

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 7 October

Psalm 98; 2 Kings 17. 24-end; Philippians 1. 1-11

Tuesday 8 October

Psalm 106; 2 Kings 18. 1-12; Philippians 1. 12-end

Wednesday 9 October – Denys, Bishop of Paris and his companions, martyrs c.250; Robert Grosseteste; Bishop of Lincoln, philosopher, scientist; 1253

Psalm 111 2 Kings 18. 13-end; Philippians 2. 1-13

Thursday 10 October – Paulinus, Bishop of York; Missionary, 644; Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer, 1674

Psalm 115; 2 Kings 19. 1-19; Philippians 2. 14-end

Friday 11 October – Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking 675; James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th Century

Psalm 139; 2 Kings 19. 20-36; Philippians 3.1-4.1

Saturday 12 October - Wilfred of Ripon, bishop, missionary, 709; Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845; Edith Cavell, nurse 1915

Psalm 121; 2 Kings 19.20; Philippians 4. 2-end

Sunday 13 October – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Amos 5.6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4.12-end; Mark 10.17-31

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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 6 OCTOBER 2024

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

HARVEST SUNDAY

9.30 am HARVEST MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY
COMMUNION AND JUNIOR CHURCH
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
Talk: Rev'd Madeline Bray

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

12.45 pm HARVEST LUNCH

(Sarah Cordingley taking 11 am Harvest Service at Weare Giffard)

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2024

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover

9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP WITH THE ALL-AGE TEAM
and Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

6.00 pm SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS WITH THE
FIVE PARISH CHOIR

*(Rev'd Madeline Bray taking 11 am Harvest Celtic Communion
Landcross)*

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 7	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Tues 8	7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 9	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 10	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (& -11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s)
Fri 11	11.15 am Friday Diner 6.00pm Choir Practice
Sat 12	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00am Treblemakers 10.30 am Holy Grounds Café (Mother's Union) 11.00 am Band Practice
Sun 13	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship with the All-Age team 11.15 am Encounter Service 6.00 pm Service of Healing and Wholeness

PRAYERS

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

6pm Sunday 13th October at St Marys Church.

A Service for Wholeness and Healing, offering the opportunity for individual anointing and prayer.

Close to St Luke's day we are offering this quiet Service- a time to really draw close to God to ask for His healing and blessing.

On Monday 7th October

Prayers for peace in the Middle East.

The Church will be open for silent prayer between 6-7pm (not 6-8pm as advertised) on the Anniversary of the start of conflict in the Middle East.

There will be candles to light and some prompts for prayer.

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER – NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING – Psalm 126 – A Harvest of Joy

A Song of Ascents.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then it was said among the nations,
'The LORD has done great things for them.'

The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

THE SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 2. 1 – 7

A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6 25 - 33

Do Not Worry

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.