

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 8 April – The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Isaiah 7.10-14; Hebrews 10.4-10; Luke 1.26-38

Tuesday 9 April – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945

Psalms 8; Exodus 15. 22-16.10; Colossians 1. 15-end

Wednesday 10 April – William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761; William of Ockham, Friar, Philosopher, Teacher, 1347

Psalms 30; Deuteronomy 3.18-end; Acts 3.1-4.4

Thursday 11 April – George Augustus Selwyn, First Bishop of New Zealand, 1878

Psalms 28; Exodus 17; Colossians 2.16-3.11

Friday 12 April

Psalms 61; Exodus 18. 1-12; Colossians 3.12-4.1

Saturday 13 April

Psalms 84; Exodus 18.13-end; Colossians 4.2-end

Sunday 14 April – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts.3. 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3.1-17; Luke 24.36b-48

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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 7 APRIL 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
AND JUNIOR CHURCH
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
Talk: Rev'd Madeline Bray

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2024

THE 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

6 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH,
LITTLEHAM

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 8 April	9.30 am Holy Dusters 2.00 pm Mother's Union 7.30 pm Zoom Standing Committee Meeting
Wed 10	10.00 am Stay & Play
Thurs 11	1.00 pm Lunchtime Concert with Tom Bayliss (see below)
Fri 12	11.15 am Friday Diner
Sat 13	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers 10.30 am Holy Grounds Café (Friday Diner Team) 11.00 am Worship Band and Singers
Sun 14	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Family Worship with the All-Age Team 11.15 am Encounter Service 6 pm Choral Evensong at St Swithun's Church, Littleham

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 Reps ((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 will be at the back of church for your nominations from today, 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.

Meditation on Ukrainian Song 'Homeland'

I played this piece at the end of the Good Friday joint service and several people asked the name of the composer. It was Vidas Pinkevicius and he is currently organist at Vilnius University. He wrote the piece was in 2022 "to help spread the word about the freedom war in Ukraine". in Ukrainian this song is known as "Родимий краю" (Rodymyy krayu). CRB

ORGAN RECITAL AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BIDEFORD THIS 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.

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COLLECT

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

THE FIRST READING –Acts 4. 32 - 35 The Believers Share Their Possessions

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

THE SECOND READING - John 20. 19 – end Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Jesus and Thomas

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.