



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS**

**Monday 13 May**

Psalm 93; Numbers 22. 1-35; Luke 7. 36-end

**Tuesday 14 May – MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE**

Psalm 71; Judge 8.32 – 9.24; Hebrews 8

**Wednesday 15 May**

Psalm 29; Number 23. 18-end; Luke 8. 16-25

**Thursday 16 May – Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877**

Psalm 24; Numbers 24; Luke 8. 26-39

**Friday 17 May**

Psalm 28; Numbers 27. 12-end; Luke 8.40-end

**Saturday 18 May**

Psalm 43; Numbers 32. 1-27; Luke 9. 1-17

**Sunday 19 May DAY OF PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)**

Acts 2. 1-21; Psalm 104. 26-36; Romans 8. 22-27; John 15. 26-27

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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 12 MAY 2024  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY)**

- 8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
- 9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP WITH THE ALL-AGE TEAM  
and Rev'd Robn Pirrie
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE
- 6.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT WEARE GIFFORD

**SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024  
PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)**

- 9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 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 13 May	9.30 am Holy Dusters 2.00 pm Mother's Union – Rector's musings with Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
Wed 15 May	9.30 am Music Makers 11.30 am Holy Communion at Moreton Court
Fri 17 May	11.15 am Friday Diner
Sat 18 May	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers
Sun 19 May	9.30 am Celtic Communion 11.15 am Encounter Service

### **PRAYERS**

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

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 12-18 MAY – THIS WEEK**

Please look out for Christian Aid week between 12-18 May. The focus is on helping people in Burundi to set up small businesses and improve farming methods in order to provide resilience against poverty and climate change.

We will be handing out envelopes in church. If you are writing a cheque to put in an envelope, please make it payable to Christian Aid and write OR number 26267 on the back. Please give to Sue Jeffery or Nigel Chick or post your envelope through the Church House letterbox. (If you aren't in church to get an envelope you can still write a cheque in the same way and indicate it is for Christian Aid on the envelope).

### **FRIDAY 31 MAY – CONCERT AT BIDEFORD METHODIST CHURCH (7PM)**

There will be a concert to raise funds for Christian Aid's Burundi Appeal at Bideford Methodist Church on Friday 31 May at 7.00 pm, featuring the Barnstaple Ladies' Choir. Entry free – cash donations for Christian Aid.

### **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES**

Liza Junkison has advised that there are a few boxes available for anyone who might like one for the next year.

Thank you to everyone who donated over the past year. Liza will let you know how much has been raised once the final amounts have come in.

### **VACANCY FOR PART-TIME PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, CHURCH OFFICE**

Please note, the deadline for applications for the part-time Parish Administrator for 5 hours on a Friday is tomorrow, Monday 13 May 2024.

### **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.

### **SUNDAY 12 MAY – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY)**

#### **COLLECT**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

#### **THE FIRST READING – Acts 1 15-17 and 21- end**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us –one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

#### **THE SECOND READING – John 17. 6 – 19**

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.