

**Monday 20 May – Alcuin of York, Abbott of Tours, 804**

Psalm 126; Joshua 1; Luke 9: 18-37

**Tuesday 21 May – Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330**

Psalm 132; Joshua 2; Luke 9. 28-36

**Wednesday 22 May**

Psalm 119. 153-end; Joshua 3; Luke 9. 37-50

**Thursday 23 May**

Psalm 143; Joshua 4. 1-5; Luke 9. 51-end

**Friday 24 May – John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788**

Psalm 144; Joshua 5. 2-end; Luke 10. 1-16

**Saturday 25 May - The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735; Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709**

Psalm 147; Joshua 6. 1-20; Luke 10. 17-24

**Sunday 26 May**

Isaiah 6. 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8. 12-17; John 3. 1-17

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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 19 MAY 2024**

**PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)**

9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

**SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION  
PRESIDENT: Rev'd Alan Glover

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 20 May 9.30 am Holy Dusters

Tues 21 May 10.30 am Holy Communion  
2.30 pm Reflections  
7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal

Wed 22 May 9.30 am Music Makers  
3.30 pm Messy Church

Fri 24 May 11.15 am Friday Diner  
6.00 pm Choir Practice

Sat 25 May 8.00 am Morning Prayer  
10.00 am Worship Band Practice

Sun 26 May 8.00 am Said Holy Communion  
9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy 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).

### **DAVE'S FILM NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 22 MAY**

The next film evening (for those who live alone but would like to watch a film with others) will be on Wednesday 22 May. Please contact Lorna on 477117 to book a place or for more information. Thank you.

### **STAY AND PLAY – WEDNESDAY 29 MAY**

The next Stay and Play will be during half term on Wednesday 29 May from 10-11.30 am. The session is primarily for pre-school

you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

children and their carers, but older siblings are very welcome to come along.

PLEASE, if you are able to help, I would love to hear from you No experience is required! We need folk to make the drinks, welcome and chat with the children and carers, and help pack away and put out. Many, many thanks. Lorna 477117 or dorriton@btinternet.com

### **FRI. 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.

### **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.

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

Thank you very much to all those people with Children's Society boxes.

We have banked over £500 for them with 2 boxes still to come, which is great.

However, we would be grateful if some more people can come forward to take a box as we now have 3 spare boxes due to the previous people going into care homes. Thank you. Liza Junkison.

### **THANK YOU!**

A big thank you to John Hedge for organising the Bideford Bells event last week which raised £259 towards the repair and maintenance of our bells.

It was a great evening. Thank you also to everyone who performed, served refreshments, did front of house, and give donations of wine.

### **UCAN SUNDAY – 26 MAY**

Next week is UCAN Sunday when we would be grateful for donations of food (tins, packets etc) or money, which is used to keep a store cupboard in church to enable us to help those in need.

## HELP NEEDED FOR LIFTS

We are asking if anyone would be happy to be a driver for friends at St Mary's Church to help with lifts to doctors/hospital appointments etc.

This is a casual arrangement between friends, but it would be useful for the office to know who could offer this, and how often people might be available to help.

Please can you let Debbie know in the office in the first instance. Tel. 01237 472551 or email [admin@stmaryschurchbideford.org](mailto:admin@stmaryschurchbideford.org)

## SUNDAY 19 MAY – Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

### COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### THE FIRST READING – Acts 2. 1 - 21

#### The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own

languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

#### Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

### THE SECOND READING – John 15. 26 – 27 and 16. 4b – 15

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

#### The Work of the Spirit

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to