

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 15 May –MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

Psalm 95; Deuteronomy 7.6-13; Matthew 6. 5-18

Tuesday 16 May – Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877

Psalm 126; Deuteronomy 28. 1-14; 1 Peter 4.12-end

Wednesday 17 May

Psalm 132; Deuteronomy 28.58-end; 1 Peter 5

Thursday 18 May – ASCENSION DAY

Psalm 110; 2 Kings 2.1-15; Ephesians 4.1-16

Friday 19 May – Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988

Psalm 81; Deuteronomy 29.2-15; 1 John 1.1-2.6

Saturday 20 May – Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804

Psalm 47; Deuteronomy 30; 1 John 2.7-7

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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 14 MAY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield
- 9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP
All-Age Team and Rev'd Chris Hutchins
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE
- 6 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT WEARE GIFFARD

SUNDAY 21 MAY

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday after Ascension Day)

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

Mon 15	9.30am Holy Dusters 2.00pm Mother's Union – talk with Bill Owen - Nemaste Supporting Orphanages om Nepal
Tues 16	10.30am Holy Communion 2.30pm Reflections
Wed 17	9.30am Music Makers (book via church office) 2.20 pm Funeral of Ian Davis at N.D. Crematorium
Thurs 18	11.00am Ascension Day Service at Chudleigh Fort
Fri 19	11.15am Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 20	8.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Treblemakers
Sun 21	9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15am Encounter

PRAYERS

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

And also the family and friends of Ian Davis ahead of his funeral on 17 May at North Devon Crematorium at 2.20 pm.

CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY AT WEARE GIFFARD

Choral Evensong will take place at Weare Giffard at 6 pm today. Everyone is very welcome.

Christian Aid Week 2023 - 14-20 May

Music for Malawi Concert – Friday 19 May, Bideford Methodist Church at 7.30 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend this concert featuring South Molton Town Band and South Molton Methodist Circuit Choir.

There is no entry fees, but cash donations for Christian Aid would be much appreciated.

SUNDAY 14 MAY – THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

THE FIRST READING, Acts 17. 22 – 31

PAUL IN ATHENS

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

THE SECOND READING, John 14. 15 – 21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'