

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 15 January

Psalms 146; Genesis 6.11 – 7.10; Matthew 24. 1-14

Tuesday 16 January

Psalms 132; Genesis 7. 11-end; Mathew 24. 15-28

Wednesday 17 January – Anthony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot

356; Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932

Psalms 81; Genesis 8. 1-14; Mathew 24. 29-end

Thursday 18 January –Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, Spiritual Writer, 1961; The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity until 25 January

Psalms 76; Genesis 8.15 – 9.7; Mathew 25. 1-13

Friday 19 January - Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

Psalms 27; Genesis 9. 8-19; Mathew 25. 14-30

Saturday 20 January – Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349

Psalms 122 Genesis 11. 1-9; Matthew 25. 31-end

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BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN

Part of the Mission Community of
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Our Purpose:

TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

- 8 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP
All-Age Team and Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER AND TABI HUTCHINS' THANKSGIVING SERVICE
- 6 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2024

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

- 9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION,
President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins
- 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 15 January	9.30 am Holy Dusters 2.00 pm Funeral of June Hayes 7.30 pm Bookworms at Justine Duhig's
Tues 16	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.00 pm Reflections 7.30 pm Northam Choral rehearsal
Wed 17	9.30 am Music Makers 1.30 pm Funeral of David Pinney
Fri 19	11.15 am Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 20	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Guitar Workshop
Sun 21	9.30 am Celtic Communion 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

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

Please also remember June Hayes and David Pinney (and their families) ahead of their funerals at St Mary's Church next week.

We also pray for Tabi, Rachael and Chris as Tabi has her Thanksgiving Service today in the Encounter Service at 11.15 am.

All who care for Tabi and would like to celebrate her are very welcome. There will be light refreshments (and probably cake!) after the service. Chris and Rachael Hutchins.

GUITAR WORKSHOP- SATURDAY, 20 JANUARY, 10AM-12.30 PM

There will be a Guitar Workshop led by Michael Wright with Pete Scott at St Mary's Church on Saturday, 20 January from 10 am to 12.30 pm.

It is open to all ages. Just bring your own guitar. There will be free refreshments. For more information speak to Chris Beechey.

DAVE'S FILM NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY

For those who live alone, but would like to watch a film with others, the next film night is Wednesday 24 January. Please let me know if you would like to go. Thank you. Lorna 477117.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Below are the week of midday services taking place in Bideford as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme this year is *'You shall love the Lord God and your neighbour as yourself'*. Everyone is welcome to any of these services. The dates and venues for the half-hour services from noon-12.30pm are:-

- Thursday, 18 Jan - Methodist Church, 60 High Street
- Friday, 19 Jan - Roman Catholic Church, 3 North Road
- Monday, 22 Jan - Baptist Church, Mill Street
- Tuesday, 23 Jan - URC, Bridgeland Street
- Wednesday, 24 Jan – Salvation Army (at St Mary's Church)
- Thursday, 25 Jan – St Mary's Church

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY – SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

COLLECT

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end;
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING – 1 Samuel 3.1-10

Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

THE SECOND READING – John 1. 43 - end

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'