

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 27 May

Psalm 1; Joshua 7. 1-15; Luke 10. 25-37

Tuesday 28 May –Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury. Scholar. 1089

Psalm 5; Joshua 7. 16-end Luke 10. 38-end

Wednesday 29 May

Psalm 119.1-32; Joshua 8. 1-29; Luke 11. 1-13

Thursday 30 May- DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY COMMUNION (CORPUS CHRISTI); Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906; Joan of Arc, Visionary, 1431; Apolo Kivebuloya, Evangelist in Central Africa, 1933

Psalm 116. 10-end; 1 Corinthians 11. 23-26; John 6. 51-58

Friday 31 May –THE VISIT OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH

Psalm 144; 1 Samuel 9.26 – 10.16; James 4

Saturday 1 June -Justin, Martyr of Rome c165

Psalm 23; Joshua 10. 1-15; Luke 11. 37-end

Sunday 2 June

Psalm 28; Deuteronomy 5.12-15; Mark 2.23-3.6

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BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN

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*Our Purpose:
TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD*

SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024

**TRINITY SUNDAY
(UCAN SUNDAY)**

- 8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION,
AND JUNIOR CHURCH
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

Tues 28 May No Northumbria Prayer (see below)
7.30 pm Northam Choral rehearsal
Wed 29 May 10 am Stay and Play
Fri 31 May 11.15 am Friday Diner
6 pm Choir Practice

June

Sat 1 8.00 am Morning Prayer
8.15 am Men's Breakfast
10.00 am Treblemakers
Sun 2 9.30 am Morning Worship with H.C, and Junior Church
11.15 am Encounter Service

PRAYERS

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

NO NORTHUMBRIA PRAYER

As mentioned above there will be no Northumbria Prayer on Tuesday 28 May.

It has been decided that there are insufficient numbers to carry this service on at the current time.

STAY AND PLAY – WEDNESDAY 29 MAY, 10-11.30 AM

Don't forget there will be a Stay and Play session in half-term on Wednesday 29 May, between 10 am and 11.30 am.

This is a fun group for pre-school children, but older siblings up to age 8 are welcome. Toys, craft, snacks, songs, and stories. We would love to see you! Just turn up on Wednesday.

JUNIOR CHURCH – SUNDAY 2 JUNE AT 9.30 AM

Next Sunday, 2 June, is Junior Church, 9.30 am at St Mary's.

There will be a story, song, craft, and more!

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.

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 26 MAY (TRINITY SUNDAY)

COLLECT

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

THE FIRST READING – Isaiah 6.1-8

A Vision of God in the Temple

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivot on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

THE SECOND READING – John 3. 1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.