

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 2 September – The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea 1901 and 1942

Psalm 1; 1 Kings 1. 5-31; Acts 13. 14-43

Tuesday 3 September – **Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 604**

Psalm 5; 1 Kings 1. 32 – 2.4; 10-12; Acts. 13. 13-43

Wednesday 4 September – Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex. 650

Psalm 119. 1-32; 1 Kings 3; Acts 14. 8-end

Thursday 5 September

Psalm 15; 1 Kings 4.29-5.12; Acts 15. 1-21

Friday 6 September – Allen Gardiner, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851

Psalm 19; 1 Kings 6. 1, 1-28; Acts 15. 22-35

Saturday 7 September

Psalm 23; 1 Kings 8. 1-30; Acts 15.36 -16.5

Sunday 8 September

Isaiah 35. 4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2. 1-10 (11-13), 14-17, Mark 7. 24-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 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, AND
JUNIOR CHURCH

President: Rev'd Alan Glover

Talk: Miriam & Colin Poulton from WEC
(Worldwide Evangelisation for Christ)

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

Sarah Cordingley taking 9.30 am Morning Praise at Weare Giffard

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION

President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

Talk: Bill Owen

9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP WITH THE ALL-AGE TEAM

President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

Talk: Bill Owen

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

6 pm Harvest themed Choral Evensong at Weare Giffard

Kevin Beer taking 11 am Celtic Communion at Landcross

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 2 Sept 9.30 am Holy Dusters

Tues 3 10.30 am Holy Communion M.U. Corporate
7.30 pm Parish Prayer – St Mary's House

Thurs 5 4.00 pm Crypt Youth (7 – 11s)
5.30 pm – Crypt Youth (11 – 16s) Emily S
7.00 pm Taize Service at Landcross (see below)

Fri 6 11.15 am Friday Diner
6.00 pm Choir practice

Sat 7 8.00 am Morning Prayer
8.15 am Men's Breakfast
10.00 am Treblemakers Open Practice
11.00 am Worship Group and Band Practice

Sun 8 8.00 am Said Holy Communion
9.30 am Family Worship with the All-Age Team
11.15 am Encounter Service
6 pm Choral Evensong – Weare Giffard

PRAYERS

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

CRYPT YOUTH – THIS WEEK

The Crypt Youth will launch this week Thursday 5 September with two sessions running every Thursday evening: 4-5.30 pm for 7-11-year olds and 5.30-7 pm for 11-16-year olds.

an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

THE SECOND READING- - ROMANS 12.9-21

Marks of the True Christian

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL READING – Luke 10.25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to

TAIZE SERVICE AT LANDCROSS CHURCH – THIS THURSDAY

The Service is held on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm inside Landcross Church and is led by April Saltmarsh. It is a candle-lit meditative Service using the lovely chants from the Taizé Community in France, with time for reflection and silence. The next one is this Thursday 5 September.



CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ – FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

There will be a Quiz to raise funds for Christian Aid on Friday 13 September at 7.00 pm, at Lavington URC Church (Willett Street entrance). Teams of up to 6 people (you can come in teams or team up on the night). Suggested donation £5.00 per person. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided. More details from Susan Jeffery.

GLEANNING CONFERENCE — SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

A conference on Social Justice particularly designed for those who help the vulnerable, and socially disadvantaged in any way, or would like to but don't know where to begin.

The Workshops will be run by local practitioners who have experience in their field. Andy Flannagan is a singer and has appeared at many Christian venues - we are really blessed to have him come and talk with us. This is being funded by a very kind donor but I'm sure any donations would be welcome.

- 11 am Opening Worship
12 noon Lunch (bring your own)
1 pm Workshops (visit three and meet with local practitioners)
1. Asylum Seeking
 2. Housing and Homelessness
 3. Food Poverty
 4. Education and Agency
 5. Environmental Justice

Evening event- Andy Flannagan- Christian political singer and writer (time to be confirmed).

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

Sam Baguma from MAF loved visiting us. He and his family write a monthly bulletin. If you would like to be included on the list that receive his newsletter each month, please would you let the Office know.

REFRESHMENTS TEAM

We are putting together a Refreshments Team who would be able to set-up/serve refreshments/wash-up at events taking place in St Mary's Church.

We would like to have enough people on the team so there can be some rotation.

If you have not already signed up and would like to help in this form of outreach, please let Debbie or Karen know in the office, and we will add you to the team and let you know as and when events are planned.

MISSION AWAY GIVING COMMITTEE

We will be meeting in Sept to decide the allocations of money to various groups. I have received 3 suggestions from members of the Church Family, but more are welcome.

Please if you know of an organisation which is in need of financial support, we would love to hear from you. Thank you. Lorna dorrinton@btinternet.com 01237 477117

EMERGENCY CONTACT AT ST MARY'S

Rev'd Claire will be away from Sunday 1—Saturday 14 September on a well-earned holiday.

If you need to speak to a priest urgently during this time, please call Rev'd Robin Pirrie on 07584 261686.

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING —LEVITICUS 19.33-34

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.