

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 11-17 MAY

Please look out for Christian Aid week between 11-17 May. The focus is on helping people in Guatemala to improve farming methods to provide resilience against poverty and climate change, we will be handing out envelopes in church. Please return them to Susan Jeffery or Nigel Chick or give in to St Mary's House. Please make cheques payable to Christian Aid.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GOODLIVING BOOKSHOP

Goodliving Bookshop is in the process of being taken over by a volunteer group in order that Christina and Phil Harris can retire after running the shop for more than 25 years.

The group are looking for more volunteers to help in the shop half a day a week or more.

If anyone is interested, they can contact Christina on 01237 422213 any day but Wednesday or Sunday or email admin@goodliving.org.uk

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

Team Rector:

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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 27 APRIL 2025 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| 8 am | Said Holy Communion
President; Rev'd Madeline Bray |
| 9.30 am | 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)

SUNDAY 4 MAY 2025 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| 9.30 am | Morning Worship with Holy Communion, and
Junior Church
President; Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk; Rev'd Claire Rose- Casemore |
| 11.15 am | Encounter |
| 12.30 pm | Baptism of Tabitha Law |

(9.30am Morning Praise, Weare Gifford - 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

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred;
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father

FIRST READING ACTS 5 27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

GOSPEL READING – JOHN 20. 19-END

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 28	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Tues 29	11 am Highwood Care Home
Wed 30	9.30 am Music makers
Thurs 1	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 6.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s)
Fri 2	11.15-1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 3	8 am Morning Prayer
Sun 4	9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion, and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter 12.30 pm Baptism of Tabitha Law

APPLEDORE CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 16 - SUNDAY 18 MAY

Friday	7.30pm Concert with Jonathan Veira - St Mary's Church, Appledore
Saturday	10am Conversation with Jonathan Veira - Baptist Church Appledore
Saturday	12.30pm Concert on Appledore Quay with Oakville Singers in aid of RNLI
Saturday	2.15pm Concert with Oakville singers - Baptist Church Appledore
Saturday	6.30pm Torn Curtain choir and Orchestra of Roger Jones Musical, starring Jonathan Veira – St Mary's Church Appledore
Saturday	7.45pm Sanctuary Worship Circle at Baptist Church Appledore
Sunday	2.30pm Big Sing selection of favourite hymns and songs
Sunday	4pm A service aimed at families with contemporary worship, games and refreshments – Appledore Baptist Church

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. *(You just need to have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months).*