

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 9 October – Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his companions, Martyrs c 250; Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253

Psalms 80; Ezekiel 14. 12-end; Mark 5. 1-15

Tuesday 10 October – Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644; Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual writer. 1674

Psalms 89; Ezekiel 18. 1-20; Mark 15. 16-32

Wednesday 11 October – Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675; James the Deacon, Companion of Paulinus, 7th century

Psalms 119. 105-128; Ezekiel 20. 21-32; Mark 15. 33-41

Thursday 12 October – Wilfred of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709; Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845; Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915

Psalms 92; Ezekiel 20. 1-20; Mark 15. 42-end

Friday 13 October – Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066

Psalms 88; Ezekiel 20. 21-38; Mark 16. 1-8

Saturday 14 October

Psalms 97; Ezekiel 24. 15-end; Mark 16. 9-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 8 OCTOBER EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 8.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Marisa Cockfield |
| 9.30 am | FAMILY WORSHIP HARVEST FESTIVAL
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore |
| 11.15 am | ENCOUNTER SERVICE |
| 6 pm | CHORAL EVENSONG – WEARE GIFFARD |

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 9.30 am | CELTIC COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins
Rev'd Robin Pirrie |
| 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 9 October	9.30 am Holy Dusters 2.00pm Mother's Union
Tues 10	7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 11	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 12	7.00 pm Alpha Course – St Mary's Church
Fri 13	11.15 am Friday Diner 6.00pm Choir Practice
Sat 14	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers 10.30am Holy Grounds Café
Sun 15	9.30 am Celtic Communion 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

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

CHORAL EVENSONG TONIGHT

Choral Evensong is tonight at 6 pm at Weare Giffard. Everyone is very welcome.

HOLY GROUNDS CAFÉ

Don't forget Holy Grounds Café in St Mary's Church next Saturday, 14 October, between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm.

Free coffee (or tea!), cake and good chat on offer.

SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER– EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING

Philippians 3. 4b – 14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had; these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness

of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing towards the Goal

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 21. 33 – end

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes"?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.