

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 20 November - Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870; Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876

Psalm 47; Isaiah 9. 8-10; Matthew 7. 1-12

Tuesday 21 November

Psalm 52; Isaiah 10. 5-19; Matthew 7. 13-end

Wednesday 22 November – Cecillia, Martyr of Rome c 230

Psalm 56; Isaiah 10. 20-32; Matthew 8. 1-13

Thursday 23 November – Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr. C.100

Psalm 62; Isaiah 10. 33- 11.9; Matthew 8. 14-22

Friday 25 November

Psalm 63; Isaiah 11. 10-end of 12; Matthew 8. 23-end

Saturday 26 November – Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century; Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748

Psalm 78. 1-39; Isaiah 13. 1-13; Matthew 9. 1-17

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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 19 NOVEMBER SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

- 9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins
Talk: Revd Philippa Bellows
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE AND BAPTISM OF
FREYA NELSON
- 6.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG, LITTLEHAM

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

- 8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
AND BAPTISM OF BEATRICE ACKROYD
President Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 11.30 am ENCOUNTER
- 3.00 pm HARTLAND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

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 20 Nov	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Bookworms at Ro Day's
Tues 21	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Reflections 7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 22	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 23	7.00 pm Alpha Course – St Mary's Church
Fri 24	11.15 am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir Practice
Sat 25	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers
Sun 26	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and baptism of Beatrice Ackroyd 11.15 Encounter 3.00 pm Hartland Chamber Orchestra Concert

PRAYERS

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

We also remember Alan, Jane and family following the sad passing of Alan's mother, Jean Caroline Glover last weekend. Please hold them in your prayers ahead of the funeral on 1 December at 10.30 am at St Giles Church.

We also welcome Freya Nelson, and her family, as she is baptised into the church family today at St Mary's in the Encounter Service.

U-CAN SUNDAY, 26 NOVEMBER

Next Sunday is U-Can Sunday. We would be very grateful of 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. We would also be very grateful for any spare carrier bags that you may have.

CHRISTMAS FRIDAY DINER 8 DECEMBER

We are holding our Christmas Friday Diner on 8 December and would like to give out gift bags to our clients from all at St Mary's Church. Would you be able to donate a pair of new men's socks (we will need 45 pairs) and ladies socks (8 pairs) for us to put in the bags? If you can help, please put in the box/bag at the back of the church before the 1 December.

Thank you, on behalf of the Diner Team – Pam.

"Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

DAVE'S FILM NIGHT

The next 'Dave's Film Night' will be on Wed. 22 Nov. If you are usually on your own and would like to watch with others in a similar position, please contact me. First come, first served! Many thanks Lorna 01237 477117 dorrinton@btinternet.com Probably no club in December but maybe 'Dave's Party Time' instead!

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING AND SALE – SATURDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

Lavington United Reformed Church are holding a Christmas Coffee Morning and Sale on Saturday 25 November from 10 am to 1 pm. There will be lots of stalls, gifts, a raffle, and light refreshments.

HARTLAND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Hartland Chamber Orchestra will be putting on a fundraising concert for St Mary's Church next Sunday 26 November at 3 pm in St Mary's Church.

There will be music by Elgar, Mendelssohn, Handel and others.

Admission is £10, under 18's free, and tickets are either available in advance (see Debbie or Church Office), or on the door on 26 November.

The orchestra was very well received the last time they played at St Mary's, and definitely worth coming out for on a November afternoon!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR CHRISTIAN AID

There will be a Christmas Concert for Christian Aid at Bideford Methodist Church on Tuesday 5 December at 6.00 pm. A cash collection will be taken for the work of Christian Aid.

CHANCE TO WIN HANDMADE DOUBLE QUILT

We have been given a beautiful handmade double quilt. It can be seen at the back of the Church and will be raffled. Tickets are £1.00 a strip or 6 strips for £5.00. The raffle will be drawn at the December Holy Grounds Coffee Morning on Saturday 9 December. Nadine.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Any donations of money would be very appreciated towards the cost of the 60 hampers Maggie Murray is preparing for St Mary's School, West Croft and East-the-Water Schools. Please pass any donations to Debbie, Ro, Lorna and Liza in the Church Office.

**SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER –
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1.7, 12 - end

The Coming Judgement on Judah
Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The Great Day of the LORD
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 25. 14 – 30

The Parable of the Talents
'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,