

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

### Monday 24 February St Matthias, Apostle and Martyr

Psalms 71; Ecclesiastes 7. 1-14; John 19. 1-16

### Tuesday 25 February,

Psalms 73; Ecclesiastes 7.15-end; John 19 .17-30

### Wednesday 26 February

Psalms 77; Ecclesiastes 8; John 19. 31-end

### Thursday 27 February George Herbert, priest, poet,1633

Psalms 78.1-39; Ecclesiastes 9; John 20.1-10

### Friday 28 February

Psalms 55; Ecclesiastes 11.1-8; John 20. 11-18

### Saturday 1 March David, Bishop of Menevia, patron of Wales 601

Psalms 76; Ecclesiastes 11.9-end of 12; John 20.19-end

### Sunday 2 March The Sunday next before Lent, Quinquagesima

Exodus 34.29-end; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36

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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 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)*

### SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2025 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT QUINQUAGESIMA

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

11.15am Encounter

*(9.30 am Morning Praise, Weare Giffard 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 24	9.30 am Holy Dusters 10.30 am Visit to Highwood Care Home
Tues 25	7.30–9.15 pm Northam Choral rehearsal
Wed 26	9.30 am Music Makers 3.30 pm Messy Church
Thurs 27	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16)
Fri 28	11.15-1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir practice
Sat 1	8.00 am Morning Prayer 8.15 am Men's Breakfast at Brewers Fayre 10 am Treblemakers

## PRAYERS

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

Please also pray for a successful appointment for a new Team Vicar following interviews next week.

## CHRISTIAN AID LENT APPEAL

Today, 23 Feb, and on Sunday 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

**WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY—DAVID'S FILM NIGHT** (For those who live alone but would like to watch a film with others.) The next one will be on Wed 26 February 6.45 for 7 pm. Please let David know in church by today, 23 February, if you would like to go. Thank you.

## READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

From next week this section that appears on the back page of the bulletin as weekly readings will be moved to a new monthly sheet of readings and dedications. It will be available from the welcomers at each service and will also be distributed by email. Please pick up your copy.

Moving the weekly readings onto a monthly sheet will make space for a new "Help Required" section where we will list tasks that the church is looking for help with.

## SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

### COLLECT

Almighty God  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

## THE FIRST READING Genesis 2 4b-9, 15-end Another Account of the Creation

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So, the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman for out of Man this one was taken. Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

## GOSPEL READING LUKE 8. 22-25 Jesus Calms a Storm

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'