

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

### Monday 22 May

Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31.1-13; 1 John 17.1-11

### Tuesday 23 May

Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 31.14-29; 1 John 3.1-10

### Wednesday 24 May – John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn writers, 1791 and 1788

Psalm 29; Deuteronomy 31.30 – 32.14; 1 John 3.11-end

### Thursday 25 May – The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735; Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709

Psalm 24; Deuteronomy 32.15-47; 1 John 3.1-end

### Friday 26 May - Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605; John Calvin, Reformer, 1564; Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595

Psalm 28; Deuteronomy 33; 1 John 4.7-end

### Saturday 27 May

Psalm 43; Deuteronomy 32.48-end, 34; 1 John 5

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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 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

### SUNDAY 28 MAY

#### DAY OF PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)

8.00am SAID HOLY COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Alan Glover

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

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

(Also U-can Sunday for any donations of tins, packets etc.)

*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 22	9.30am Holy Dusters 7.30pm PCC Meeting at back of church
Tues 23	10.30am Northumbria Prayer 7.30pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 24	9.30am Music Makers (book via church office) 3.30pm Messy Church (book through church office)
Thurs 25	12.00 noon Lunchtime Concert –Tina Gibbons and Lorraine Homewood
Fri 26	11.15am Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 27	8.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Treblemakers
Sun 28	8.00am Said Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15am Encounter

### **PRAYERS**

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

Please also remember Cynthia Dymond's family and friends following her sad passing away this week. Details of her funeral will follow.

### **STREAMS – THURSDAY 8 JUNE, LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL**

The next Streams will be on Thursday 8 June between 2 and 4.30 pm at Littleham Village Hall.

There will be an opportunity for women of any age to do a range of activities and/or stroll through the woods etc. Suggested donations of £5 to cover costs. Please ring Sarah on 01237 471441 to book a place.

### **THANK YOU FROM SUE AND ROB MARNHAM**

"Sue & Rob would like to thank everyone who helped make our Wedding Day so special - thanks to everyone for your love and support, shown in so many different ways, including Order of Service, ushers, registrar, flowers (stunning!), decorations, music, teas and coffees, food, wedding cards and gifts, and probably lots of other things that we've forgotten to mention! It is very much appreciated - thank you most of all for being there to celebrate with us!"

### **SUNDAY 21 MAY – THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday after Ascension Day)**

#### **COLLECT**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **THE FIRST READING, Acts 1.6 – 14 The Ascension of Jesus**

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

### **Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas**

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### **THE SECOND READING, John 17. 1 – 11**

#### **Jesus Prays for His Disciples**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.