

SATURDAY 5 JULY – WOMEN'S BREAKFAST (9.30AM)
THE DURRANT HOTEL, NORTHAM

Thanks to all who came to our inaugural Breakfast earlier this year and we'll hope to see you at the next one. Please do invite a friend if you'd like to – not necessarily a Christian friend because we want to welcome everyone. We'll enjoy a full English breakfast, cooked to order with any special dietary needs catered for. It's a lovely opportunity to chat and get to know people in a relaxed environment, with no washing up after!

The cost is £10 per person which has to be paid to be paid to the Durrant in advance, so you'll need to pay on sign up and we won't be able to issue any refund after the Sunday prior to the breakfast (Sunday 29 June). There are sign-up sheets in Church and if you'd like any more details, please speak to Lorna Thomas (at 'Encounter') or Karen Johns or Sarah Cordingley.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH AWAY GIVING

As a church community we embrace Jesus' words to give to those in need and therefore each year donate 10% of our income to support charities working both at home and abroad.

During the next couple of months, the Mission Away Giving Committee will be looking at how we recommend the money is spent for 2025.

If you have an organisation which God has placed on your heart we would love to hear from you. Please can you supply

- The name of the group
- The work in which it is involved
- A short idea of how the money would be spent
- A name and contact details

Thank you. Lorna Dorrington on 01237 477117 dorrington@btinternet.com

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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 1 JUNE 2025
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Morning Worship, and Junior Church
President; Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover

11.15 am Encounter

(9.30 am Joint Patronal Service for Weare Giffard & Landcross at Weare Giffard – Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore)

SUNDAY 8 JUNE 2025
PENTECOST
WHIT SUNDAY

8 am Said Holy Communion

9.30 am Family All-Age Service
All-Age Team

11.15 am Encounter

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

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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING ACTS 16.16-34

Paul and Silas in Prison

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

GOSPEL READING – JOHN 17.20-26

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have

given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

PRAYERS

Please pray for baby Luke Anderson, Rachel Millard, Ian Squires and Michael Johns.

We also continue to pray for Claire and her family following the passing of their mum, Pamela Rose-Casemore. Also, Graham Johnston's family ahead of his funeral on 9 June at 1.45 pm in St Mary's Church.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 2	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Tues 3	10.30 am Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate) 7.30 pm Parish Prayer, St Mary's House
Wed 4	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 5	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s)
Fri 6	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 7	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 11 am Worship Band Practice
Sun 8	8 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Family All-Age Service 11.15 am Encounter 3 pm Songs of Praise – Weare Giffard Park

M.U. Members please note that the meeting on Monday 9 June will start an hour later at 3 pm, following the funeral of Graham Johnston at 1.45 pm.

SUNDAY 15 JUNE - CONFIRMATION SERVICE AND LUNCH

On Sunday 15 June at **10.30 am** the Bishop of Exeter, Rt. Rev'd Dr Mike Harrison, will be leading the Confirmation Service for candidates from St Mary's Church. (There will be no Encounter Service that day.)

There will be tea and coffee from 9.45 am served before the Service. Following the service there will be a celebratory lunch from 12.15 pm which everyone is invited to attend.

The cost of the lunch will be £5 per person and there is a sign-up list at the front of church. There is another list for people who might be able to bring a pudding.

Please let Karen Johns know if you are able to help set up, serve, or wash up.