

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 8 July

Psalms 126; 1 Samuel 5; Luke 20.41-21.4

Tuesday 9 July

Psalms 132; 1 Samuel 6. 1-16; Luke 21. 5-19

Wednesday 10 July

Psalms 119. 153-end; 1 Samuel 7; Luke 21. 20-28

Thursday 11 July – Benedict of Nursia, Abbott of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism. C.550

Psalms 143; 1 Samuel 8; Luke 21. 29-end

Friday 12 July

Psalms 144; 1 Samuel 9. 1-14; Luke 22. 1-13

Saturday 13 July

Psalms 147; 1 Samuel 9.15-10.1; Luke 22. 14-23

Sunday 14 July –Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Amos 7.7-15; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29

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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 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

SUNDAY 14 JULY 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am	SAID HOLY COMMUNION President: Rev'd Madeline Bray
9.30 am	FAMILY WORSHIP WITH THE ALL-AGE TEAM President: Rev'd Madeline Bray
11.15 am	ENCOUNTER SERVICE
6 pm	CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST SWITHUN'S, LITTLEHAM

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 8 July	9.30 am Holy Dusters 2.00 pm Mothers Union
Tues 9	11.30 am Funeral of Diane Cameron 1.30 pm Visit of East the Water School Year 1
Wed 10	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 11	1.30 pm Adult Confirmation Class in St Mary's House
Fri 12	11.15 am Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 13	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers 10.30 am Holy Grounds Café (Bookworms) and bookstall 11.00 am Band with singers
Sun 14	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Family Worship with All Age Team 11.15 am Encounter Service 6 pm Choral Evensong at St Swithun's, Littleham

PRAYERS

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

Please also pray for the family and friends of Diane Cameron, whose funeral takes place in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 9 July at 11.30 am.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS

We will be holding Confirmation classes for adults on Thursday afternoons (1.30-3 pm) on 11, 18 and 25 July, with Confirmation on 28 July at Fremington. If you are interested, please have a word with one of the clergy.

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 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.

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.

THANK YOU

Christian Aid have thanked us for collecting for them during Christian Aid week. A total of £376.59 was raised, which was very much appreciated.

CRYPT PAINTING PARTY! – SATURDAY 13 JULY FROM 10 AM

All volunteers welcome to come and help paint the crypt in preparation for a new youth group starting. All you need to do to join the party is wear old clothes and bring an emulsion brush.

The Holy Grounds Café will be running that morning, so there will even be refreshments!

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF FOODBANK – SATURDAY 27 JULY

Niccy Hunt is holding a Coffee Morning in aid of the Foodbank on Saturday 27 July between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm.

Any homemade cakes for this event would be greatly appreciated. Also, please let Niccy know if you can help at the coffee morning.

SUNDAY 7 JULY – SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Creator God,
you made us in your image;
may we discern you in all that we see
and serve you in all that we do
through Jesus Christ our Lord

THE FIRST READING – Job 12. 7-10

'But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
'ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

THE SECOND READING – Matthew 6. 25-34 Do Not Worry

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.