

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 20 January Fabian, Bishop of Rome and martyr ,250

Psalm 146; Amos 6; 1 Corinthians 6.1-11

Tuesday 21 January Agnes child martyr at Rome 304

Psalm 132; Amos 7; 1 Corinthians 6.12 -end

Wednesday 22 January, Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, first martyr of Spain 304

Psalm 81; Amos 8; 1 Corinthians 7. 1-24

Thursday 23 January

Psalm 76; Amos 9; 1 Corinthians 7.25-end

Friday 24 January, Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, teacher of the faith, 1622

Psalm 27; Hosea 1.1-2.1; 1 Corinthians 8

Saturday 25 January The Conversion of Paul

Psalm 66; Isaiah 49.1-13; Galatians 1. 11-end

Sunday 26 January THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4. 14-21

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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 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)*

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2025 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President; Rev'd Madeline Bray
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am ENCOUNTER

*(11 am Holy Communion Landcross - Rev'd Robin Pirrie)
(11 am Morning Praise Littleham - Sarah Cordingley)*

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 20	10.30 am Funeral of Marian Barnes 12 noon Prayer for Christian Unity at Baptist Church 7.30 pm Bookworms at Justine's
Tues 21	10.30 am Holy Communion 12 noon Prayer for Christian Unity at Ethelwynne Close Community Room 12.30 pm Funeral of Michael Willis 2.30 pm Reflections
Wed 22	9.30 am Music Makers 11.30 am Holy Communion Moreton Court 12 noon Prayer for Christian Unity at St Mary's Church 3.30 pm Messy Church 7.30 pm Extra Standing Committee Meeting on Zoom
Thurs 23	12 noon Prayer for Christian Unity at Methodist Church 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s) 7.30 pm Home Group Leaders Meeting at the Rectory
Friday 24	11.15 am-1 pm Friday Diner 12 noon Prayer for Christian Unity at Catholic Church 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 25	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 11 am Singing Practice for teenage boys 12 noon Prayer for Christian Unity at Lavington United Reformed Church

PRAYERS

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

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

Can we also pray for the Away Giving Charity of the month which is the Mercy Ships.

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY—DAVE'S FILM NIGHT (For those who live alone but would like to watch a film with others) The next one will be on Wed 22 January 6.45 for 7 pm. Please let Dave know in church by today, 19 January, if you would like to go. Thank you.

HELPERS NEEDED AT FRIDAY DINER

The Friday Diner really needs some more volunteers to help. If you are interested, please speak to Richard James.

SCOTT CINEMA – Jesus Christ Superstar

If anyone is interested Jesus Christ Superstar Live is being shown at Scott's Cinema in Barnstaple on Sunday 2 March at 2 pm and Tuesday 4 March at 7.30 pm. Advance bookings are now being taken.

FLEECY THROWS

We would be grateful for any fleecy throws to keep in church as our stock is depleted. Thank you. All enquiries to Lorna Dorrington.

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

COLLECT

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING – 1 Corinthians 12. 1-11

Spiritual Gifts

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says, 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 25.34-40

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."