

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 23 September

Psalm 71; 1 Kings 21; Acts 21.37 – 22.21

Tuesday 24 September –

Psalm 73; 1 Kings 22. 1-28; Acts 22.22-23.11

Wednesday 25 September – Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626;

Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher, 1392

Psalm 77; 1 Kings 22. 29-45; Acts 23. 12-end

Thursday 26 September – Wilson Carlisle, Founder of the Church

Army, 1942

Psalm 78; 1-39; 2 Kings 1.2-17; Acts 24. 1-23

Friday 27 September – Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660

Psalm 55; 2 Kings 2. 1-18; Acts 24.24 -25.12

Saturday 28 September – Ember Day

Psalm 76; 2 Kings 4. 1-37; Acts 25. 13-end

Sunday 29 September – MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 28. 10-17; Revelation 12. 7-12; John 1.47-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 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 Allison

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)

(Rev'd Robin taking 11 am Morning Praise at Littleham)

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2024 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore and Rev'd Fran

Talk: Rev'd Kevin Beer

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 23	9.30am Holy Duster
Tues 24	7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 25	9.30 am Music Makers 3.30 pm Messy Church
Thurs 26	12 noon Funeral of Andrew Ford 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7 -11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth(11-16s) 7.00 pm Children's Meeting
Fri 27	11.15 am Friday Diner
Sat 28	8.00 am Morning Prayer 11.00 am Gleaning Mini Conference start 1.00 – 4 pm Workshops 6.00 pm Andy Flannagan
Sun 29	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, Tony Duhig, Marian Johns, Roger Phillips, and Alan Power.

MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE –TODAY AT 3 PM

Please join us today at 3 pm for the Mayor's Civic Service, followed by a tea at 4 pm at St Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome.

UCAN SUNDAY – TODAY

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 22 SEPTEMBER – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING – James 3.13 – 4.3 and 7 – 8a

Two Kinds of Wisdom

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Friendship with the World

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

THE SECOND READING - Mark 9. 30 – 37

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Who Is the Greatest?

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'