



ST MARY'S
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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 20 OCTOBER 2024

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION AND JUNIOR CHURCH

President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

9.30 am H.Communion, Weare Giffard. Rev'd Robin Pirrie and Sarah Cordingley)

11 am H.Communion, Littleham. Rev'd Robin Pirrie and Sarah Cordingley

3 pm Harvest Service, Monkleigh. Rev'd Madeline Bray, Sarah Cordingley and Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2024

LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

UCAN SUNDAY

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION

President: Rev'd Alan Glover

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP FOR ALL SOULS DAY

President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover

(Please note there is no Holy Communion at this service)

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 21	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Bookworms at Maggie's house
Tues 22	7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 23	9.30 am Music Makers 3.30 pm Messy Church
Thurs 24	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7 -11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s)
Fri 25	11.15 am – 12.30 pm Friday Diner <i>(note early finish time)</i> 2.30 pm Funeral of Tabitha Tulloch-Peet
Sat 26	8.00 am Morning Prayer
Sun 27	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship (All Souls) 11.15 am Encounter Service

Please note that because we will have a lot of visitors on Sunday 27 October at the 9.30 am, there will not be a Communion.

There will, however, be Communion at the 8 am Service for those people who would like to receive it.

PRAYERS

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

We also pray particularly for the family and friends of Tabitha Tulloch-Peet ahead of her funeral at St Mary's Church on Friday, 25 October at 2.30 pm.

Wednesday 23 October—DAVIDS' FILM NIGHT

(For those who live alone but would like to watch a film with others) The next one will be on Wednesday 23 October 6.45 for 7 pm. Please let David know in church by today, Sunday, 20 October, if you would like to go. Thank you.

Friday 1 November—Quiz night at Skern Lodge

Parkinson's Northern Devon Branch BIG QUIZ at Skern Lodge, Friday, 1st November - table bookings, tel John 01237 473337.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

On Wednesday 20 November at 7:30 pm in St Mary's we will begin a weekly time of worship and reflection for Advent.

This will be run for four weeks and will reflect on the Magi, their journey and their gifts. We will look at the traditional view of the Magi and contrast it with the various biblical and historical accounts of these travellers. There will be Advent hymns, a short talk and time for individual reflection.

We hope you will join us at this special time of year as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child into our lives.

The Foundations Course

The Foundations course is designed to help Christians grow in their discipleship, and flourish as part of the Church. It is run by the Diocese of Exeter as part of our commitment to lifelong learning and development for all. It is open to everyone who is a member of a church community.

Foundations is the introductory course for everyone in the Diocese of Exeter who is exploring their vocation (both lay and ordained). The topics covered are Theology, The Bible, Spirituality The great thing is it is running in North Devon at Barnstaple! (Holy Trinity)

Read more on

<https://exeter.anglican.org/ministry/lay-ministry/foundations/>

Please discuss with one of the Clergy if you would like to find out more. Only 15/30 spaces are left- so please pray about it and look it up if you are interested!

Barnstaple (Holy Trinity Church) running from February to June 2025. Commitment is to three Saturdays (9-4pm) and four Wednesday evenings.

With best wishes and prayers,

Rev'd Claire

A Big Thank you

For those of you who met Father Ignatius he has sent a lovely letter to express his grateful thanks for your friendship and guidance during his stay in Bideford. He was new to the area

and says you all made him feel at home and part of the group. He has moved to his new church in Torquay– Assumption of our Lady Church, Abbey Road and he welcomes you all to visit

John Hedge New Poetry Book

John Hedge has just published a new poetry book there's generally a pretty wide spread of subjects and issues. Actually only one poem, the one in the title, about football- a relief for some, I expect. The poem about the Bideford Bells which was read out at the last concert is included.

The quickest way to get hold of it is Amazon, where reviews of it are also welcome, but if anyone wants me to supply a copy direct I can do that as well.

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty God,
in whose service lies perfect freedom:
teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING—JOB 38.1-7 **The Lord Answers Job**

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

THE SECOND READING – Hebrews 5. 1 - 10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,
today I have begotten you’;

as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

THE GOSPEL READING – Mark 10. 35 – 45

The Request of James and John

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right

hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATION

Monday 21 October

Psalm 1; Exodus 22. 21-27; 23.1-17; 1 Timothy 6. 1-10

Tuesday 22 October

Psalm 5; Exodus 29.38-30.16; 1 Timothy 6.11-end

Wednesday 23 October

Psalm 9. 1-32; Leviticus 8; 2 Timothy 1.1-14

Thursday 24 October

Psalm 15; Leviticus 9; 2 Timothy 1.15-2.13

Friday 25 October – Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs of Rome c.287

Psalm 19; Leviticus n16. 2-24 2 Timothy 2. 14-end

Saturday 26 October – Alfred The Great, King of West Saxons, Scholar, 899; Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 644

Psalm 23; Leviticus 17; 2 Timothy 3

Sunday 27 October

Jeremiah 31.7-9; Hebrews 7. 23-end; Mark 1046-end

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