

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 15 April –

Psalm 96; Exodus 19; Luke 1. 1-25

Tuesday 16 April – Isabelle Gilmore, deaconess, 1923

Psalm 98; Exodus 20. 1-21; Luke 1. 26-38

Wednesday 17 April

Psalm 105; Exodus 24; Luke 1. 39-56

Thursday 18 April

Psalm 136; Exodus 25. 1-22; Luke 1. 57-end

Friday 19 April - Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012

Psalm 107; Exodus 28. 1-4a, 29-38; Luke 2. 1-20

Saturday 20 April

Psalm 42; Exodus 29. 1-9; Luke 2. 21-40

Sunday 21 April –THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4. 5-22; Psalm 23; 1 John 3. 16-end; John 10. 11-18

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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 14 APRIL 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP WITH THE ALL-AGE TEAM
And Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Chris, Rachael and Tabi's last Sunday)

- 9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
Talk: John Riley/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 April	9.30 am Holy Dusters 12.30 pm Deanery Chapter Meeting
Tues 16	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Reflections
Wed 17	9.30 am Music Makers 11 am Moreton Court Holy Communion 7.30 pm Bideford Music Club Concert
Fri 19	11.15 am Friday Diner 6 pm Open Choir Practice
Sat 20	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers
Sun 21	9.30 am Celtic Communion 11.15 am Encounter Service 1 pm Baptism of Isabelle Zidan

PRAYERS

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

APCM AND NEW PCC COMMITTEE

The APCM this year will be on 28 April at 11.15 am, following the 9.30 am service. We will hear what has happened over the past year and what plans there are for the future. We will also be electing 2 Churchwardens (1-year term), 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. The lists are at the back of church for your nominations until Sunday 21 April.

DATES FOR DIARY

17 APRIL - BIDEFORD MUSIC CLUB

Siping Guo (on bassoon) and Kumi Matsuo (on piano) will be performing at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 17 April at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £16.50 on the door. Students and children - tickets are free.

24 APRIL - DAVE'S FILM NIGHT

(For those who live alone but would like to watch a film with others) The next one will be on Wednesday 24 April. Please let Lorna (01237 477117) know by Sunday 21 April if you would like to go. Thank you.

27 APRIL – NORTHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Northam Choral Society with the Hartland Chamber Orchestra will be performing Handel's Coronation Anthems and pieces by Purcell, Boyce and Bach.

The performance will be at Bideford Baptist Church, Westward Ho! at 7 pm. Tickets will be £10 on the door (students free). Discounted tickets available in advance from Walter Henry's Bookshop.

11 MAY (7PM) – BIDEFORD BELLS

This promises to be a special evening at St Mary's Church (Saturday, 11 May at 7pm), celebrating our Bideford bells with music and poetry.

The £7 entry on the door will include a glass of wine/soft drink and all proceeds will go towards the repair and maintenance of St Mary's Church bells.

SUNDAY 14 APRIL – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

THE FIRST READING – Acts 3.12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

THE SECOND READING – Luke 24.36b-48

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.