

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 10 February, Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola c 543

Psalm 30; Joel 1. 1-14; John 15. 1-11

Tuesday 11 February,

Psalm 36; Joel 1. 15-end; John 15. 12-17

Wednesday 12 February

Psalm 34; Joel 2 1-17; John 15.18-end

Thursday 13 February

Psalm 37; Joel 2. 18-27; John 16.1-15

Friday 14 February Cyril and Methodius Missionaries to the Slavs 869 and 885; Valentine, Martyr at Rome c.269

Psalm 31; Joel 2. 28-end; John 16. 16-22

Saturday 15 February Sigfrid, Bishop Apostle of Sweden, 1045, Thomas Bray, priest, founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730

Psalm 42; Joel 3.1-3, 9-end; John 16.23-end

Sunday 16 February Third Sunday before Lent, Septuagesima

Jeremiah 17.5-10; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26

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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 9 FEBRUARY 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

- 8 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
- 9.30 am FAMILY ALL-AGE WORSHIP with All-Age Team, and
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore/Rev'd Fran Allison
- 11.15 am ENCOUNTER
- 6 pm CHORAL EVENSONG AT WEARE GIFFARD

(11 am Celtic Communion at Landcross – Rev'd Robin Pirrie)

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)*

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

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| Mon 10 | 9.30 am Holy Dusters 2 pm Mothers Union 7.30 pm Zoom Standing Committee Meeting |
| Tues 11 | 7.30 – 9.15 pm Northam Choral |
| Wed 12 | 9.30 am Music Makers |
| Thurs 13 | 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s) 7.30 pm Mission Away Giving Committee Meeting in church |
| Friday 14 | 11.15 am-1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice |
| Sat 15 | 8.00 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 10 am -1 pm Pastoral Training St Mary's House |

PRAYERS

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

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

We also remember Jeff Hayward and family, ahead of Dawn's funeral at 12.30 pm on Tuesday 11 February at St Margaret's Church, Northam.

16 FEBRUARY 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.

MISSION AWAY GIVING COMMITTEE

The next meeting for the Mission Away Giving Committee will be on Thursday 13 February at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church.

Thank you so much for all the wonderful donations of fleeces for the church. They are being very gratefully used! Lorna

UCAN SUNDAY is next week when 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 9 FEBRUARY – FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

COLLECT

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING 1 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

The Resurrection of Christ

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

GOSPEL READING LUKE 5. 1-11

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.