

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 24 June – THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Psalms 116; Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10; Luke 3.1-17

Tuesday 25 June

Psalms 89.1-18; Judges 14; Luke 18.1-14

Wednesday 26 June – Ember Day

Psalms 119.105-128; Judges 15.1-16.3; Luke 18.15-30

Thursday 27 June – Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher, 444

Psalms 92; Judges 16.4-end; Luke 18.31-end

Friday 28 June - Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher. C.200

Psalms 55; Judges 11.29-end; Luke 17.1-10

Saturday 29 June – PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Psalms 139; Ezekiel 3.4-11; Acts 11.1-18

Sunday 30 June

Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24; 2 Corinthians 8.7-end; Mark 5.21-end

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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 23 JUNE 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY UCAN SUNDAY

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

SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY 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 24 June	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Wed 26	9.30 am Music Makers 3.30 pm Messy Church
Thurs 27	2 pm Streams - Littleham Village Hall
Fri 28	11.15 am Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 29	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers 11.00 am Worship Band (instrumentalists)
Sun 30	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.

UCAN SUNDAY

Today is UCAN Sunday when we would be very grateful for tins or packets to boost the Friday Diner.

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.

STREAMS – THURS 27 JUNE, LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL (2-4.30 PM)

This is an afternoon for ladies of all ages to relax, create, chat or just eat cake.

The afternoon starts and ends with a short time of worship. Drinks and cake provided.

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to all who came out to support me being commissioned as Assistant Rural Dean at a special service on 19 June, including the 3 ladies who served teas and coffees. I was really touched by so many attending, which made the short service even more special. I shall do my best, with the help of God, to serve Hartland Deanery in the best way I can. Thank you for all your support and prayers. Madeline.

SUNDAY 23 JUNE- FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE FIRST READING –2 Corinthians 6. 1 - 13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return — I speak as to children — open wide your hearts also.

THE SECOND READING – Mark 4. 35 - end

Jesus Stills a Storm

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'