



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS**

**Monday 10 June**

Psalms 44; Judges 2; Luke 13. 1-9

**Tuesday 11 June BARNABAS THE APOSTLE**

Psalms 56; Jeremiah 9. 23-24; Acts 9.26-31

**Wednesday 12 June**

Psalms 119.57-80; Judges 5; Luke 13. 22-end

**Thursday 13 June**

Psalms 57; Judges 6. 1-24; Luke 14. 1-11

**Friday 14 June** –Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691

Psalms 51; Judges 6. 25-end; Luke 14. 12-24

**Saturday 15 June** –Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941

Psalms 68; Judges 7; Luke 14. 25-end

**Sunday 16 June – THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

1 Samuel 15.34-16.3; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 2. 6-10, 14-17; Mark 4.26-34

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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 9 JUNE 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP WITH THE ALL-AGE TEAM  
President: Rev'd Clare Rose-Casemore
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE
- 6.00 pm SONGS OF PRAISE – 'HYMNS & PIMMS'

**SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

*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 10 June	9.30 am Holy Dusters 2.00 pm Mothers Union Meeting 7.30 pm Bookworms at Ro Day's
Tues 11	7.30 pm Northam Choral rehearsal
Wed 12	9.30 am Music Makers
Fri 14	11.15 am Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 15	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers
Sun 16	8.00 am Celtic Communion 11.15 am Encounter Service 12.30 pm Baptism of George Ford

## **PRAYERS**

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

## **HELP PLEASE – 1 PERSON TENT AND SLEEPING BAG**

We had a man, recently made homeless, coming into church on Sunday (Bank Holiday weekend) looking for help, a sleeping bag and tent. I would like to keep 1 in the church for emergencies (we do not have room to store any more than 1). Any extra I can take into Harbour. Thank you. Pam Howlett.

## **SONGS OF PRAISE 'HYMNS AND PIMMS' THIS EVENING – SUNDAY 9 JUNE AT 6 PM**

Join us for a 50-minute Springtime celebration of worship (accompanied by the 5 Parish Choir) at St Mary's Church.

Songs, hymns, readings and poetry followed by Pimms!

## **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.

## **HUSTINGS AT PIER HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 11 JUNE AT 7PM**

For anyone interested there will be a husting event at the Pier House, Westward Ho! on Tuesday 11 June at 7 pm.

## **VISIONING MEETING – WED 12 JUNE, LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL**

There will be a Visioning Meeting on Wednesday 12 June at Littleham Village Hall at 2 pm with Archdeacon Verena Breed.

All are welcome to attend, and everyone will have the opportunity to have some input into what we are looking for in our next Team Vicar.

## **SUNDAY 9 JUNE- SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### **COLLECT**

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THE FIRST READING –2 Corinthians 4.13 – 5.1**

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture— 'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

### **Living by Faith**

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

## **THE SECOND READING – Mark 3. 20 - end**

### **Jesus and Beelzebul**

Then he went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

### **The True Kindred of Jesus**

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.