

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 9 September – Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880
Psalm 30; 1 Kings 8. 31-62; Acts 16. 6-24

Tuesday 10 September
Psalm 36; 1 Kings 8.63-9.9; Acts 16. 25-end

Wednesday 11 September
Psalm 34; 1 Kings 10. 1-25; Acts 17. 1-15

Thursday 12 September
Psalm 37; 1 Kings 11. 1-13; Acts 17. 16-end

Friday 13 September – John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, teacher of the faith, 407
Psalm 31; 1 Kings 11. 26-end; Act 18. 1-21

Saturday 14 September – HOLY CROSS DAY
Psalm 71; 1 Maccabees 2.29-48; Philippians 4

Sunday 15 September - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 50. 4-9a; Psalm 16. 1-8; James 3. 1-2; Mark 8. 27-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 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 8.00 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 | CHORAL EVENSONG AT WEARE GIFFARD <i>Rev'd Kevin Beer taking 11 am Celtic Communion at Landcross</i> |

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 9.30 am | CELTIC COMMUNION AND JUNIOR CHURCH 'BIG BREAKFAST' RE-LAUNCH President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie |
| 11.15 am | ENCOUNTER SERVICE <i>Rev'd Claire taking 9.30 am Holy Communion at Weare Giffard</i> <i>Rev'd Claire taking 11 am Holy Communion at Littleham</i> |

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

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| Mon 9 Sept | 10.00 am -12 noon Letters from the Global South Exhibition 2.00 pm Mothers' Union 7.30 pm PCC Meeting |
| Tues 10 | 10am-4pm Letters from the Global South Exhibition 7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal |
| Wed 11 | 9.30 am Music Makers 11.30am-4pm Letters from the Global South Exhibition |
| Thurs 12 | 10.00am-4pm Letters from the Global South Exhibition 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s) |
| Fri 13 | 11.15 am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir practice |
| Sat 14 | 8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers Open Practice 10.30 am-12.30 pm Holy Grounds Café 10.30 am-3.00 pm Open Church Day |
| Sun 15 | 9.30 am Celtic Communion and 'Big Breakfast' re-launch of Junior Church for the children) 11.15 am Encounter Service |

PRAYERS

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

walk.' And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

THE SECOND READING- - MARK 7. 24 – END The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

MISSION AWAY GIVING COMMITTEE

We will be meeting in September 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 is away until 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 8 SEPTEMBER

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING – ACTS 3.1-10

Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and

CRYPT YOUTH

The Crypt Youth will be running every Thursday evening: 4-5.30 pm for 7-11-year-olds and 5.30-7 pm for 11-16-year-olds.

FILM NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

(For those who live alone but would like to watch a film with others.) The next one will be on Wednesday 11 September, 6.45 pm for 7 pm. Please let David Sparkes know in church if you would like to go.



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.

LETTERS FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH 

Free exhibition at St Mary's Church, Bideford



Public viewing dates and times:
 Monday 9 September 10am to 12 noon
 Tuesday 10 September 10am to 4pm
 Wednesday 11 September 11.30am to 4pm
 Thursday 12 September 10am to 4pm

Letters from the Global South is a pop up exhibition designed to foster solidarity with those communities most affected by climate change and environmental destruction. Blending quotations, letters, and drawings from campaigners and schoolchildren on the frontline of the crisis, it is a moving and informative exhibition about our responsibility to others.



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HOLY GROUNDS CAFÉ — SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Come and join us for coffee, cake and chat between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm on Saturday 14 September.

This coincides with **Open Churches Day for Devon Historic Churches Trust** when St Mary's Church will be open from 10.30 am to 3 pm. (Any donations going towards the work of the Trust.)

You will also have the chance to view the Letters from the Global South Exhibition before it moves on.

We would be grateful of all donations of cakes/biscuits for the above events, please.

MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE—SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

The Church family are warmly invited to the Mayor's Civic Service for Councillor Rachel Clarke on Sunday 22 September at 3 pm followed by a tea at 4 pm.

GLEANING 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).