

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

**Monday 16 September – Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts. C.432;** Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882

Psalm 44; 1 Kings 12.25 – 13.10; Acts 19. 8-29

**Tuesday 17 September – Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary. 1179**

Psalm 48; 1 Kings 13.11 – end; Acts 19. 21-end

**Wednesday 18 September**

Psalm 119. 57-80; 1 Kings 17; Acts 20. 1-16

**Thursday 19 September – Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690**

Psalm 57; 1 Kings 18. 1-20; Acts 20. 17-end

**Friday 20 September – John Coleridge Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia, and his companion Martyrs, 1871**

Psalm 51; 1 Kings 18.21-end; Acts 2. 1-16

**Saturday 21 September – MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

Psalm 105; Proverbs 3.1-18; Matthew 19.16-end

**Sunday 22 September – The seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Jeremiah 11. 18-20; James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a; Mark 9.30-37

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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 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION, AND JUNIOR CHURCH 'BIG BREAKFAST'  
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

*(Rev'd Claire leading 9.30 am Holy Communion at Weare Giffard)*  
*(Rev'd Claire leading 11 am Holy Communion at Littleham)*

### SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

#### UCAN SUNDAY

- 8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
- 9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore  
Talk: Rev'd Fran Bliss
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE
- 3.00 pm MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE
- 4.00 pm MAYOR'S TEA

*(Rev'd Madeline taking 11 am Holy Communion at Landcross)*  
*(Sarah Cordingley taking 11 am Morning Praise at 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 16	Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Bookworms at Ro Day's
Tues 17	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Reflections 7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 18	9.30 am Music Makers 11.30 am Holy Communion at Moreton Court
Thurs 19	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (& -11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth(11-16s)
Fri 20	11.15 am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sat 21	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers
Sun 22	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am Encounter Service 3.00 pm Mayor's Civic Service 4.00 pm Mayor's tea

## PRAYERS

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

## MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE – SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER AT 3 PM

Please join us next Sunday, 22 September at 3 pm for the Mayor's Civic Service, followed by a tea at 4 pm at St Mary's Church. All welcome.

## UCAN SUNDAY – NEXT WEEK -

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 15 SEPTEMBER – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### COLLECT

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THE FIRST READING – ISAIAH 50.4-9a

### The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

## THE SECOND READING - Mark 8.27 - end

### Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

### Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'