

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL NEEDED FOR 2025

If you have not already done so, please return completed Electoral Roll Forms to Justine Duhig or Debbie Crawford by Easter Sunday, 20 April.

APCM AND NEW PCC COMMITTEE

The APCM this year will be on 11 May at 11.15 am, following the 9.30 am service. We will also be electing 2 Churchwardens (1-year term), 10 PCC members (1 year-term) and 1 Deanery Synod Rep ((1-year term.) Please consider who you would like to be part of the leadership team of St Mary's Church— and if it could be you. Our first PCC Meeting with the new Committee will be on Monday 12 May at 7.30 pm at the back of church.

The lists for nominations will be on a board at the back of church from today until Sunday 4 May, together with a summary of what being on the PCC entails.

CHRISTIAN AID LENT APPEAL – SMARTIE TUBES

Don't forget to bring back your filled Smartie tubes next Sunday. All the money raised 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. Thank you, Susan Jeffery and Nigel Chick.

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)

We are also looking for someone who can remove some used candles from their holders after the vigil service this week. Please contact Mark Porthouse or Gill Dean.

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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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 13 APRIL 2025

PALM SUNDAY

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER

8 am	Said Holy Communion Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
9 am	Procession with donkey from Kingsley Statue
9.30 am	All-Age Service All-Age Team and Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
11.15 am	Encounter
7 pm	Stainer's Crucifixion

*(11 am 4 Parish Communion Service with Passion Readings, Landcross
Rev'd Robin Pirrie and Sarah Cordingley)*

SUNDAY 20 APRIL 2025

EASTER DAY

6 am	Easter Morning Sunrise Service by Kingsley Statue, Bideford Quay
9.45 am	Refreshments, followed by ...
10.30 am	Easter Day Morning Worship with Holy Communion President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore Talk: Rev'd Fran Allison

(9.30 am Holy Communion, Monkleigh – Rev'd Alan Glover and Sarah Cordingley)

(9.30 am Holy Communion, Weare Giffard – Rev'd Robin Pirrie)

(11 am Holy Communion, Landcross – Rev'd Robin Pirrie)

(11 am Holy Communion, Littleham – Rev'd Alan Glover and Sarah Cordingley)

COLLECT

True and humble King,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way to the cross,
which is the path of glory

FIRST READING ZECHARIAH 9.9-12 THE COMING RULER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

GOSPEL READING – LUKE 19.28-40 JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

PRAYERS

We pray especially for those that need extra prayers at this time, and for those that have no one to pray for them. Please also pray for Rachel Millard and Ian Squires.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 14	2 pm Mothers' Union – Easter Reflections with Rev'd Madeline Bray 7 pm Holy Monday Compline – St Mary's Church
Tues 15	10.30 am Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate) 2.30 pm Reflections 7 pm Holy Tuesday Stations of the Cross – St Mary's
Wed 16	11.30 am Holy Communion at Moreton Court <i>7 pm Holy Wednesday Compline - Littleham</i>
Thurs 17	7 pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with foot washing and prayer vigil – St Mary's Church <i>7 pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with foot washing and prayer vigil - Landcross</i>
Fri 18	9.45 am Good Friday Walk of Witness starting from Pollyfields, East-the-Water (9.15am hot cross buns) <i>10.30 am Walk of Witness – Littleham (Middle Langdon)</i> 12 noon United Christians Service – St Mary's 2 pm Meditation and short Communion – St Mary's <i>2 pm Service of Meditation – Weare Giffard</i>
Sat 19	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 8 pm Easter Eve Vigil Service – St Mary's Church
Sun 20	6 am Easter Morning Sunrise Service – Kingsley Statue 9.45 am Refreshments followed at .. 10.30 am Easter Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion – St Mary's Church <i>9.30 am Easter Holy Communion – Monkleigh</i> <i>9.30 am Easter Holy Communion – Weare Giffard</i> <i>11 am Easter Holy Communion – Landcross</i> <i>11 am Easter Holy Communion - Littleham</i>

Please try to come along to any of the services taking place at St Mary's (or the villages) during Holy Week.

PALM SUNDAY – STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION

This 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'.