

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 19 June – Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man),
Evangelist, Teacher, 1929
Psalm 44; Ezra 1; Romans 9. 1-18

Tuesday 20 June
Psalm 48; Ezra 3; Romans 9. 19-end

Wednesday 21 June
Psalm 119. 57-80; Ezra 4. 1-5; Romans 10. 1-10

Thursday 22 June - Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c250
Psalm 57; Ezra 4. 7-end; Romans 10. 11-end

Friday 23 June – Ethelreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678
Psalm 51; Ezra 5; Romans 11. 1-12

Saturday 24 June –THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
Psalm 116; Ecclesiastes 48. 1-10; Luke 3. 1-20

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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 18 JUNE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 8.00 am | SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore |
| 9.30 am | FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE
All-Age Team with Rev'd Chris Hutchins |
| 11.15 am | ENCOUNTER SERVICE |

SUNDAY 25 JUNE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 8.00 am | SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover |
| 9.30 am | FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover |

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 19 June	11.00 am Funeral of Sydney Collins 7.30 pm Bookworms at Maggie Murray's
Tues 20	10.30 am Holy Communion 7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 21	9.30 am Music Makers (book through church office)
Fri 23	11.15 am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir Practice
Sat 24	8.00 am Morning Prayer
Sun 25	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Family Worship Service 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

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

Also, Karel Johnston's family (Graham, Karen, Ian and Amanda) after she sadly passed away this week.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Sydney Collins ahead of his funeral tomorrow at 11.00am.

DR ADAM HICKSON – TALK ON MENTAL HEALTH

Dr Adam Hickson will be giving a talk on Mental Health at 7 pm on Tuesday, 27 June in St Mary's Church. Everyone is invited to come along and hear him. Enquiries to Lorna 477117.

U-CAN SUNDAY, 25 JUNE

Next Sunday is "U-Can Sunday. We would be very grateful of donations of food (tins, packets etc) or money, which is used to keep a store cupboard in Church to enable us to help those in need. We would also be very grateful for any spare carrier bags that you may have.

SUNDAY 18 JUNE

COLLECT

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING

A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little

water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

THE SECOND READING

Mathew 9.35–10.8 - The Harvest Is Great, the Labourers Few

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

The Twelve Apostles

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

