



THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 25 March – MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Psalm 41; Lamentations 1. 1-12a; Luke 22. 1-23

Tuesday 26 March – TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Psalm 27; Lamentations 3. 1-18; Luke 22. 924-38) 39-53

Wednesday 27 March - WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Psalm 102; Jeremiah 11. 18-20; Luke 22. 54-end

Thursday 28 March – MAUNDY THURSDAY

Psalm 42; Leviticus 16; 2-24; Luke 23. 1-25

Friday 29 March – GOOD FRIDAY

Psalm 69; Genesis 22. 1-18; Hebrews 10 1-10

Saturday 30 March – EASTER EVE

Psalm 142; Hosea 6. 1-16; John 2. 18-22

Sunday 31 March –EASTER DAY

Acts 10. 34-43; 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11; John 20. 1-18

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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 24 MARCH 2024
PALM SUNDAY**

- 8 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION with Passion Reading
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
- 9.00am Procession with donkey from Victoria Park
- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins
Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE
- 7.00pm FAURE REQUIEM – ST MARY'S SINGERS

**SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2024
EASTER DAY**

- 6.45 am Dawn Easter Service (near Kingsley Statue)
- 9.45 am Refreshments in St Mary's Church before ...
- 10.30 am** EASTER DAY SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Chris Hutchins
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

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 25 March	9.30 am East-the-Water school making Easter Garden 2.00 pm St Mary's School Easter Service 7.00 pm 5 Parish Compline Service
Tues 26	10.30am Northumbria Prayer 7.00 pm 5 Parish Stations of the Cross
Wed 27	9.30 am Music Makers 3.30 pm Messy Church 7.00 pm 5 Parish Compline at St Swithun's, Littleham 7.30 pm Dave's Film Night
Thurs 28	7.00 pm Holy Communion with foot washing and prayer vigil 9.45 am Walk of Witness from Pollyfield (refreshments at 9.15 am)
Fri 29	12 noon Christians Together Service at St Mary's Church followed by refreshments 2.00 pm Meditation on the Cross 6.00pm Choir/Treblemakers/Worship Band Practice
Sat 30	8.00 am Morning Prayer 8.00 pm Easter Vigil Service
Sun 31	6.45 am Dawn Easter Service (near Kingsley Statue) 9.45am Refreshments 10.30am Easter Day Service with Holy Communion

PRAYERS

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

UCAN SUNDAY – TODAY

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

FAURE REQUIEM – TODAY AT 7 PM

St Mary's Singers will be performing Faure Requiem tonight at 7 pm. Please come along and support them if you can.

NOTICE OF REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

The revision is taking place now, until 31 March.

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.

Forms will be available in Church 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.) Please hand forms to Justine Duhig or Debbie Crawford.

The APCM this year will be on 28 April at 11.15 am, following the 9.30 am service. (Please note there will be no Encounter Service that day.) We hear what has happened over the past year and what plans there are for the future. We will also be electing 2 Churchwardens and 10 PCC members (1 year term) AND 1 Deanery Synod Rep ((2-year term.) *Please consider who you would like to be part of the leadership team of St Mary's Church— and if it could be you.*

SUNDAY 24 MARCH – PALM SUNDAY

COLLECT

True and humble King,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

THE FIRST READING Zechariah 9. 9 - 12 The Coming Ruler of God's People

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

THE SECOND READING –Mark 11.1-11 Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.