

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 4 September - Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon),
Apostle of Wessex, 650
Psalm 126; Haggai 1. 1-11; Mark 8. 11-21

Tuesday 5 September
Psalm 132; Haggai 1.12 – 2.9; Mark 8. 22-26

Wednesday 6 September – Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder
of the South American Mission Society, 1851
Psalm 119. 153-end; Haggai 2. 10-end; Mark 8. 27-91

Thursday 7 September
Psalm 143; Zechariah 1. 1-17; Mark 9. 2-13

Friday 8 September – The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Psalm 144; Zechariah 1. 1-17; Mark 9. 2-13

Saturday 9 September – Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880
Psalm 147; Zechariah 3; Mark 9. 30-37

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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 3 SEPTEMBER THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 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

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
- 9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP
President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE
- 6 pm SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE
Rev'd Marisa Cockfield

*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 4 Sept	9.30am Holy Dusters
Tues 5	10.30am Holy Communion (M.U.Corporate) 7.30 pm Parish Prayer in St Mary's House
Wed 6	9.30am Music Makers
Fri 8	11.15.-12.30 Friday Diner 2.00pm Funeral of John Wadey
Sat 9	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00am Treblemakers Open Practice 10.30am Holy Grounds Café
Sun 10	8.00am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Family Worship 11.15 am Encounter 6.00pm Songs of Praise

PRAYERS

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

Also Joan Wadey and family ahead of John's funeral at St Mary's Church on Friday 8 September at 2 pm.

TREBLEMAKERS

First practice of the new term is on Saturday 9 September at 10.00 am.

It's an Open Practice for anyone from Primary School age to come along and see what we do. Email stmarysmusicbideford@gmail.com for more information.

SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE – SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER AT 6PM

There will a Songs of Praise Service in St Mary's Church next week on 10 September at 6 pm.

If you have a favourite hymn you would like to hear, please add it today to the list near the entrance in St Mary's Church, or let Debbie know in the office by tomorrow morning, 4 September.

It will not be possible to include everyone's favourites but, hopefully, there will be some amongst those chosen that most people will enjoy.

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING Exodus 3. 1 – 15 Moses at the Burning Bush

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not

consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' 'He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 16. 21 – end Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'