

THANK YOU!

The Christian Aid Smartie tube appeal this year raised £413.65. Thank you very much to everyone for your generosity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CRYPT YOUTH

The Crypt Youth continues to grow and thrive, with new members coming along each week. We are looking for more volunteers who can either do the first session from 4 pm-5:30 pm, the second session which is 5:30 - 7pm or both sessions which run on Thursday. No experience required! Just a willingness to have conversations with our young people, and to help with crafts, games and have fun! Please contact Emily on email: emilylscib@hotmail.com

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.

HELP NEEDED

We need a group of helpers to take delivery of the new Church chairs and bring them into the Church and unpack them during the week beginning 7 July - date and time to be confirmed. If you think you may be able to help, please let the Church office know this week and we will let you know exact timings as soon as we can. Many thanks.

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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 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 service Team Weare Giffard - Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore)

SUNDAY 6 JULY 2025 THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion, Treblemakers and Junior Church
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am Encounter

(9.30 am Morning Praise, Weare Giffard - 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

Almighty God,
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:
build up your Church upon this rock,
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING ACTS 12. 1-11

James Killed and Peter imprisoned

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

Peter delivered from prison

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 16. 13-19

Peters' declaration about Jesus

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the

kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

PRAYERS

Please pray for baby Luke Anderson, and Rachel Millard.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 30	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Bookworms, Justine Duhig's house
Tues 1 July	10.30 am Holy Communion M.U. Corporate 7.30 pm Parish Prayer, St Mary's House
Wed 2	9.30 am Music Makers 3.15 pm M.U. Graden Party at All Saints Chapel, Instow
Thurs 3	2 pm Kingsley School End of school year Service 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm (11-16s) 7.30 pm Mission Away Giving Committee Meeting
Fri 4	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 5	8 am Morning Prayer 8.15 am Men's Breakfast 9.30 am Women's Breakfast, Durrant House Hotel 10 am Treblemakers
Sun 6	9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion, Treblemakers, and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter

WEDNESDAY 16 JULY (7PM) REV'D RUTH BECKETT'S LICENSING SERVICE

This month we welcome Revd Ruth Beckett and her husband John to our Mission Community. Please keep the night of Wednesday 16th free at 7pm for her Inauguration Service at St Marys. There will be light refreshments after the service.

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 is a sign-up sheet in church and if you'd like any more details, please speak to Lorna Thomas (at 'Encounter').