

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

### Monday 5 August Oswald, King of Northumbria, martyr, 642

Psalm 71; 1 Samuel 24; Acts 3. 11-end

### Tuesday 6 August The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Psalm 27; 1 Kings 19. 1-16; 1 John 3. 1-3

### Wednesday 7 August John Mason Neale priest hymn writer 1866

Psalm 77.; 1 Samuel 28. 3-end; Acts 4. 13-31

### Thursday 8 August Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

Psalm 78. 1-39; 1 Samuel 31; Acts 4.32-5.11

### Friday 9 August Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers Union 1921

Psalm 55; 2 Samuel 1; Acts 5. 12-26

### Saturday 10 August Laurence, Deacon at Rome, martyr 258

Psalm 76; 2 Samuel 2.1-11; Acts 5. 27-end

### Sunday 11 August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19. 4-8; Ephesians 4. 25- 5.2; John 6.35, 41-51

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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 4 AUGUST 2024

#### TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION  
AND JUNIOR CHURCH

President: Rev'd Madeline Bray

Talk: Robin Pirrie

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

Talk: Robin Pirrie

### SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2024

#### ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am SAID HOLY COMMUNION

President: Alan Glover

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION

President: Rev'd Alan Glover

Talk: Alan Glover

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

*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 5 August 9.30 am Holy Dusters  
Tues 6 10.30 am Mary Sumner Day Communion  
Mothers Union North Devon Cluster with lunch  
Wed 7 10am-11.30 am Stay and Play  
Thurs 8 1pm Lunchtime Concert – John Nixon  
Fri 9 11.15 am Friday Diner  
Sat 10 8.00 am Morning Prayer  
10.30 am Holy Ground Café in aid of Alzheimer's Society  
(Karen Johns)  
Sun 11 8 am Said Holy Communion  
9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion  
11.15 am Encounter Service

## **PRAYERS**

Please remember the following church family in your prayers:

John Day,

Roger Phillips, Alan Power, and Marian Johns.

Please also pray for Mary, Sally, Jane and Liz, and their families following the death of Gwynne Dendle, a much loved member of St Mary's Church.

Her funeral will take place at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 13 August at 2.30 pm.

## **MARY SUMNER DAY MOTHERS' UNION CLUSTER**

On Tuesday 6 August it is Mary Sumner Day (founder of Mothers' Union) and we are hosting a communion service at 10.30 am for the North Devon Cluster followed by lunch at the back of church afterwards. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

## **STAY AND PLAY**

The remaining dates for this Summer are Wednesdays 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

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### **LUNCHTIME CONCERT ON THURSDAY 8 AUGUST**

Everyone welcome to a concert with John Nixon on the organ on Thursday 8 August at 1 pm.

There will be a retiring collection.

### **HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY ON SATURDAY 10 AUGUST**

Karen is holding a Coffee Morning in aid of the Alzheimer's Society on Saturday 10 August between 10.30 am and 12 noon.

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

### **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](https://www.bible.org.uk/wtb_event_tickets.php); or phone Ruth Castle on 01805 603619.

### **CRYPT YOUTH**

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

### **SUNDAY 4 AUGUST – TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

#### **COLLECT**

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THE FIRST READING – EPHESIANS 4: 1 – 16**

### **Unity in the Body of Christ**

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

## **THE SECOND READING- - JOHN 6: 24 - 35**

### **The Bread from Heaven**

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always'.

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.'