

PLEA FOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT ST MARY'S CHURCH – 18-21 AUGUST

We are asking for anyone who does face painting, or knows someone who does, who might do some on a day during the holiday club in August, Wednesday 20th.

Also, does anyone have or know someone who has guinea pigs, gecko, rabbits, spiders or similar small animals. (not dogs or cats) Please let Pattie Morris know, or Debbie/Karen in the office.

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 Dorrinton on 01237 477117 dorrinton@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 22 JUNE 2025 THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY UCAN SUNDAY

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 Fran Allison)
(11 am Holy Communion, Littleham – Rev'd Robin Pirrie)

SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2025 PETER THE APOSTLE

9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Fran Allison

11.15 am Encounter

(11 am Lay Team Service, Weare Giffard- Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore)

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 truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

FIRST READING GALATIANS 3.23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

GOSPEL READING 8.26-39

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

PRAYERS

Please pray for baby Luke Anderson, Rachel Millard, and Mike Johns.

Please also remember Christopher Lee, and his family, ahead of his funeral at St Mary's Church on Thursday 26 June at 2 pm.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 23	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Tues 24	11 am Highwood Nursing Home
Wed 25	9.30 am Music Makers 3.30-5.15 pm Messy Church
Thurs 26	2 pm Funeral of Christopher Lee 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm (11-16s)
Fri 27	11.15 am - 1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 28	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers
Sun 29	9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am Encounter

UCAN SUNDAY

Today is Ucan Sunday, which is every fourth Sunday of the month, when we welcome donations of tins and packets to give to those in need and also build up our supplies for Friday Diner. Also, any cash donations that we can buy suitable items to top-up Friday Diner.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who made celebration lunch after the Confirmation Service last week possible.

For all the people who set up the chairs and tables, cooked for the lunch, donated puddings, served food and drink, and also washed up and tidied away.

All that hard work made it a great occasion to celebrate everyone who was confirmed and get together as a church family to socialise.

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.