

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 22 April –

Psalm 103; Exodus 32.1-14; Luke 2.41-end

Tuesday 23 April – George, martyr, patron of England, c. 304

Psalm 110; Deuteronomy 26; Acts 15.36-16.5

Wednesday 24 April

Mellitus, Bishop of London, first bishop at St Paul's, 624

Psalm 135; Exodus 33; Luke 3.15-22

Thursday 25 April – Mark the Evangelist

Psalm 119.33-72; Ecclesiasticus 51.13-end; Acts 15.35-end

Friday 26 April

Psalm 33; Exodus 35.20-36.7; Luke 4.14-30

Saturday 27 April

Psalm 34; Exodus 40.17-end; Luke 4.31-37

Sunday 28 April – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8. 26-end; 1 John 4. 7-end; John 15. 1-8

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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 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

SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APCM

8 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP AND H.COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am APCM

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 22 April	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Bookworms at Maggie Murray's
Tues 23	10.30 am Northumbria Prayer 12.15 pm Pastoral Care Meeting
Wed 24	9.30 am Music Makers 3.30 pm Messy Church
Fri 26	11.15 am Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 27	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers 11.00 am Band Practice
Sun 28	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship with H.C. 11.15 am APCM

PRAYERS

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

We also pray for Isabelle Zidan, and her family, as she comes to be baptised into the church family today.

GOODBYE TO CHRIS, RACHAEL AND TABI

Please join us today between the 9.30 am and 11.15 am services for coffee and cake as we celebrate the time Chris, Rachael and Tabi have been with us and everything they have given us. They will be very missed.

APCM AND NEW PCC COMMITTEE

Please join us at 11.15 am next week, 28 April, for the APCM. 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.)

Today is the last day for nominations. Notices are on the board near the back of the church.

LEGACY GIFTS

The Church family is being asked to consider leaving a legacy gift to St Mary's Church. If you would like further details, please ask John Riley or Debbie Crawford for a legacy pack.

DATES FOR DIARY

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.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Thank you to all those people with Children's Society boxes. Please can you return them to Church Office by Thursday 25 April for counting. Thanks. Liza Junkison.

UCAN SUNDAY – 28 APRIL

Next Sunday, 28 April, is UCAN Sunday when we would be very grateful for tins or packets to boost the Friday Diner.

SUNDAY 21 APRIL – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all you people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

THE FIRST READING – Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

THE SECOND READING – John 10.11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'