



## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

### Monday 10 April – Monday of Easter Week

Psalm 111; Song of Solomon 1: 9-2: 7; Mark 16: 1-8

### Tuesday 11 April – Tuesday of Easter Week

Psalm 112; Song of Solomon 2: 8-end; Luke 24: 1-12

### Wednesday 12 April – Wednesday of Easter Week

Psalm 113; Song of Solomon 3; Matthew 28: 16 - end

### Thursday 13 April – Thursday of Easter Week

Psalm 114; Song of Solomon 5: 2 – 6:3; Luke 7: 1-17

### Friday 14 April – Friday of Easter Week

Psalm 115; Song of Solomon 7: 10 – 8:4; Luke 8: 41 - end

### Saturday 15 April – Saturday of Easter Week

Psalm 116; Song of Solomon 8: 5-7; John 11: 17 - 44

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## BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN

Part of the Mission Community of  
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*Our Purpose:*

*TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD*

# 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

## 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

*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**

Fri 14 April	11.15am Friday Diner
Sat 15	8.00am Morning Prayer
Sun 16	9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am Encounter Service

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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? 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.) *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 today, Sunday 9 April.*

### **SATURDAY, 22 APRIL – APPLIEDORE 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.

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

### **SUNDAY 9 APRIL – EASTER DAY**

#### **COLLECT**

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell;  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

#### **THE FIRST READING**

##### **ACTS 10. 34 - 43**

##### **Gentiles Hear the Good News**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

#### **THE SECOND READING**

##### **MATTHEW 28. 1 - 10**

##### **The Resurrection of Jesus**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'