

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 7 August – John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866
Psalm 44; Jeremiah 36. 19-en; Mark 1. 1-13

Tuesday 8 August – Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

Psalm 48; Jeremiah 37; Mark 1 14-20

Wednesday 9 August – Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mother's Union, 1921

Psalm 119. 57-80; Jeremiah 38—13; Mark 1. 21-28

Thursday 10 August - Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258

Psalm 56; Jeremiah 38. 14-end; Mark 1. 29-end

Friday 11 August Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253; John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890

Psalm 51; Jeremiah 39; Mark 2. -12

Saturday 12 August

Psalm 68; Jeremiah 40; Mark 2. 13-22

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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 6 AUGUST NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
Talk: Olive Bush
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

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

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 7 Aug	9.30am Holy Dusters
Tues 8 Aug	9.00am – 4.00pm Emergency First Aid at Work Course
Wed 9	10.00am Stay & Play
Thurs 10	12 noon – Lunchtime Concert – Early Music Consort
Fri 11	11.15 am Friday Diner (se up at 9.30am)
Sat 12	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.30am Holy Grounds Café
Sun 13	8.00am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and baptism of Demelza-Mary Lane 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

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

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST – LUNCHTIME CONCERT AT 12 NOON

The next event at St Mary's Church will be an Early Music Consort with Tom Bayliss - Harpsichord, Jo Preston – Flute and Tina Gibbons – Soprano. This will be on Thursday 10 August at 12 noon.

There is no admission charge but there will be a retiring collection.

HOLY GROUNDS CAFÉ

Don't forget the next Holy Grounds Café on Saturday 12 August between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm. Free cakes, coffee and tea, and good company. What's not to like!

CHURCH BARBECUE

Following on from the successful Rectory barbecue last year we now have a date for another one.

Please add Saturday 26 August in your diaries, from 12.30-4 pm. It will be held in the Rectory garden but, if wet, in the church instead.

There will be games for the children, and stalls.

All you need to bring are a folding chair (if possible), yourselves, and a friend if you would like!

ALPHA

This Autumn is Alpha time again but this year we thought we might offer something a little different. In past years we have tried to keep the group to about 12 people which didn't always leave room for all the established members of the congregation who wished to take part in the experience. So, this year we would like to offer a 5 Parish Alpha for everyone in our mission community! This means that we will try to accommodate any member of our congregations and any guests that they might wish to bring on the course.

We hope not to disrupt our home groups so we will meet on a Thursday evening at 7:00pm at St Mary's starting with a social time with drinks and cake followed by watching the Alpha course video together as a large group. We will then break into smaller groups to make it easier for everyone who wishes to take a full part in the discussion.

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.

We hope this will be a real opportunity to come together as church family with invited friends to explore our faith in a lively and non-threatening environment, to strengthen the bonds of friendship within our 5 parishes and hopefully to provide an opportunity to welcome any new friends you may wish to invite.

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 6 AUGUST – NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord

THE FIRST READING – ROMANS 9. 1-5 God's Election of Israel

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit — I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING - Matthew 14. 13–21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.