

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 24 July

Psalms 1; Jeremiah 26; 2 Corinthians 11. 1-15

Tuesday 25 July—JAMES THE APOSTLE

Psalms 29; 2 Kings 1. 9-15; Luke 9. 46-56

Wednesday 26 July – Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Psalms 119. 1-32; Jeremiah 29. 1-14; 2 Corinthians 12

Thursday 27 July - Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher, 1901

Psalms 14; Jeremiah 30; 1-11; 2 Corinthians 12

Friday 28 July

Psalms 191; Jeremiah 30. 12-22; James 1. 1-11

Saturday 29 July – Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of our Lord

Psalms 23; Jeremiah 31. 1-22 James 1. 12-end

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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 23 JULY SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 am	SAID HOLY COMMUNION President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
9.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP with Holy Communion President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie Talk: Rev'd Claire Rse-Casemore
11.15 am	ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 30 JULY EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

Mon 24 July	9.30am Holy Dusters 7.30pm Bookworms at Maggie Murray's (Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus)
Tues 25 July	10.30am Northumbria Prayer 2.30 pm Pastoral Care Meeting – St Mary's House
Wed 26	10.00am Stay & Play
Thurs 27	12 noon Lunchtime Concert with David Davies
Fri 28	11.15 am Friday Diner 6.00pm Choir Practice
Sat 29	8.00 am Morning Prayer
Sun 30	9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

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

U-CAN SUNDAY, TODAY, 23 JULY

Today 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.

STAY AND PLAY- EACH WEDNESDAY DURING SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Stay and Play sessions in St Mary's Church start next Wednesday, 26 July, and continue each Wednesday until the last session on 30 August. Each session will be from 10 am to 12 noon for children under 5 and their carers (siblings up to age 8 are also welcome.) There will be lots of toys, story time, parachute games etc. It is free of charge, but a voluntary donation of £2 to cover refreshment costs would be welcome.

It would also be very helpful to have a couple more volunteers. Please speak to Rachael Hutchins if you think you might be able to help.

CHRISTIAN AID SUMMER SUPPER, WEDNESDAY 26 JULY

Christian Aid is holding a Summer Supper on Wednesday 26 July, at 6pm, at Bideford Baptist Church Hall. There will be quiche and salad, a range of desserts, and tea or coffee. Please let Sue Jeffery know if you are coming, or put your name on the sign-up sheet, as this will help with catering. Donations are for Christian Aid.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT – THURSDAY 27 JULY WITH DAVID DAVIES

Join us for the next Lunchtime Concert at 12 noon, Thursday, 27 July, with David Davies on the organ. There will be retiring collection for church funds.

SUNDAY 23 JULY – COLLECT

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING Romans 8. 12 – 25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

THE SECOND READING - Matthew 13. 24 – 30 AND 36 – 43

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!