

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL NEEDED FOR 2025

Before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) takes place on Sunday 11 May 2025, we need to prepare a new Parochial Electoral Roll.

We are required to prepare a new parochial Electoral Roll every six years, and a new Roll is due for 2025. This means that everyone who would like to be on the Roll will need to complete a new form.

As a member on the Roll, you can vote on important issues for St Mary's at APCMs.

Forms available from today for anyone who is baptised and aged 16+. The forms can be picked up from St Mary's Church or Church Office. Please hand in completed forms in to either Justine Duhig (Electoral Roll Officer) or to Debbie Crawford in Church Office by the deadline of Sunday 13 April.

DON'T FORGET Women's Breakfast this coming Saturday 5th April at 9.30am at Durrant House Hotel

ST MARY'S HELP REQUIRED

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

Parts of the paths surrounding the church have a covering of a green weed on them. We're seeking someone who could investigate this and spend a little time eliminating it. We will fund any supplies needed. Please contact Mark Porthouse (01237 520450)

Help wanted by a small team to take posters out into Bideford, to ask if they can be put up in public places around town. Please talk to the office if you can do this on a fairly regular basis. Many thanks

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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 30 MARCH 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MOTHERING SUNDAY

9.45 am	Refreshments
10.30 am	Morning Worship (with Treblemakers) President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore/Rev'd Fran Allison
11.30 am	Holy Communion in St Peters Chapel

(11 am Lay Team Service at Littleham)

SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
PASSIONTIDE BEGINS

9.30 am	Morning Worship (Passion Readings) with Holy Communion, and Junior Church President; Rev'd Robin Pirrie
11.15 am	Encounter

(Morning Praise at 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.

SUNDAY 30 MARCH – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY

COLLECT

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING EXODUS 2 1-10

The Birth and youth of Moses

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So, the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So, the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

GOSPEL READING JOHN 19 25-27

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 31	9.30 am Holy Dusters 12-1 pm St Helens School visit 1.30-2.30pm E.T.W Year 2 Easter Garden
Tues 1	10.30 am Holy Communion (M.U) 1.30-2.30 E.T.W Year 2 Easter Garden 7.30 pm Parish Prayer in St Mary's House 7.30-9.15 pm Northam Choral rehearsal
Wed 2	9.30 am Music Makers 2-3pm St Mary's School Easter Service & commissioning of Headteacher Zoe Stevens 7.30 pm Bideford Music Club Concert
Thurs 3	2 pm Kingsley School end of term service 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16) 7.30-9 pm Lent Course
Fri 4	11.15-1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir practice
Sat 5	8.00 am Morning Prayer 8.15 am Men's Breakfast 10 am Treblemakers 12.30pm Blessing of the standard for Devon Veterans Assoc. 2-4 pm St Mary's Singers rehearsal for Stainer's Crucifixion

PRAYERS

Please remember Martin Butler and Roger Phillips in your prayers.

PLEA FOR EASTER GARDEN GREENERY

On Palm Sunday, 13 April, we will be making the big Easter Garden to go in the Church and the children will be making individual ones to take home.

We would be very grateful for gifts of small flowers or plants, please (pansies, primroses etc). These can be brought to Holy Grounds on the 12th, to Church for the 9.30 service on the 13th, or if you let me know I can collect. Many thanks Lorna 01237 477117

PALM SUNDAY – 13 APRIL

Palm Sunday will have the procession with the donkey from Victoria Park at 9/9.10 am to St Mary's Church, before the All-Age Service at 9.30 am. There will also be the usual 8 am Holy Communion and Encounter at 11.15 am.

In the evening at 7 pm St Mary's Singers will be performing Stainer's Crucifixion, led by John Nixon, with soloist John Hobb, and Chris Beechey on organ. There will be a retiring collection to support Frank White's fundraising for 'Young Lives vs Cancer'.