THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 12 August

Psalm 80; 2 Samuel 3. 12-end; Acts 6

Tuesday 13 August – Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Dow and

Connor Techer. 1667; Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social

Reformer 1910; Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912

Psalm 89. 1-18; 2 Samuel 5. 1-12; Acts 7. 1-16

Wednesday 14 August – Maximillian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941

Psalm 119. 105-128; 2 Samuel 6. 1-19; Acts 7. 17-43

Thursday 15 August -THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Psalm 98; Isiah 7. 10-15; Luke 11. 27-28

Friday 16 August

Psalm 88; 2 Samuel 7. 18end; Acts 7.54-8.3

Saturday 17 August

Psalm 97; 2 Samuel 9; Acts 8. 4-25

Sunday 18 August – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.

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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 11 AUGUST 2024 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION President: Alan Glover

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

President: Rev'd Alan Glover Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2024
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION AND JUNIOR CHURCH

President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

Rev'd Claire leading a service at Hartland Rev'd Madeline leading 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 12 August 9.30 am Holy Dusters

Tues 13 2.30 pm Thanksgiving Service of Gwynne Dendle

Wed 14 10-11.30 am Stay and Play Fri 16 11.15 am Friday Diner Sat 17 8.00 am Morning Prayer

Sun 18 9.30 am Celtic Communion and Junior Church

11.15 am Encounter Service

PRAYERS

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

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR GWYNNE DENDLE THIS WEEK

The Thanksgiving Service of Gwynne Dendle will be held in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 13 August at 2.30pm. Donations are for The Children's Society and St Mary's Church.

WALK THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

Sat 17 August, 10am-4:30pm at Beaford Village Hall, Bideford, EX19 8LU. The Old Testament is massive, and this session is an opportunity to help you see God's word through the 'Big Picture' in a fun and memorable session. Tickets cost £14, free for young people aged 11-17. **Book your ticket:** https://www.bible.org.uk/wtb_event_tickets.php; or phone Ruth Castle on 01805 603619.

CRYPT YOUTH

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

MISSION AWAY GIVING COMMITTEE

The Mission Away Giving Committee will be meeting in September to look at the allocations of money. If a charity or group are on your heart, and is in need of support, please can you let me know. We tend to have a mixture of national, local, Christian and secular. Thank you, Lorna Dorrinton on 01237 477117 or dorrinton@btinternet.com

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST – ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY COLLECT

God of Glory, the end of our searching, help us lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE FIRST READING - Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2

Rules for the New Life

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

THE SECOND READING- - John 6: 35 and 41 - 51

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'