

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 2 October

Psalm 71; Ezekiel 10. 1-19; Mark 14. 1-11

Tuesday 3 October – George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1958

Psalm 73; Ezekiel 11. 14-end; Mark 14. 12-25

Wednesday 4 October – Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226

Psalm 77; Ezekiel 12. 1-16; Mark 14. 26-42

Thursday 5 October

Psalm 78. 1-39; Ezekiel 12. 17-end; Mark 14. 43-52

Friday 6 October – William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536

Psalm 55; Ezekiel 13. 1-16; Mark 14.53-65

Saturday 7 October

Psalm 76; Ezekiel 14. 1-11; Mark 14. 66-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 1 OCTOBER

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
AND JUNIOR CHURCH
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Brother Alasdair Kay

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield

9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP HARVEST FESTIVAL
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

6 pm CHORAL EVENSONG – WEARE GIFFARD

*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 2 October	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Tues 3	10.30 am Holy Communion (MU Corporate) 7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal 7.30 pm Parish Prayer in St Mary's House
Wed 4	9.30 am Music Makers 2.30 pm Harvest Service at Moreton Court 7.30 pm Bideford Music Club Concert
Thurs 5	7.00 pm Alpha Course – St Mary's Church
Fri 6	11.15 am Friday Diner
Sat 7	8.00 am Morning Prayer 8.15 am Men's Breakfast 10.00 am Treblemakers
Sun 8	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Family Worship Harvest Service 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

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

HELP NEEDED AHEAD OF HARVEST SERVICE

Maggie Murray will be decorating the church on Friday 6 October at 10 am if anyone can also help her. Any donations of flowers and foliage to add as decoration on Friday would also be great.

As St Mary's is an eco-church, it means oasis can no longer be used for flower arrangements. If anyone has any spare medium to large size clear vases they no longer need, Maggie would very much appreciate them.

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER– SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE FIRST READING

Philippians 2. 1 – 13 Imitating Christ's Humility

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 21. 23 – 32 The Authority of Jesus Questioned

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.