

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 23 October –

Psalm 126; Ezekiel 37. 1-14; John 15. 1-11

Tuesday 24 October

Psalm 122; Ezekiel 37. 15-end; John 15. 12-17

Wednesday 25 October – Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs of Rome c.287

Psalm 119. 153-end; Ezekiel 39. 21-end; John 15.18-end

Thursday 26 October – Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899. Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664

Psalm 143; Ezekiel 43. 1-12; John 16. 1-15

Friday 27 October

Psalm 144, Ezekiel 44. 4-16; John 16. 16-22

Saturday 28 October – SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Psalm 119; Isaiah 59. 9-20; Luke 14. 1-14

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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 22 OCTOBER

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION

President: Alan Glover

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

President: Rev'd Dr Philippa Bellows

Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am ALL SOULS MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

1.45 pm BAPTISM OF HALLE MOORE

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 23 Oct 9.30 am Holy Dusters
5-6 pm Israel-Gaza : A time for Reflection and Prayer,
(St Mary's House)
6-7 pm Israel-Gaza : A time for Reflection and Prayer,
(St Mary's House)
7.30 pm Bookworms at Maggie Murray's

Tues 24 10.30 am Northumbria Prayer
7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal

Wed 25 10.00 am Stay and Play
2.30 pm Friends of St Marys – Lesly Holland talk about Noah's
Place
6.30 pm Film Night at Dave's

Thurs 26 7.00 pm Alpha Course

Fri 27 11.15 am Friday Diner
6.00 pm Choir Practice

Sat 28 8.00 am Morning Prayer

Sun 29 9.30 am All Souls Morning Worship with Holy Communion
11.15 am Encounter
1.45 pm Baptism of Halle Moore

PRAYERS

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

Today is UCAN Sunday when we welcome all donations of food (tins, packets etc) or money, which is used to keep a store cupboard in Church to enable us to help those in need.

Please see below details of some events coming up in the next few weeks.

Monday 23 October - Israel – Gaza : A time for reflection and prayer

Following my talk last Sunday, a number of people have approached me to ask if there could be an opportunity to reflect on some of the points that I raised. So, I suggest that we might consider meeting on Monday 23 October in St Mary's House at either 5pm or 6pm.

The meeting will last for an hour which will allow us time to have a discussion, reflection, and prayer. Each hour will be limited in the number of participants so please let Debbie know, or add you name to the list at front of church if you would like to take part, and which time would suit you. If more people wish to come than we have room for we will add another time to the list. If people do not wish to take this further that is also absolutely fine as well.

If there is an interest in this, I look forward to our time together.
Robin

malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Monday 23 October, 7.30 pm—Bookworms

The next meeting, at Maggie Murray's, will discuss two books:-
The Daughters of Swefling by Barbara Grantham Hicks and
American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins.

Wednesday 25 October (10 am to 12 noon) Stay and Play

This session will be from 10 am to 12 noon for children under 5 and their carers (siblings up to age 8 are also welcome.) There will be lots of toys, story time, parachute games etc. It is free of charge, but a voluntary donation of £2 to cover refreshment costs would be welcome.

**Wednesday 25 October, 2.30 pm Friends of St Mary's
Talk by Lesley Holland about Noah's Place**

Noah's Place is a local charity which provides people with special support needs a place to enjoy fun activities, learn new skills and make new friends in a safe environment.

Entry to talk is £5, or free for Friend's members.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

**Wednesday 25 October, (6.30pm for 7 pm) – Film Night at
Dave's**

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

Friday 27 October – The Big Quiz, Skern Lodge

On behalf of Parkinson's Northern Devon (Tel John 473337 for more information)

Sunday 29 October, 9.30 am – All Souls Service

As part of our 9.30 am Service on Sunday 29 October we are inviting families of people whose funerals have been taken by the priests of St Mary's over the past twelve months, to join us in our special All Souls Service.

If you have any family members/friends who have died since November 2022 that you would like included in the list of people read out in church, please let Debbie know in the office by Wednesday 25 October and she will add them.

Tuesday 31 October, 10.30 am – All Saints Service

This is an extra Tuesday Communion Service to commemorate All Saints Day.

Tuesday 31 October 3.30-5.15 pm – Messy Pumpkin Party

Instead of the usual Messy Church on the fourth Wednesday of the month, this month there will be a Messy Pumpkin Party for children aged 5-11 (accompanied by a carer) on **Tuesday 31 October** from 3.30-5.15 pm.

Fun, crafts, games, story, song, and food. Wear bright clothes!

£2.50 per child with maximum of £7 per family.

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

Wednesday 1 November, 7.30 pm—Bideford Music Club

The next performers for Bideford Music Club at St Mary's Church will be George Todica on piano and Charlotte Hoather, Soprano.

The programme will feature soprano and piano and solo piano pieces, and will include works by Schubert, Liszt, Grieg.

Tickets are £16.50 on the door. Children/students free.

Wednesday 8 November, 2-4.30 pm Streams, Littleham Village Hall

An afternoon for ladies of all ages to relax, create, chat or just eat cake!

The afternoon starts and ends with a short time of worship. Drinks and cake provided.

Please note there will be no Junior Church on Sunday 5 November as it will be the Family All-Age Service. Remembrance Sunday Service will be on the second Sunday, 12 November, at 11.30 am.

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER— TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**THE FIRST READING Isaiah 45.1-7
CYRUS, GOD'S INSTRUMENT**

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

**THE SECOND READING Matthew 22. 15- 22
THE QUESTION ABOUT PAYING TAXES**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their