

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 are on a board at the back of church until Sunday 4 May, together with a summary of what being on the PCC entails.

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)

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Rev'd Robin Pirrie	07584 261686
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Mark Porthouse	01237 520450

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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 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)

SUNDAY 27 APRIL 2025 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am	Said Holy Communion
9.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion President Rev'd Madeline Bray
11.15 am	Encounter

(11 am Holy Communion Landcross - Rev'd Alan Glover)

(11 am Morning Praise Littleham - Rev'd Fran Allison)

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.

COLLECT

God of glory
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ

FIRST READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15. 19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL READING – JOHN 20. 1-18

The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to

them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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.

We pray for the work of A Rocha, our away giving charity of the month, in all they do to equip Christians and churches to protect and restore the environment.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tues 22	7.30-9pm Northam Choral
Wed 23	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 24	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11- 16s)
Fri 25	11.15-1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 26	8.00 am Morning Prayer 8.15 am Men's Breakfast (brought forward from 3.5.25)
Sun 27	8 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am Encounter

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL—DAVID'S FILM NIGHT

(For those who live alone but would like to watch a film with others) The next one will be on Wednesday 23 April, 6.45 for 7 pm. Please let David Sparkes know in church by today, 20 April, if you would like to go. Thank you.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL NEEDED FOR 2025

If you have not already done so, and would like to be added, please return completed Electoral Roll Forms to Justine Duhig or Debbie Crawford by today, 20 April.