



THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 26 February

Psalm 32; Genesis 43. 16-end; Hebrews 1

Tuesday 27 February - George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633

Psalm 50; Genesis 44. 1-17; Hebrews 2. 1-9

Wednesday 28 February

Psalm 35; Genesis 44. 18-end; Hebrews 2. 10-end

Thursday 29 February

Psalm 34; Genesis 45. 1-15; Hebrews 3. 1-6

Friday 1 March – David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales.c.601

Psalm 41; Genesis 45. 16-end; Hebrews 3. 7-end

Saturday 2 March – Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

Psalm 76; Genesis 46. 1-7 and 28-end, Hebrews 4. 1-13

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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 25 FEBRUARY 2024
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
UCAN SUNDAY**

- 8 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
Talk: Rachael Hutchins
- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
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- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

**SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
AND JUNIOR CHURCH
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 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

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| Mon 26 Feb | 9.30 am Holy Dusters 11.30am Thanksgiving Service for Moira Mackenzie followed by refreshments at back of church |
| Tues 27 | 10.30 am Northumbria Prayer 7.30 pm Northam Choral rehearsal |
| Wed 28 | 9.30 am Music Makers 3.30-5.15 pm Messy Church 7.30 pm Lent Course |
| Thurs 29 | 9.30 am Pastoral Care Meeting |
| Fri 1 March | 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 2-4 pm St Mary's Singers rehearsal |
| Sun 3 | 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter |

PRAYERS

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

Please continue to remember Moira Mackenzie, Hazel Taylor, Sheila Gibbs and Peter Christie who have sadly died in the past few weeks.

Details of their funerals will be announced as soon as arrangements are made.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR MOIRA MACKENZIE

Everyone is invited to join Moira's family for a Thanksgiving Service on Monday 26 February at 11.30 am, followed by refreshments at the back of church.

UCAN SUNDAY – TODAY

We welcome all donations of tins and packets to boost Friday Diner.

TALK FROM JUSTINE DUHIG—WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH

On Wednesday 6 March at 2.30 pm in the Church, our own Justine Duhig will be coming to give us a talk about her work and what she can offer, as a Social Prescriber, working out of the surgeries within the local area.

Please spread the word, everyone very welcome. Thank you. Lorna

MOTHERING SUNDAY REQUEST

Foliage and /or flowers gratefully received on **Saturday 9 March** to make up the bunches of flowers for Mothering Sunday. If you can help, even better (many hands make light and quicker work!) There will even be the chance of cake and a cup of tea/coffee as Holy Grounds will be taking

place that morning as well! We will meet at 10 am in the church. If anyone wants any greenery collected, please let Pattie Morris know.

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
may we come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING – 2 Corinthians 9. 6 – 11

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

THE SECOND READING – Matthew 6. 19 - 24

Concerning Treasures

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Sound Eye

The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

Serving Two Masters

No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.