

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 16 October – Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs, **1555**
Psalm 98; Ezekiel 28. 1-19; John 13. 10-11

Tuesday 17 October – Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107
Psalm 106; Ezekiel 33. 1-20; John 13. 12-20

Wednesday 18 October – LUKE THE EVANGELIST
Psalm 145; Isaiah 55; Luke 1. 1-4

Thursday 19 October – Henry Martin, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812
Psalm 116; Ezekiel 34. 1-16; John 13. 31-end

Friday 20 October
Psalm 139; Ezekiel 34. 17-end; John 14. 1-14

Saturday 21 October
Psalm 121; Ezekiel 36. 16-36; John 14. 15-end

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BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN

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*Our Purpose:
TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD*

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Alan Glover

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President: Alan Glover

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 16 Oct	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Standing Committee (via Zoom)
Tues 17	10.30am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Reflections 7.30pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 18	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 19	2.30 pm Kingsley School Harvest Service 7.00 pm Alpha Course – St Mary's Church
Fri 20	11.15 am Friday Diner 6.00pm Choir Practice
Sat 21	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers
Sun 22	8.00 am 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.

FILM NIGHT

The next 'Film Night at Dave's' will be on Wednesday, 25 October, 6.30 pm for 7 pm.

If you are usually alone in the evening and would like to watch a film with people in a similar position please get in touch, sooner rather than later, as numbers are limited. Thank you. Lorna Tel. 01237 477117 or dorrinton@btinternet.com

MESSY PUMPKIN PARTY – TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 3.30-5.30 PM

Instead of the usual Messy Church on the fourth Wednesday of the month, this month there will be a Messy Pumpkin Party on **Tuesday 31 October** from 3.30-5.30 pm.

Please contact Church Office on 01237 472551 by Thursday 26 October if you would like to book places.

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER– NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 25.1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

THE SECOND READING Matthew 22. 1- 14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'