

NEW! WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 5 April, at 9.30 am at the Durrant Hotel, full English breakfast with dietary options. The cost will be £10, payable on signing up on the sheet in church. Unfortunately, no refunds will be possible after Sunday 30 March because the Durrant needs to be paid in advance.

The plan is to have the Women's Breakfast once every three months.

CHRISTIAN AID LENT APPEAL

Today, 2 March, we will be handing out Smartie tubes. Please do take them home, eat the goodies and then during Lent fill them with money! All contributions will be given to Christian Aid, an organisation which works all over the world to try and eradicate poverty. We are so fortunate, please in thanks to God for what we have, help those who are in need. Please return tubes to Church on Easter Day. Thank you, Susan Jeffery and Nigel Chick.

ST MARY'S HELP REQUIRED

The church is looking for help with the following, please:

Organise getting the free-standing wooden collection box adapted by a carpenter for the new credit-card reader. Speak to Mark Porthouse after the 9:30 am Sunday service.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

...have moved to a separate monthly sheet. They will be emailed when the monthly Newsletter is sent out. Or you can pick up a copy at the door.

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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 2 MARCH 2025 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT QUINQUAGESIMA

9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion, and Junior Church
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover

11.15 am Encounter

(9.30 am Morning Praise, Weare Giffard - Sarah Cordingley)

SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025 THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8 am Said Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

9.30 am Family Worship All Age Service with All-Age Team and Rev'd Robin Pirrie

11.15 am Encounter

6 pm Healing and Wholeness Service

(11 am Celtic Communion, Landcross - Claire Rose-Casemore)

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.

SUNDAY 2 MARCH - NEXT BEFORE LENT

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING EXODUS 34.29-END

The Shining Face of Moses

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 9.28-36

The Transfiguration

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen.

Dates of Events and Meetings

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| Mon 3 | 9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Bookworms at Ro Day's |
| Tues 4 | 10.30 am Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate) 7.30 pm Parish Prayer, St Mary's House 7.30-9.15 pm Northam Choral rehearsal |
| Wed 5 | 9.30 am Music Makers 10 am Ash Wednesday Service at Landcross 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service, St Mary's Church |
| Thurs 6 | 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16) |
| Fri 7 | 11.15-1 pm Friday Diner 2.30 pm World Day of Prayer Service 6 pm Choir practice |
| Sat 8 | 8.00 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 10.30 am Holy Grounds Café (M.U.) 11 am Worship Band Practice |

PRAYERS

Please remember the church family in your prayers. At the beginning of each month, **in this bulletin**, we will mention those people that we have been asked to specifically pray for. If you know anyone who needs extra prayers for the month, please e-mail the Office or have a word with Debbie or Karen.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES ON 5 MARCH

Please join us for the start of Lent and a chance to worship together at our Ash Wednesday Services. Either 7 pm at St Mary's or earlier in the day at 10 am at Landcross.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE – 2.30 PM ON FRIDAY 7 MARCH

Every year, the World Day of Prayer unites people across the globe in a spirit of worship, solidarity, and shared faith. This year our focus is the Cook Islands. The theme is "I Made You Wonderful" from Psalm 139: 14.

St Mary's is the host church from Bideford this year and everyone is welcome to the Service on Friday 7 March at 2.30 pm, followed by light refreshments.

HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE – 6 PM ON SUNDAY 9 MARCH

In this month's Wholeness and Healing Service we acknowledge that it is exactly five years since the Covid pandemic began.

Those months are part of our life's journey. We bring ourselves to God in this Service asking Him to bless the good memories and heal the more difficult ones. This is a service with a special focus on the ministry of healing and will include an opportunity to receive the laying on of hands and an anointing with oil if you would like it. You are all very welcome.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Thank you those of you who have boxes for the Children's Society. They are being counted on Tuesday 11 March, so please bring your boxes to Church Office or Church before that date. Thank you. Liza Junkison.