

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 27 November

Psalm 96; Isaiah 14. 3-20; Matthew 9. 18-34

Tuesday 28 November

Psalm 97; Isaiah 17; Matthew 9.35-10 & 15

Wednesday 29 November

Psalm 112; Isaiah 19; Matthew 10. 16-33

Thursday 30 November – ANDREW THE APOSTLE

Psalm 139; Isaiah 24; Matthew 11. 2-19

Friday 1 December

Psalm 88, Isaiah 22. 1-14;

Saturday 2 December

Psalm 97; Isaiah 2; Matthew 11. 20-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 26 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

CHRIST THE KING

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
11.15 am	ENCOUNTER
3.00 pm	HARTLAND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30 am	ADVENT MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION AND JUNIOR CHURCH President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore Talk Revd Robin Pirrie
11.15 am	ENCOUNTER SERVICE
4.30 pm	5 PARISH CANDLELIT ADVENT SERVICE AT ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH, LITTLEHAM (Refreshments at 4 pm)

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 27 Nov	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Tues 28	10.30 am Northumbria Prayer 7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 29	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 30	9.00 am Advent Service for St Mary's School 7.00 pm Alpha Course
Fri 1 Dec	11.15 am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir Practice
Sat 2	8.00 am Morning Prayer 8.15 am Men's Breakfast 10.00 am Treblemakers 1.30-3.30 pm Nativity Rehearsal
Sun 3	9.30 am Advent Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter
4 pm for 4.30 pm	5 Parish Candlelit Advent Service at Littleham

PRAYERS

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

We also keep Alan, Jane and family in our prayers ahead of Jean Glover's (Alan's mother) funeral on 1 December at 10.30 am at St Giles Church.

We have also heard the sad news of the death of Rev'd Revd Robert Gordon of the North Creedy West Mission Community. Some of you will remember that he used to be a Curate at St Mary's Church many years ago.

The funeral will take place on Thursday 30 November at 11.30 am at St Peter's, Tiverton and Bishop Jackie will be leading the service. Everyone is welcome. (Those clergy attending are requested not to robe up.)

Please keep Steph, Robert's wife, and their family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

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 1 Dec. Thank you, on behalf of Diner Team - Pam.

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER – SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

COLLECT

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

THE FIRST READING

Ephesians 1. 15 – end – Paul's Prayer

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love^[e] towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 25. 31 – end – The Judgement of the Nations

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.