

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATION

Monday 4 November

Psalm 2; Daniel 1; Revelation 1

Tuesday 5 November

Psalm 5, Daniel 2. 1-24; Revelation 2. 1-11

Wednesday 6 November – Leonard, Hermit, 6th century; William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher, 1944
Psalm 9; Daniel 2. 25-end; Revelation 2. 12-end

Thursday 7 November – Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739

Psalm 15; Daniel 3. 1-18; Revelation 3. 1-13

Friday 8 November – The Saints and Martyrs of England

Psalm 16; Daniel 3. 19-end; Revelation 3. 14-end

Saturday 9 November – Margery Kempe, Mystic. 1440

Psalm 18. 31-end; Daniel 4. 1-18; Revelation 4

Sunday 10 November – THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Isaiah 2: 3-4 and John 15: 9-17

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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 3 NOVEMBER 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2024

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.30 am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
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Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover

(NO 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

Tues 5	10.30 am Holy Communion (MU) 7.30 pm Northam Choral Rehearsal 7.30 pm Parish Prayer – St Mary’s House
Wed 6	9.30 am Music Makers 2.30 pm Pastoral Care Meeting – St Mary’s House 7.30 pm Bideford Music Club concert
Thurs 7	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7 -11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s) 7.00 pm Taize service at Landcross
Fri 8	11.15 am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sat 9	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers 10.30 am Holy Grounds Café
Sun 10	8.00 am Said Holy Communion 11.30 am Remembrance Service (There will be no Encounter Service or Evensong)

Please note there will be no Holy Communion at the Remembrance Service next Sunday. There will be an 8 am Said Holy Communion for those people who would like communion.

The Civic Remembrance Service will start at approximately 11.30 am, not 11 am as printed in the Newsletter. Please come and represent St Mary’s Church if you can.

ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE

There will be the opportunity to join the quiet Service of Remembrance outside (on Monday 11 November) from 10.50 am, by the memorial outside St Mary’s Church.

PRAYERS

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

We also pray for Dorothy, Ben, Jonathan, Justine, Ewan, Callum, and family and friends following the sad passing of Tony Duhig on 28 October.

We also remember the family and friends of Graham Braddick ahead of his funeral at St Mary’s Church on Friday 15 November at 2.30 pm.

TONY DUHIG

Sadly, Tony passed away peacefully at home on Monday 28 October. His funeral will be held at St Mary's on 18 November at 1:30 pm, with a celebration of his life at The Pier House afterwards.

Tony loved the warmth of the St Mary's welcome and counted many friends amongst the church family. All are welcome to the service and to join us at the Pier House afterwards.

To help us with numbers, please could you let Ben know if you hope to attend; ben.duhig@bluesoupagency.com. Thanks for all the prayers in recent weeks. It's lovely to know he is now at rest. Dorothy, Ben, Jonathan, Justine and families.

BIDEFORD MUSIC CLUB CONCERT ON 6 NOVEMBER

This month's concert will be Roelof Temmingh on the piano on Wednesday, 6 November at 7.30 pm.

Single ticket on the door: £16.50 Students, children and accompanying carers tickets: Free

HOLY GROUNDS CAFE ON 9 NOVEMBER

This month it will be the turn of the Home Groups to serve the refreshments. These mornings are a good social time for everyone and are greatly appreciated by those who come.

If you go to one of the Home Groups and are happy to help (serving, washing up etc) or bring cakes, please contact Pam Howlett. Thank you

PLEA FOR CLOTHS

The cloths covering the credence tables are quite old and beginning to look very tired. If you have any white tablecloths that are 4'x 5' maximum, white linen or cotton and preferably with a lace edging, Gill Dean would love to hear from you. Thank you.

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.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS LIFTS

Can you help with lifts?

Do you need a lift to medical appointment?

If so, contact Karen Johns on 07368637664

NORTH DEVON CLUSTER QUIET DAY

On Wednesday 9 October at All Saints Chapel, Anstey Way Instow North Devon our North Devon Cluster held our Quiet Day. The day was led by Rev Madeline Bray an MU member from the Bideford branch. The theme was "The Ministry of Christ". A total of 19 members attended, 11 members from Bideford. We started the day with coffee at 11.00 and brought the Quiet Day to a close by sharing Holy Communion together. It was a great opportunity to share the communion service together and to spend time with other MU members. The day was a huge success and we all benefitted from Madeline`s leadership.



From donations received on the day Bideford Branch have been able to buy 6 new kitchen items for a refugee family who are moving into the area.

Jacque Ballantyne Bideford
Mothers` Union Branch Leader

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER – FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

COLLECT

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING - Hebrews 9. 11 - 14

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

THE SECOND READING –Mark 12. 28 - 34 **The First Commandment**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.