

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

### Monday 18 September

Psalms 30; Zechariah 10; Mark 11.1-11

### Tuesday 19 September – Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

Psalms 36; Zechariah 11.4-end; Mark 11.12-26

### Wednesday 20 September – John Coleridge Patterson, first Bishop of Melanesia and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

Psalms 34; Zechariah 12.1-10; Mark 11.27-end

### Thursday 21 September – MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Psalms 49; 1 Kings 19.15-end; 2 Timothy 3.14-end

### Friday 22 September

Psalms 31; Zechariah 14.1-11; Mark 12.13-17

### Saturday 23 September

Psalms 42; Zechariah 14.12-end; Mark 12.18-27

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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 17 SEPTEMBER

#### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

### SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(UCAN Sunday when all donations of tins and packets to boost Friday Diner very welcome.)

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| 8.00 am  | SAID HOLY COMMUNION<br>President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore                |
| 9.30 am  | MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMUNION<br>President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore |
| 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 18 Sept	9.30am Holy Dusters
Tues 19	10.30am Holy Communion 2.30pm Reflections 7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 20	9.30am Music Makers
Thurs 21	5.50pm Wedding Rehearsal for Ildiko and Donato
Fri 22	11.15am Friday Diner 6.00pm Choir Practice
Sat 23	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00am Treblemakers 3.30pm Wedding of Ildiko Varadi and Donato Luongo
Sun 24	8.00am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am Encounter

## PRAYERS

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

We pray for Daisy Tythcott, and her family, as she comes to be baptised at St Mary's later today.

Also, we pray for Ildiko and Donato as they get married in St Mary's Church on Saturday 23 September at 3.30 pm.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday today to Betty Thompson; what a lady!

Also, congratulations to Ro Day celebrating a special birthday on 19 September.

Encounter Service – Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday!

Finally, congratulations to Liz and John Riley who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 22 September.

Our love and best wishes to you all from the Church family.

## SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### COLLECT

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.

### THE FIRST READING Romans 14.1-12

#### Do Not Judge Another

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has

welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### THE SECOND READING Matthew 18. 21 - 35

#### Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

#### The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.