

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 14 August - Maximillian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941
Palm 71; Jeremiah 41; Mark 2: 23-3: 6

Tuesday 15 August – THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Psalm 98; Isaiah 7. 10-15; Luke 1. 27-28

Wednesday 16 August
Psalm 77; Jeremiah 43; Mark 3. 19b-end

Thursday 17 August
Psalm 78. 1-39; Jeremiah 44. 1-14; Mark 4. 1-20

Friday 18 August
Psalm 55; Jeremiah 44. 15-end; Mark 4. 22-34

Saturday 19 August
Psalm 76; Jeremiah 45; Mark 4. 35-end

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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 13 AUGUST TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
AND BAPTISM OF DEMELZA-MARY LANE
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST SUNDAY ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield
Talk: Rev'd Chris Hutchins
- 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 14 Aug	9.30am Holy Dusters
Tues 15	10.30am Said Holy Communion 2.30pm Reflections 7.30 pm Bookworms at Maggie Murray's
Wed 16	10.00am Stay & Play
Thurs 17	9.00am – 4pm Emergency First Aid at Work Course
Fri 18	11.15 am Friday Diner (set up at 9.30am)
Sat 19	8.00 am Morning Prayer 3.00pm Baptism of Eve Mileham
Sun 20	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, Hazel Taylor and Roger Phillips.

Please also pray for Demelza-Mary Lane, and her family, as she comes to be baptised today at St Mary's Church.

CHURCH BARBECUE

For the Church Barbecue on Saturday 26 August (12.30-4pm) we would be grateful if people could please bring salads/desserts.

ALPHA

The course will begin on Thursday 5 October in St Mary's Church, lasting for 11 weeks, and will end on Thursday 14 December. Approximately midway through, on Saturday 18 November, we will have a day meeting with worship, two or three sessions of the course and lunch.

Please let either Robin, Chris or Debbie know if you would like to book a place on the course and whether you would like to invite a friend.

We are all really looking forward to seeing as many people as possible.

Claire, Marisa, Chris and Robin

FRIDAY DINER – Help needed please!

We are now serving an average of 35 meals at our Friday Diner, but we cannot run the diner every week without the help of the volunteers and the amazing people who provide the food (cooked at home and brought in on a Friday). Are you able to offer help in providing home-made vegetable soup, main meals or puddings? We can reimburse people for cost of food (with a receipt). If you are able to help, or want to know more about the Friday Diner, please speak to Richard James, Pam Howlett or Ro Day. Thank you.

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST – TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 139. 1- 18 - The Inescapable God

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,

O LORD, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

THE SECOND READING

Mark 1. 9 - 11 – The Baptism of Jesus

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Mark 10. 13 -16 – Jesus Blesses little children

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.