

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 26 August

Psalm 126; 2 Samuel 18. 1-18; Acts 10.34-end

Tuesday 27 August –Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Psalm 132; 2 Samuel 18.19 – 19.8a; Acts 11. 1-18

Wednesday 28 August – Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, teacher of the faith, 430

Psalm 119. 153 –end; 2 Samuel 19. 8b-23; Acts 11. 19-end

Thursday 29 August - The Beheading of John the Baptist

Psalm 143; 2 Samuel 19. 24-end; Acts 12. 1-17

Friday 30 August – John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer 1688

Psalm 144; 2 Samuel 23. 1-7; Acts 12. 18-end

Saturday 31 August –Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

Psalm 147; 2 Samuel 24; Act 13. 1-12

Sunday 1 September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 4. 1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1. 17-end; Mark 7. 1-8,14-15, 21-23

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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 25 AUGUST 2024 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY U CAN SUNDAY

- 8 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

Rev'd Kevin Beer taking 11am Holy Communion at Landcross
Sarah Cordingley taking 11am Morning Praise at Littleham

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

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 26	Church Office closed (Bank Holiday)
Fri 30	11.15 am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sat 31	8.00 am Morning Prayer
Sun 1 Sept	9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Junior Church. Talk from Miriam & Colin Poulton from WEC (Worldwide Evangelisation for Christ) 11.15 am Encounter Service

PRAYERS

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

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 5.30-7 pm for 11-16-year-olds.

TAIZE SERVICE AT LANDCROSS CHURCH

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 candlelit meditative Service using the lovely chants from the Taizé Community in France, with time for reflection and silence. The next one is Thursday 5 September.

REFRESHMENTS TEAM

We would like to put 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 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.

UCAN SUNDAY - TODAY

Today is UCAN Sunday when we would be grateful for donations of food (tins, packets etc) or money, which is used to keep a store cupboard in church to enable us to help those in need.

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING –Ephesians 6. 10–20

The Whole Armour of God

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

THE SECOND READING- - John 6: 56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The Words of Eternal Life

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'