 84; Deuteronomy 4: 32-40; John 21: 20-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 16 APRIL SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 23 APRIL THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am SAID HOLY COMMUNION

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
AND BAPTISM OF ISABELLE ZIDAN
President Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

12.30pm BAPTISM OF HALLIE SKELTON

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 17 April	9.30am Holy Dusters 2.00pm Funeral Service for Michelle Sykes 7.30 pm Bookworms at Maggie Murray's
Tues 18	10.0am Holy Communion 2.30pm Reflections
Wed 19	9.30am Music Makers (book via church office)
Fri 21	11.00am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir Practice
Sat 22	8.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Church Family Meeting 2.00pm Wedding of Joshua Lee and Antonia Ball
Sun 23	8.00am Said Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Baptism of Isabelle Zidan 11.15 am Encounter Service 12.30pm Baptism of Hallie Skelton

PRAYERS

Please remember Sue Jones and Rob Marnham following the sad passing of Sue's mum, Barbara Jones, this week.

Also, Lee and Lucas Sykes and all their family, ahead of Michelle's funeral at St Mary's Church on 17 April at 2pm.

We give thanks for Joshua Lee and Antonia Ball who will be joined together in marriage on Saturday 22 April at 2 pm. We wish them both every happiness.

THANK YOU FROM VALERIE REED

Valerie Reed is very grateful for all the visits, cards and messages from the Church family. She is doing well and hopes to be back home within the next few days.

VISIONING MEETING FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH

Following the Visioning Saturday last year, the churchwardens and I have been focusing on the development of a plan of how to progress the vision of our Church building as a community space and worship space which is more suitable for the 21st Century.

We have been praying for a Project Manager and we are grateful that God has answered our prayer.

As you know this has been an ongoing conversation over the years and we want to have the opportunity to share Architectural plans, 'where we are now' and our vision for the 'next steps' with you.

Please can you come and join us for a Meeting of information and discussion? Next Saturday 22 April; 9.30-11.30am in St Mary's Church.

We are all needed to make this vision a reality - so please be part of the adventure! God bless. Claire, Ben, Sally, Ro and Tom.

APCM AND NEW PCC COMMITTEE

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 (1-year term), 10 PCC

members (1 year-term) and 3 Deanery Synod Reps ((3-year term.) If you have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months, *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 are at the back of church for your nominations.*

FRIDAY, 21 APRIL, SPRING RECITAL AT ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, NORTHAM AT 12 NOON

A musical programme of seasonal organ, trumpet, flute and vocal solos and duets. Includes works by Haydn, Bach, Vivaldi, Rutter and Handel. Admission is free. Retiring collection at the end to assist with music making and upkeep of the church.

SATURDAY, 22 APRIL – APPLEDORE SINGERS, A SPRING NIGHT CONCERT – HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WESTWARD HO!

The Appledore Singers will be performing A Spring Night Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Westward Ho! on Saturday 22 April at 7.30 pm. There will be a retiring collection and raffle in aid of the Appledore Singers and Church funds.

U-CAN SUNDAY

Some folk may remember that before Covid, one Sunday a month was designated as "U-Can Sunday". On this day people were asked to donate food (tins, packets etc) or money, which was used to keep a store cupboard in Church to enable us to help those in need. We would also be very grateful for any spare carrier bags that you may have.

The PCC has decided to re-instate this action and would be very grateful for your gifts on the 4th Sunday of the month, starting next Sunday, 23 April. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING – MONDAY 24 APRIL, 2PM IN CHURCH HOUSE

If there is anything you would like brought to the attention of the Committee, or discussed, please let me know. Thank you. Lorna 477117.

SCREENING OF THE KING'S CORONATION ON 6 MAY

There will be a screening of the Coronation in the Panner Market with afternoon tea. More details to follow.

SERVICE MARKING THE KING'S CORONATION

Celebration of King Charles III Coronation will be included within the Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 7 May at 9.30 am. Please come; and tell friends and neighbours about it - they are warmly welcome.

In the afternoon there will be a Cream Tea run by Friends of St Mary's at the back of church from 2.30-4.30 pm.

SUNDAY 16 APRIL – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

THE FIRST READING, Acts 2.14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

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This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

THE SECOND READING, JOHN 20: 19 – end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe^l that Jesus is the Messiah,^l the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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