

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

**Monday 17 February, Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, martyr, 1977**

Psalm 44; Ecclesiastes 1; John 17.1-5

**Tuesday 18 February,**

Psalm 48; Ecclesiastes 2; John 17. 6-19

**Wednesday 19 February**

Psalm 119. 57-80; Ecclesiastes 3. 1-15; John 17. 20-end

**Thursday 20 February**

Psalm 57; Ecclesiastes 3.16-end of 4; John 18.1-11

**Friday 21 February**

Psalm 51; Ecclesiastes 5; John 18. 12-27

**Saturday 22 February**

Psalm 68; Ecclesiastes 6; John 18.28-end

**Sunday 23 February Second Sunday before Lent, Sexagesima**

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end; Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25

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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 16 FEBRUARY 2025 THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

9.30 am Celtic Communion (with Treblemakers), and Junior Church  
President: Rev'd Fran Allison  
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am Encounter

*(9.30 am Holy Communion, Weare Giffard - Rev'd Madeline Bray)  
(11 am Holy Communion, Littleham - Rev'd Madeline Bray)*

### SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2025 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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 Robin Pirrie

11.15 am Encounter

*(11 am Holy Communion, Landcross - Rev'd Claire Rose- Casemore)  
(11 am Morning Praise, Littleham - Rev'd Fran Allison)*

*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 17	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Tues 18	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Reflections 7.30–9.15 pm Northam Choral rehearsal
Wed 19	10 am Stay and Play 11.30 am Holy Communion Moreton Court
Friday 21	11.15 am-1 pm Friday Diner 3 pm Thanksgiving Service for Alan Edmonds 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 22	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10am – 12.30 pm Singing Workshop with John Nixon

### **PRAYERS**

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

We continue to pray also for Justine, Ben and family, following the sad passing of Justine's mum, Marion Davison.

### **THIS AFTERNOON 3.30 PM POETRY READING BY JOHN HEDGE**

John Hedge will read from his two collections of poetry, *The Paddington Band*, and *Life, Death and Football*, and talk about the themes behind his writing.

There will also be an opportunity to buy *Life, Death and Football*.

Although there will be no charge for the event, a small donation towards St Mary's Church would be much appreciated.

### **22 FEBRUARY (10 AM – 12.30 PM) SINGING WORKSHOP**

Singing Workshop - Registration and coffee from 10 am followed by two 40-minute sessions led by John Nixon. All welcome.

### **UUCAN SUNDAY TODAY (16 February)**

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.

### **SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY – THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

#### **COLLECT**

Eternal God  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed  
into the image of Christ our Lord

### **THE FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 15. 12-20 The Resurrection of the Dead**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

### **GOSPEL READING LUKE 6. 17-26 Jesus Teaches and Heals**

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

### **Blessings and Woes**

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.' 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.' 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.' 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.' 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.' 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.' 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.' 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.