

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATION

Monday 18 November – Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 123
Psalm 47; Daniel 8. 1-14; Revelation 10

Tuesday 19 November – Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680; Mechtild, Beguine of Magdeburg, Mystic, 1280
Psalm 52; Daniel 8. 15-end; Revelation 11. 1-4

Wednesday 20 November – Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr 870; Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876
Psalm 56; Daniel 9. 1-19; Revelation 1.. 1-end

Thursday 21 November
Psalm 62; Daniel 9. 20-end; Revelation 12

Friday 22 November – Cecilia, Martyr at Rome c.230
Psalm 63; Daniel 10.1-11.1; Revelation 13. 1-10

Saturday 23 November – Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr c.100
Psalm 78. 1-39; Daniel 12; Revelation 13. 1-end

Sunday 24 November – CHRIST THE KING, THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT
Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1. 4b-8; John 18. 33-37

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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 17 NOVEMBER 2024

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION AND JUNIOR CHURCH

President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

Talk: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

UCAN SUNDAY

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION

President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

and Wedding Blessing for Nigel and Jenny Chick

President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

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 18	9.30 am Holy Dusters 1.30 pm Funeral of Tony Duhig
Tues 19	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Reflections 7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 20	9.30 am Music Makers 11.30 am Moreton Court Holy Communion 2 pm Streams at Littleham Village Hall 7.30 pm Advent Reflections
Thurs 21	12 noon Thanksgiving Service for Beth Eastaugh 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s) 7.30 pm Mission Away Giving Meeting (Church)
Fri 22	11.15 am-1.00pm Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sat 23	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers
Sun 24	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Wedding Blessing for Nigel and Jenny Chick 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

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

We pray for Dorothy, Ben Jonathan, Justine, Ewan, Callum and the family and friends of Tony Duhig, ahead of his funeral at St Mary's Church at 1.30 pm tomorrow, 18 November which everyone is very welcome to attend.

We also pray for the family and friends of Beth Eastaugh ahead of her Thanksgiving Service on Thursday 21 November at 12 noon.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

A Preaching Tour in Galilee

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

UCAN SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

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.

STREAMS—WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2-4.30 PM

Calling all ladies who would like a time for crafting activities, interspersed with coffee cake and chat. It will take place at Littleham Village Hall on Wednesday 20 November from 2-4.30 pm.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

On **Wednesday 20 November at 7.30 pm** we will begin our weekly time of worship and reflection for Advent. This will 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 traveller. 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY PLAYS

Calling all Thespians! Or just willing participants!

We need you for the Christmas Eve nativity play if you will be around then.

There are two performances on the day at 2.30 pm and 4 pm.

The rehearsals are on the following Saturdays: -

30 November at 11 am

7 December at 11.30 am to start for 11.45 am

21 December at 11 am

Please speak to Pattie if you can be part of the team.

5 PARISH CANDLELIT ADVENT SERVICE AT ST MARY'S

Please make a note in your diaries for Sunday 1 December when there will be a candlelit Advent Service at 5 pm. There will be a tea at 4.15 pm ahead of the service.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS LIFTS

Can you help with lifts?

Do you need a lift to medical appointment?

If so, contact Karen Johns on 07368637664

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER –SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

HELP NEEDED ON AV TEAM

The AV Team are really in need of a boost to their numbers, particularly over the Advent/Christmas period where it is very difficult to cover all the services.

If you have any experience of AV and can help with any services coming up, please can you speak to Marcia Redwood.

Also, if you would like to learn AV, Marcia and the team would be glad to hear from you.

HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE MORNING

A BIG thank you to everyone who supported our Holy Grounds Coffee Morning on Saturday, by bringing gorgeous cakes; serving tea and coffee, serving cakes; washing up and making everyone welcome. As usual it was a great morning.

Make a diary date for our next **CHRISTMAS HOLY GROUNDS ON 14 DECEMBER**, when we will have the usual lovely coffee and cake; we will be able to join our Treblemakers singing carols and, as part of the Frost Fair in Bideford, from 2-6 pm there will be a craft fair, selling crafts and gifts (with cakes and refreshments from 2-4 pm.)

CHRISTMAS FRIDAY DINER 20 DECEMBER

Our Christmas Friday Diner will be on 20 December, and we would like to give out the usual gift bags to those coming to the Diner. We would be grateful for donations of new socks, for men and women, that we can give out in the bags.

There will be a box at the back of the church for all your donations.

Thank you, on behalf of the Friday Diner Team.

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING - Hebrews 10. 11-14, 19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering, he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

THE SECOND READING –Mark 1.29-39

Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.