

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 6 January Epiphany

Psalm 48; Isaiah 62; John 2.13-end

Tuesday 7 January

Psalm 99; Isaiah 63. 7-end 1 John 3

Wednesday 8 January, Lucian, Priest and Martyr, 290

Psalm 46; Isaiah 64; 1 John 4. 7-end

Thursday 9 January

Psalm 148; Isaiah 65. 1-16; 1 John 5.1-12

Friday 10 January, William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645

Psalm 149; Isaiah 65. 17-end; 1 John 5. 13-end

Saturday 11 January Mary Slessor, missionary in West Africa 1915

Psalm 150; Isaiah 66. 1-11; 2 John

Sunday 12 January THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isiah 43. 1-7, Acts 8. 14-17, Luke 3. 15-17,21-22

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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 5 JANUARY 2025 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, AND JUNIOR CHURCH
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore and Rev'd Robin Pirrie

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

9.30am *Morning Praise Weare Gifford (SC)*

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2025 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION (CRC)

9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP WITH THE ALL-AGE TEAM (RP)

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE (RP)

6.00pm CELTIC NEW YEAR SERVICE, LITTLEHAM (CRC/SC)

11am Celtic Communion, Landcross (CRC/SC)

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 6	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Tues 7	10.30 am Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate) 7.30 pm Parish Prayer in St Mary's House
Wed 8	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 9	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s)
Friday 10	11.15 am-1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 11	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers – 2 nd Birthday Celebration 10.30 am – 12.30 pm Holy Grounds Café 7.30 pm Northam Choral Concert

PRAYERS

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

CHRISTMAS DINER 2024 - THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Friday Diner, whether it was socks, hats, donations, cooking, mince pies etc. it was very much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone who came. We served 34 meals to the folk who came and gave away 36 bags of treats and goodies. A special mention to Tarka Rotary who so kindly donated £200.00 to cover the cost of the chocolate treats and hand wash etc in the goody bags. Any socks and hats etc that were not given out at the Diner have been taken to Harbour for the folk there.

Thank you from all the Friday Diner Team

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY – SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

COLLECT

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING – Isaiah 60.1-6

The Ingathering of the Dispersed

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

THE SECOND READING – Matthew 2.1-12

The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.