

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

### Monday 8 May - Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417

Psalms 145; Deuteronomy 16. 1-20; 1 Peter 1. 1-12

### Tuesday 9 May

Psalms 19; Deuteronomy 17. 18-end; 1 Peter 1. 13-end

### Wednesday 10 May

Psalms 30; Deuteronomy 18. 9-end; 1 Peter 2. 1-10

### Thursday 11 May

Psalms 57; Deuteronomy 19; 1 Peter 2. 11-end

### Friday 12 May – Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk Scholar, 1952

Psalms 138; Deuteronomy 21. 22-22.8; 1 Peter 3. 1-12

### Saturday 13 May

Psalms 46; Deuteronomy 24. 5-end; 1 Peter 3.13-end

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*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.*



## 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 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
- 12.30 pm BAPTISM OF RONNIE MILLER
- 2.30 PM CORONATION CREAM TEA WITH  
FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

## SUNDAY 14 MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00 am 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

### Dates of Events and Meetings

Wed 10	9.30am Music Makers (book via church office)
Thurs 11	12 noon Lunchtime Concert with Andrew Millington
Fri 12	11.15am Friday Diner
Sat 13	8.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Treblemakers 10.30am Holy Grounds Café
Sun 14	8.00am Said Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 11.15am Encounter 6 pm Evensong at Weare Giffard

### PRAYERS

Please remember the family of Ronnie Miller who is being baptised today.

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

### Ian Davis Funeral

This will take place on Wednesday 17 May at 2.20 pm at North Devon Crematorium. Following the service there will refreshments at the Pier House, Westward Ho!

### Return of Lunchtime Concerts

The Lunchtime Concerts return this week with the first one on Thursday 11 May at 12 noon with Andrew Millington on the organ. There is no charge for the concert but there will be a retiring collection.

*Please note the earlier time of 12 noon for the concerts. Each concert will last approximately 50 minutes.*

### Community Energy Generation in Northern Devon and Energy Conservation – Saturday 13 May 11am-1 pm in Room 3b at Barnstaple Library. (Tea/coffee available from 10.30 am)

Representatives from Energy4All CIC, 361 Energy CIC and the Forum will join forces to facilitate a discussion about all aspects of community energy. Everyone is welcome.

## SUNDAY 7 MAY – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### COLLECT

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,  
bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,  
and all who are in authority under him;  
that they may order all things  
in wisdom and equity, righteousness, and peace,  
to the honour of your name,  
and the good of your Church and people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### THE FIRST READING, Isaiah 40.12-17, 25-31

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,  
and weighed the mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,  
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,  
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
and are accounted as dust on the scales;

see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,  
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him;  
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,

not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,

‘My way is hidden from the Lord,

and my right is disregarded by my God’?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,

and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint.

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'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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