

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 1 May – PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

Psalm 139; Proverbs 4. 10-18; James 1. 1-12

Tuesday 2 May – Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, teacher, 373

Psalm 48; Deuteronomy 9. 23 – 10.5; Ephesians 4. 17-end

Wednesday 3 May

Psalm 135; Deuteronomy 10. 12-end; Ephesians 5. 1-14

Thursday 4 May – English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

Psalm 57; Deuteronomy 11. 8-end; Ephesians 5. 15-end

Friday 5 May

Psalm 51; Deuteronomy 12. 1-14; Ephesians 6. 1-9

Saturday 6 May

Psalm 34; Deuteronomy 15. 1-18; Ephesians 6. 10-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 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 ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
- 1.30pm BAPTISM OF HOLLY MUDWAY

SUNDAY 7 MAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRATING THE CORONATION OF
KING CHARLES III
President Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE
- 12.30pm BAPTISM OF RONNIE MILLER
- 2.30PM CORONATION CREAM TEA WITH
FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

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

Tues 2	10.30am Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate) 7.30 pm Parish Prayer Meeting (St Mary's House)
Wed 3	9.30am Music Makers (book via church office) 7.30pm Bideford Music Club Concert
Fri 5	11.15am Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 6	8.00am Morning Prayer 12 noon Wedding of Sue Jones and Rob Marnham
Sun 7	9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15am Encounter 12.30pm Baptism of Ronnie Miller 2.30pm Coronation Cream Tea with Friends of St Mary's

PRAYERS

Please remember the families of Holly Mudway who is being baptised today, and Ronnie Miller who is being baptised on Sunday 7 May.

In our prayers we remember the family of Ian Davis, who very sadly passed away this week. Details will follow about his funeral arrangements.

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

Our love and prayers go to Sue Jones and Rob Marnham who are to be married in St Mary's Church on Saturday, 6 May at 12 noon. We wish them all the very best in their married life together. They invite the Church family to the ceremony and tea/coffee at the back of church afterwards.

THANK YOU FROM SUSAN JEFFERY

A huge thank you goes out to the Church family following the Smarties tubes collection for Christian Aid which has raised an amazing £948.48! Thank you very much to everyone who has donated towards this.

THURSDAY, 4 MAY 12.00 NOON LUNCHTIME RECITAL BY CHRIS BEECHEY

This will take place at St Mary Magdalene, South Molton.

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 30 APRIL – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

THE FIRST READING, Acts 2.42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

THE SECOND READING, John 10. 1 – 10 Jesus the Good Shepherd

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again, Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.