

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 11 March

Psalm 98; Exodus 2. 11-22; Hebrews 9. 1-14

Tuesday 12 March

Psalm 106; Exodus 2.23 – 3.20; Hebrews 9. 15-end

Wednesday 13 March

Psalm 90; Exodus 4. 1-23; Hebrews 10. 1-18

Thursday 14 March

Psalm 86; Exodus 4.27-6.1; Hebrews 10. 19-25

Friday 15 March

Psalm 102; Exodus 6. 2-13; Hebrews 10. 26-end

Saturday 16 March

Psalm 32; Exodus 7. 8-end; Hebrews 11. 1-16

Sunday 17 March – PASSIONTIDE BEGINS

Jeremiah 31. 31-34; Hebrews 5. 5-10; John 12. 20-33

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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 10 MARCH 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MOTHERING SUNDAY

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| 8 am | SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Madeline Bray |
| 9.30 am | FAMILY WORSHIP WITH THE ALL-AGE TEAM
and Rev'd Madeline Bray |
| 11.15 am | ENCOUNTER SERVICE |

SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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| 9.30 am | CELTIC COMMUNION WITH PASSION READING
President: 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

Mon 11 March	9.30 am Holy Dusters 12 noon Funeral of Hazel Taylor followed by refreshments 2.00 pm Mothers Union (Easter Reflection by Rev'd Robin Pirrie) 7.30 pm PCC Meeting
Tues 12	1.00 pm Funeral of Peter Christie followed by refreshments 7.30 pm Northam Choral rehearsal
Wed 13	9.30 am Music Makers 7.30 pm Bideford Music Club Concert
Thurs 14	1.00 pm Organ Recital by Eric Singleton (Derby) 7.30 pm Lent Course
Fri 15 March	11.15 am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sat 16	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers 10.30-12.30 Coffee morning run by Niccy Hunt and Pickwell Foundation 2-4 pm St Mary's Singers rehearsal
Sun 17	9.30 am Celtic Communion with Passion Reading 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

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

Please continue to pray for the family and friends of Hazel Taylor and Peter Christie, whose funerals take place this week.

BIDEFORD MUSIC CLUB CONCERT – WED, 13 MARCH AT 7.30 PM

The next Bideford Music Club Concert will take place on Wednesday, 13 March at 7.30 pm with Primrose Piano Quartet. Tickets on door £16.50 (Children and students free).

LUNCHTIME CONCERT – THURSDAY 14 MARCH AT 1 PM

The first Lunchtime Concert of the season will be on Thursday, 14 March at 1 pm with Eric Singleton (Derby) with an organ recital.

There will be a retiring collection for the work of St Mary's Church.

COFFEE MORNING ON SATURDAY 16 MARCH

Please come along to a Coffee Morning on Saturday 16 March from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, run by Niccy Hunt and the Pickwell Foundation raising funds to help sponsor a refugee family to settle in Bideford. There will be coffee and cakes, and the sale of plants and books.

DAVE'S FILM NIGHT ON WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH

(For those who live alone but would like to watch a film with others) The next one will be on Wed 27 March. Please let Lorna (01237 477117) know by Sunday, 24 March, if you would like to go. Thank you.

NOTICE OF REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

Before the Annual Church Council Meeting (APCM) takes place on Sunday 28 April, we need to revise our Electoral Roll.

Being on the Roll means you regard this church as a church of worship for you (and your family). You can still be a member of our Roll if you also attend other churches.

Being a member on the Roll allows you to vote on important issues for your church at the APCM.

The revision will take place between 17 and 31 March.

Forms will be available in Church from 17 March for anyone who is new to St Mary's, changed address, or think they may not be on the Roll (and are baptised and aged 16 or over.)

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!

Holy Grounds is going really well this year and is very much appreciated.

At the moment we have 2 slots for a host – August and September. If you would like to take on this role (2 hours on one Saturday morning) please contact me for more information.

Don't delay as there is bound to be a rush! Many thanks. Lorna 01237 477117.

SUNDAY 10 MARCH – MOTHERING SUNDAY

COLLECT

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

THE SECOND READING – Luke 2.33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'