

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 25 September – Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626. Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher, 1392
Psalm 44; Ezekiel 1. 1-14; Mark 12. 28-34

Tuesday 26 September – Wilson Carlisle, Founder of the Church Army, 1942
Psalm 48; Ezekiel 1. 15-22; Mark 12. 35-end

Wednesday 27 September – Vincent de Paul; Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660
Psalm 119.57-80; Ezekiel 2.3-3.11; Mark 13. 1-13

Thursday 28 September
Psalm 57; Ezekiel 3 12-end; Mark 13. 14-23

Friday 29 September – MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
Psalm 139; 2 Kings.6.8-17; Acts 12. 1-11

Saturday 30 September – Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher, 420
Psalm 68; Ezekiel 9; Mark 13. 32-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 24 SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

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

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 25 Sept	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Bookworms at Maggie Murray's
Tues 26	10.30 am Northumbria Prayer 9.30 am Pastoral Care Meeting in St Mary's House 7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 27	9.30 am Music Makers 3.30 pm Messy Church (Book through church office)
Thurs 28	7 pm Wedding Rehearsal for Lynn and Simon
Fri 29	11.15 am Friday Diner (set up at 9.30am) 6.00 pm Choir Practice
Sat 30	8.00 am Morning Prayer 1.00pm Wedding of Lynn Gordon and Simon Burke
Sun 1 October	9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

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

Please pray for Lynn Gordon and Simon Burke ahead of their wedding on Saturday 30 September in St Mary's Church.

BISHOP ROBERT'S FAREWELL SERVICE

Those who wish to watch Bishop Robert's Farewell Service online can find it on <https://youtu.be/jsMMN8LmEYo> (It seems to start at 17 mins 14 seconds into the recording)

It was an extremely moving service, tinged with sadness as Bishop Robert will be greatly missed.

APPLEDORE SINGERS

Appledore Singers are holding an 'Open Rehearsal' this Monday, 25 September, from 7.30pm – 9pm at Appledore Baptist Church. Ladies who would like to 'try us out' are sure of a warm welcome. Contact Pam Beechey on 01237 420652.'

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING

Jonah 3.10-4.11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 20. 1 – 16 The Labourers in the Vineyard

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'