

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 1 July – Henry, John and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873

Psalm 98; 1 Samuel 1. 1-20; Luke 19. 28-40

Tuesday 2 July—Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Psalm 106; 1 Samuel 1. 21-2.11; Luke 19.41-end

Wednesday 3 July – THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Psalm 15; 1 Kings 10; 2 Thessalonians 3

Thursday 4 July

Psalm 115; 1 Samuel 2. 27 - end; Luke 20. 9-19

Friday 5 July

Psalm 139; 1 Samuel 3.1-4.1a; Luke 20. 20-26

Saturday 6 July – Thomas Moore, Scholar and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535

Psalm 121; 1 Samuel 4. 1b-end; Luke 20. 27-40

Sunday 7 July –Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 57; Deuteronomy 2. 10-end; Acts 28. 1-16

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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 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

SUNDAY 7 JULY 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

AND JUNIOR CHURCH

President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

Talk: Rev'd Niccy Hunt

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 1 July	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Archdeacon's Visitation Service, Fremington
Tues 2	10.30 am Holy Communion (MU Corporate) 7.30 pm Parish Prayer in St Mary's House
Wed 3	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 4	2.30 pm Kingsley School Service
Fri 5	11.15 am Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 6	8.00 am Morning Prayer 8.15 am Men's Breakfast 10.00 am Treblemakers
Sun 7	9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter Service

PRAYERS

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

Please also remember the family and friends of Diane Cameron and Ken Hill following their passing and whose funerals are to take place in St Mary's Church in the coming weeks. Diane's funeral will be on Tuesday 9 July at 11.30 am. Ken's funeral will be on Tuesday 16 July at 12.30 pm.

A SUPER SUMMER CONCERT—THE APPLIEDORE SINGERS

The Appledore Singers will be performing on Sunday 7 July at 2.30 pm at Northam Hall (top of Fore Street)

Admission will be £6 on the door (under 16s free) and includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

HELP, PLEASE

A lady from our Church family who now has very poor eyesight would like someone to read the Bible to her. She has limited mobility and lives in Westward Ho!

If you can help, please can you let me know. Many thanks, Lorna 01237 477117 dorrinton@btinternet.com

MISSION GIVING COMMITTEE

If you would like to be part of the group who decides how we allocate our away giving, or if you know of any organisations in need, please can you contact me.

Many thanks, Lorna 01237 477117 dorrinton@btinternet.com

STAY AND PLAY

The dates for this Summer are Wednesdays 31 July, 7, 14 and 21 August from 10 am to 11.30 am.

I would love to hear from you if you can help, please.

More information in July's newsletter. Many thanks, Lorna. 01237 477117
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DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

Archdeacon's Visitation - Fremington Church 1 July at 7.30pm

Come and support our Churchwardens: Sally and Mark, and also Sue, April, Andrew and Charles from across the Mission Community being commissioned.

Archdeacon Verena preaching at St Mary's on Sunday 21 July

Vision Evening with Archdeacon Verena on Monday 22 July at 7 pm

At St Mary's Church (for those who missed the last one!).....

St Mary's PCC and anyone else who would like to come are invited to join us as we think about what we would like from our next Team Vicar

(0.5 Villages; 0.5 St Mary's)

Sam Baguma from MAF preaching on Sunday 28 July at 9.30 am Service at St Mary's.

WELCOME TO 5 HOUR PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

A big welcome to Karen Johns who has been appointed as our 5 hour Parish Administrator!

She will soon be working on Fridays to support Debbie who works Monday to Thursdays.

Karen will initially be shadowing Debbie between Monday and Thursday, but we will let you know in a few weeks time when the office will be open again on Fridays.

ADULT CONFIRMATION COURSE

There will be an Adult Confirmation Course running for 3 sessions on a Thursday afternoon in St Mary's House on 11, 18 and 25 July.

The Confirmation Service will take place at St Peter's Church, Fremington on Sunday 28 July at 11am.

If you would like to join the Confirmation Course, please speak to Rev'd Claire or Robin.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Someone in the Church family is looking for a room to rent on a temporary basis. If anyone knows of anywhere, please can they let the office know.

SUNDAY 30 JUNE – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING –2 Corinthians 8. 7 - end

Encouragement to Be Generous

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.’

Commendation of Titus

But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have. For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming of the good news; and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are administering this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill. We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering, for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord’s sight but also in the sight of others. And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you. As for Titus, he is my

partner and co-worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. Therefore, openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

THE SECOND READING – Mark 5. 21 - end

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.’ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, ‘If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.’ Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ And his disciples said to him, ‘You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, “Who touched me?”’ He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?’ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, ‘Do not fear, only believe.’ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, ‘Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.’ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha cum’, which means, ‘Little girl, get up!’ And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.