

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 6 November – Leonard Hermit, 6th century, William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher, 1944
Psalm 2; Isaiah 1. 1-20; Matthew 1. 18-end

Tuesday 7 November – William of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739

Psalm 36; Isaiah 1. 21-end; Matthew 2. 1-15

Wednesday 8 November – The Saints and Martyrs of England

Psalm 9; Isaiah 2. 1-11; Matthew 2. 16-end

Thursday 9 November – Margery Kempe, Mystic. C.1440
Psalm 15; Isaiah 2. 12-end; Matthew 3

Friday 10 November – Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 461

Psalm 16; Isaiah 3. 1-15; Matthew 4. 1-11

Saturday 11 November – Martin, Bishop of Tours, c.397

Psalm 18. 31-end; Isaiah 4.2 – 5.7; Matthew 4. 12-22

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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 5 NOVEMBER FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER ARMISTICE DAY

10.50 am SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT MEMORIAL
ST MARY'S CHURCH

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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

11.30 am REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

(No 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.

Please note that today's Family (All-Age) Service will be followed by Holy Communion for those people who would like it.

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 6 Nov	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Tues 7	10.30 am Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate), coffee, then interment of ashes of Ian Davis 7.30pm Northam Choral Rehearsal 7.30 pm Parish Prayer in the Vicarage on this occasion.
Wed 8	9.30 am Music Makers 2-4 pm Streams – Littleham Village Hall
Thurs 9	7.00 pm Alpha Course
Fri 10	11.15 am Friday Diner
Sat 11	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 10.30 am Holy Grounds Café 'Come and See' 10.50 am Armistice Service at St Mary's
Sun 12	8 am Said Holy Communion 11.30 am Remembrance Day Service

PRAYERS

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

PLEA FOR CAKES

We would be very grateful of donations of cakes, homemade or bought equally appreciated, for the next Holy Grounds Café on Saturday 11 November (10.30 am to 12.30 pm.)

ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE

There will be the opportunity to join the quiet Service of Remembrance outside (on 11 November) between 10.50 and 11.05 am, following which the Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Bideford Branch standard will be laid up in St Mary's Church.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE, 12 NOVEMBER AT 11.30 AM

Autumn is now upon us, and Remembrance Sunday on 12 November is swiftly drawing near.

What an opportunity this offers our church family; lots of people, who don't normally attend church, flocking through our doors.

What can we do?

First, we need to make sure we'll be there to make them welcome.

Second, we need to ask God to start preparing their hearts.

Third, we need to ask the Holy Spirit to inspire all those involved in the service so that it really speaks to our guests about our God of love.

Finally, we need to trust him to guide us through our conversations with them.

Be alert, be prepared, then watch and see what our great God will do.

David Sparkes

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER – FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

COLLECT

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 2. 9–13

Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica

You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

THE SECOND READING Matthew 24. 1 – 14

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

Signs of the End of the Age

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Persecutions Foretold

'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.