

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 1 April – MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Psalm 111, Exodus 12. 1-14; 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11

Tuesday 2 April – TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Psalm 112; Exodus 12. 14-36; 1 Corinthians 15. 12-19

Wednesday 3 April – WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Psalm 113; Exodus 12. 37-end; 1 Corinthians 15. 20-28

Thursday 4 April – THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Psalm 114; Exodus 13. 1-16; 1 Corinthians 15. 29-34

Friday 5 April – FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Psalm 115; Exodus 13.17-14.14; 1 Corinthians 15. 35-50

Saturday 6 April – SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Psalm 116; Exodus 14. 15-end; 1 Corinthians 15.51-end

Sunday 7 April – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 133; Acts 4.32-35; John 20.19-end

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Part of the Mission Community of
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*Our Purpose:
TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD*

SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2024 EASTER DAY

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| 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 |

SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| 9.30 am | MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
AND JUNIOR CHURCH
President: Rev'd Aan Glover
Talk: Rev'd Madeline Bray |
| 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 1 April	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Tues 2	10.30 am Holy Communion (MU Corporate) 2.00 pm Funeral of Jean Hoare 7.30 pm Parish Prayer in Church House
Wed 3	10.00 am Stay & Play
Fri 5	11.15 am Friday Diner
Sat 6	8.00 am Morning Prayer 8.15 am Men's Breakfast
Sun 7	9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Junior church 11.15 am Encounter Service

PRAYERS

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

Also, the family and friends of Jean Hoare whose funeral will take place in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 2 April at 2 pm.

NOTICE OF REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

The revision is taking place until today.

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 are 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. (Anyone interested will need to have been on the Electoral Roll for at least 6 months to be part of the PCC.)*

Lists will be at the back of church for your nominations from Sunday 7 April.

Do you fancy coffee, company, and a good natter?

Some of our Mothers' Union members meet for coffee at The Cornish Bakery at Affinity every Monday morning at 10.30am. All are welcome to come and join us.

ORGAN RECITAL AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BIDEFORD ON THURSDAY 11 APRIL AT 1 PM

Everyone is welcome to the second of the 2024 Lunchtime Concerts at St Mary's Church on Thursday, 11 April at 1pm (lasting approx. 50 mins) when there will be an organ recital by Tom Bayliss. There will be a retiring collection.

SUNDAY 31 MARCH – EASTER DAY

COLLECT

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE FIRST READING – Acts 10. 34 – 43

Gentiles Hear the Good News

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

THE SECOND READING - Matthew 28. 1-10

The Resurrection of Jesus

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'