

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 17 June – Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936
Psalm 71; Judges 8. 22-end; Luke 15. 1-10

Tuesday 18 June - Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896
Psalm 73; Judges 9. 1-21; Luke 15. 11-end

Wednesday 19 June – Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man) evangelist, teacher, 1929
Psalm 77; Judges 9. 22-end; Luke 16. 1-18

Thursday 20 June
Psalm 78. 1-39; Judges 11. 1-11; Luke 16. 19-end

Friday 21 June
Psalm 55; Judges 11. 29-end; Luke 17. 1-10

Saturday 22 June – Alban, first martyr of Britain c. 250
Psalm 76; Judges 12. 1-17; Luke 17. 11-19

Sunday 23 June –Fourth Sunday after Trinity
1 Samuel 17. 32-49; Psalm 9. 9-end; 2 Corinthians 6. 1-13; Mark 4. 35-end

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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 16 JUNE 2024 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am	CELTIC COMMUNION President: Rev'd Madeline Bray
11.15 am	ENCOUNTER SERVICE
12.30 pm	BAPTISM OF GEORGE FORD

SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am	SAID HOLY COMMUNION President: Rev'd Alan Glover
9.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie Talk: 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 17 June	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Standing Committee (via zoom)
Tues 18	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Reflections (Cream tea at The Pannier Pantry)
Wed 19	9.30 am Music Makers 11.30 am Holy Communion at Moreton Court 7.15 pm Assistant Rural Dean Licensing Service followed by Deanery Synod Meeting
Thurs 20	6.00 pm Rehearsal for wedding of Kara Winterton and Adam Lewis
Fri 21	11.15 am Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 22	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers (taking RSCM dark blue ribbon test) 2.00 pm Wedding of Kara Winterton and Adam Lewis, and Baptism of Skylar Lewis
Sun 23	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, Roger Phillips, and Alan Power.

We also pray for George Ford (and his family and friends) as he comes to be baptised into the Church family later today.

LICENSING SERVICE FOR ASSISTANT RURAL DEAN

Everyone is welcome to the Licensing Service for Madeline Bray as Assistant Rural Dean at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 19 June at 7.15 pm.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS

We will be holding Confirmation classes for adults in the very near future.

If you are interested, please have a word with one of the clergy.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A big thank you to those people who collected money. The final total is £611. There is a spare box if anyone would like one. Please speak to Liza Junkison.

DAVE'S FILM NIGHT ON WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

(For those who live alone but would like to watch a film with others.) The next one will be on Wednesday 26 June. Please let David Sparkes know in church if you would like to go.

There will be a break during July and August, but back in September.

SUNDAY 16 JUNE- THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE FIRST READING –Ezekiel 17: 22 – 24

Israel Exalted at Last

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

THE SECOND READING – Mark 4. 26 - 34

The Parable of the Growing Seed

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

The Use of Parables

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.