

APCM AND NEW PCC COMMITTEE

The APCM this year will be next Sunday, 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, 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).*

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.

SATURDAY 31 MAY - WINE AND WISDOM QUIZ AT NORTHAM HALL

Northam Care Trust are raising money for a hydrotherapy pool and are hosting a Wine and Wisdom night on 31 May at Northam Hall, starting at 6.30 pm. They're looking for teams of six to take part. We currently have one, possibly two tables booked, but it would be great if we could get a few more! If you're interested in joining, please let Sheenah Middle know.

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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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 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 |

(9.30 am Morning Praise, Weare Giffard - Rev'd Fran Allison)

SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| 8 am | Said Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie |
| 9.30 am | Family All Age Service
All Age Team and Rev'd Claire Rose Casemore/
Rev'd Fran Allison |
| 11.15 am | APCM |
| 6 pm | Choral Evensong, Littleham |

(11 am Celtic Communion, Landcross - 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.

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING REVELATION 5.11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!'

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth
and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
for ever and ever!'

And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

GOSPEL READING – JOHN 21.1-19

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third

time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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, Ian Squires and Michael Johns.

We pray too for Tabitha Law as she comes to be baptised at St Mary's today, and also Samantha Fulford and Shane Bengey whose wedding takes place at St Mary's on Saturday 10 May at 2 pm.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tues 6	10.30 am Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate) 7.30 pm Parish Prayer, St Mary's House
Wed 7	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 8	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 6.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s) 6.30 pm Bells rung for VE Day 80th Anniversary
Fri 9	11.15-1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 10	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 10.30 am Holy Grounds Café 2 pm Wedding of Samantha Fulford and Shane Bengey
Sun 11	8 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Family All-Age Service 11.15 am APCM 6 pm Choral Evensong, Littleham

THURSDAY 8 MAY - VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

As well as the bells being rung at St Mary's Church at 6.30 pm, there will be a Beacon Lighting Event at Pollyfield Centre at 6.30 pm which everyone is welcome to attend. There will be live music from Tamsin Bell, Bideford Youth Band and Bideford Town Band, with a local Roll of Honour WWII tribute and buffet.