

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 28 August – Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher, 430

Psalm 98; Micah 7. 1-7; Mark 6. 45-end

Tuesday 29 August - The Beheading of John the Baptist

Psalm 106; Micah 7. 8-end; Mark 7. 1-13

Wednesday 30 August - John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688

Psalm 111; Habakkuk 1. 1-1; Mark 7. 14-23

Thursday 31 August – Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

Psalm 115; Habakkuk 1.12 – 2.5; Mark 7. 24-30

Friday 1 September – Giles of Prone, Hermit, c.710

Psalm 139; Habakkuk 2. 6-end; Mark 7. 3-end

Saturday 2 September – The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942

Psalm 120; Habakkuk 3. 2-19a; Mark 8. 1-0

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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 27 AUGUST TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 8.00 am | SAID HOLY COMMUNION |
| 9.30 am | MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore |
| 11.15 am | ENCOUNTER SERVICE |

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 9.30 am | MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
and JUNIOR CHURCH
President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins
Talk: Rev'd Robin Pirrie |
| 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

Wed 30	10.00am Stay & Play
Fri 1 Sept	6.00pm Open Choir Practice- all newcomers welcome
Sat 2	8.00 am Morning Prayer 8.15 am Men's Breakfast
Sun 3	9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion, and Junior Church, 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

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

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Mike and Marian Johns who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 24 August.

Love to you both on this very special occasion from the Church family.

ALPHA

The course will begin on Thursday 5 October, 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

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST – TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 1. 8 – 22 – The Israelites Are Oppressed

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians

became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

THE SECOND READING Romans 12. 1 – 8 – The New Life in Christ

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16. 13 – 20 – Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.