THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 11 September Psalm 1; Zechariah 4; Mark 9.38-end

Tuesday 12 September Psalm 5; Zechariah 6.9-end; Mark 10.1-16

Wednesday 13 September – John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher, 407 Psalm 119. 1-32; Zechariah 7; Mark 10.17-31

Thursday 14 September – HOLY CROSS DAY Psalm 71; Daniel 4.19-end; Romans 15. 1-13

Friday 15 September – Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258 Psalm 19; Zechariah 8.9-end; Mark 10.35-45

Saturday 16 September – Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432; Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian. 1882 Psalm 23; Zechariah 9.1-12; Mark 10.46-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 10 SEPTEMBER FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE
- 12.45pm BAPTISM OF DAISY TYTHCOTT

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

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Mon 11 Sept	9.30am Holy Dusters
	2.00pm Mother's Union
	7.30pm PCC Meeting
Tues 12	7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 13	9.30am Music Makers
Fri 15	11.15pm Friday Diner
	6.00pm Choir Practice
Sat 16	8.00 am Morning Prayer
	10.00am Treblemakers
Sun 17	9.30 am Celtic Communion
	11.15 am Encounter
	12.45pm Baptism of Daisy Tythcott

PRAYERS

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

ALPHA

There is still time to book onto the Alpha Course if you are thinking about it and haven't already done so.

The course starts 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. It will be great to see as many people as possible. Claire, Marisa, Chris and Robin

FRIDAY DINER

We are now serving an average of 35 meals at our Friday Diner, but we would not be able to run the Diner every week without the help of the volunteers giving their time, and the amazing people who provide the food (cooked at home and brought into the church on a Friday). We do have a rota, so we know who is providing what, and when.

If you feel you would be able to provide food (we can reimburse for cost of food with a receipt) or would like to be one of our volunteers (serving refreshments, serving meals, washing up etc) then please speak to Ro Day, Richard James, or Pam Howlett. Thank you.

MAGGIE MURRAY'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please note that Maggie's telephone number is 01237 429303, **not** 479303 as previously notified.

SPARE TICKET FOR APPLEDORE BOOK FESTIVAL

There is a spare ticket to hear Ann Cleeves talk at the Appledore Book Festival on Sunday 24 September at 3.15 pm. Please let me know if you are interested. Lorna 01237 477117.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to all the amazing people who have responded to the plea for coffee makers at Music Makers. You really are wonderful. I hope to have a rota organised by the weekend. Lorna

FILM NIGHTS

The nights are drawing in and maybe, especially if you live on your own, you may be thinking about what to do in the evening. David Sparkes has very kindly offered his home for a Film Night on probably the 4th Wed. in the month for those who would like to share a film with people in a similar situation. 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. Coffee and biscuits as well!

If you are interested, or for more information, please contact me. Lorna

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SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY COLLECT

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING

Romans 13.8-14 Love for One Another

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

An Urgent Appeal

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 18. 15 – 20 Reproving Another Who Sins

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'