

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 13 January Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, teacher of the faith 367

Psalm 2; Amos 1; 1 Corinthians 1.1-17

Tuesday 14 January

Psalm 9; Amos 2; 1 Corinthians 1.18 -end

Wednesday 15 January,

Psalm 20; Amos 3; 1 Corinthians 2

Thursday 16 January

Psalm 21; Amos 4; 1 Corinthians 3

Friday 17 January, Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot 356

Psalm 67; Amos 5.1-17; 1 Corinthians 4

Saturday 11 January Week of Prayer for Christian Union

Psalm 33; Amos 5.18-end; 1 Corinthians 5

Sunday 12 January THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isiah 63. 1-5, 1 Corinthians 12 .1-11; John 2.1-11

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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 12 JANUARY 2025 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 8 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP WITH THE ALL-AGE TEAM and
Rev'd Robin Pirrie
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE
- 6.00 pm CELTIC NEW YEAR SERVICE, LITTLEHAM**
- 11 am *Celtic Communion, Landcross – Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore*

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY 2025 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION, AND JUNIOR CHURCH
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
Talk: Sue Marnham
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER

(9.30 am Holy Communion, Weare Giffard – Rev'd Robin Pirrie)

(11 am Holy Communion, Littleham – Rev'd Robin Pirrie)

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 13	9.30 am Holy Dusters 12 for 12.30 pm M.U. New Year Lunch at The Royal 7.30 pm PCC Meeting
Wed 15	9.30 am Music Makers 11 am Funeral of Anne Wells at N Devon Crematorium
Thurs 16	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s)
Friday 17	11.15 am-1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 18	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers
Sun 19	9.30 am Celtic Communion, and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter
Mon 20	10.30 am Funeral of Marian Barnes at St Mary's Church

PRAYERS

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

We particularly remember Sheenah Middle and her family following the passing of her father Alan Edmonds this week, who was part of St Mary's Church family.

We also pray for the families of Anne Wells, Marian Barnes, Michael Willis, and Michael Richards ahead of their funerals in the coming weeks.

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

COLLECT

Heavenly Father
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 43. 1-7 Restoration and Protection Promised

But now thus says the LORD he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass

through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you: I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

THE SECOND READING – Acts 8 14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John^[d] laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL READING LUKE 3. 15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved with you I am well pleased.'