

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 24 April – GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND C.304

Psalm 116; Deuteronomy 8; Acts 8: 26-end

Tuesday 25 April – MARK THE EVANGELIST

Psalm 119. 33-72; Ecclesiastes 51:.13-end; Acts 15.35-end

Wednesday 26 April

Psalm 105; Deuteronomy 6; Ephesians 2: 1-10

Thursday 27 April – Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1884

Psalm 136; Deuteronomy 7: 1-11; Ephesians 2: 11-end

Friday 28 April – Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841

Psalm 107; Deuteronomy 7: 12-end; Ephesians 3: 1-13

Saturday 29 April – Catherine of Sienna, Teacher, 1380

Psalm 110; Deuteronomy 18: 9-end; Ephesians 3: 14-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 23 APRIL THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am SAID HOLY COMMUNION

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

12.30pm BAPTISM OF HALLIE SKELTON

SUNDAY 30 APRIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am APCM AND NEW PCC COMMITTEE

1.30pm BAPTISM OF HOLLY MUDWAY

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 24 April	9.30am Holy Dusters 2.00pm Pastoral Care Meeting 7.30 pm Zoom Standing Committee
Tues 25	10.30am Northumbria Prayer 12.45 pm Funeral of Chrys Aitken
Wed 26	9.30am Music Makers (book via church office) 7.30pm Bideford Music Club Concert – Connaught Brass
Fri 28	11.15am Friday Diner (set up at 9.30am) 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 29	8.00am Morning Prayer 8.15am Men's Breakfast 10.00am Treblemakers Open Practice 1.00pm Wedding of Martin Jefferey and Sarah Diamond-Magnoni
Sun 30	9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am APCM 1.30pm Baptism of Hollie Mudway

PRAYERS

Please remember Hallie Skelton and family as she is baptised today. Also, the family of Isabelle Zidan who was due to be baptised today but have had to postpone due to illness.

We pray for the family of Chrys Aitken whose funeral takes place in St Mary's on Tuesday 25 April at 12.45 pm.

We give thanks for Martin Jeffery and Sarah Diamond-Magnoni who will be joined together in marriage on Saturday 29 April at 1 pm. We wish them both every happiness.

Please also remember the following Church family in your prayers: Cynthia Dymond, Chris Sawle, Gwyn Dendle, Ian Davis, John Day and Hazel Taylor.

THANK YOU FROM PATTIE MORRIS

Pattie Morris would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored her for her recent London landmarks Half Marathon for Alzheimer's Research UK. She managed to raise over £1,100 for this very worthwhile charity.

APCM AND NEW PCC COMMITTEE

The APCM this year will be NEXT SUNDAY 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. Today is the final day to nominate someone/add your name to the lists at the back of church.*

U-CAN SUNDAY - TODAY

Today is "U-Can Sunday. Thank you to anyone who has brought food (tins, packets etc) or money. If you intended to bring in food today, but have forgotten, you can always make a money donation which will be used to help St Mary's keep a store cupboard of food to help those in need. 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.

BIDEFORD MUSIC CLUB CONCERT – WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL AT 7.30PM

Connaught Brass will be performing for the next Bideford Music Club Concert at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 26 April at 7.30 pm. Cost is £15 payable on the door.

NORTHAM CHORAL SOCIETY - SATURDAY 29 APRIL – BAPTIST CHURCH, WESTWARD HO! AT 7.30 PM

Northam Choral Society look forward to singing for your pleasure at their Spring Concert. They will be performing four pieces from the 1700s: Vivaldi's Gloria, Mozart's Te Deum Laudamus, a Te Deum by Baldassare Galuppi, and the delightful Requiem by Nunes Garcia.

Tickets are £10 (Children under 16 and students free), and will be available from members of the choir, Henry Walter's Bookshop or on the door.

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 23 APRIL – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with our peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

THE FIRST READING, Acts 2.14a, 36-41

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.

'Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

THE SECOND READING, Luke 24. 13 – 45. The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.

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