

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW BISHOP OF CREDITON

Following the announcement on Tuesday of the Venerable Moira Astin as the new Bishop of Crediton Designate, see below link to highlights from the day as she journeyed across parts of Devon.

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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 8 JUNE 2025 PENTECOST WHIT SUNDAY

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| 8 am | Said Holy Communion President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore |
| 9.30 am | Family All-Age Service All-Age Team and Rev'd Fran |
| 11.15 am | Encounter |
| 3 pm | Songs of Praise in the Park – Weare Giffard |

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

SUNDAY 15 JUNE 2025 TRINITY SUNDAY

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| 9.45 am | Tea and coffee before |
| 10.30 am | 5 Parish Confirmation Service President; Bishop of Exeter, The Rt. Rev'd Dr Mike Harrison |
| 12.15 pm | Confirmation Celebration Lunch |

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 2: 1-21 The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy, and I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

GOSPEL READING – JOHN 14.8-17

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then

believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.' If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

PRAYERS

Please pray for baby Luke Anderson, Rachel Millard, Ian Squires and Mike Johns. We also continue to pray for Claire and her family ahead of their mum's, funeral on Friday 13 June at Woodbury at 12.30 pm. Also, Graham Johnston's family ahead of his funeral tomorrow, 9 June at 1.45 pm in St Mary's Church.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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| Mon 9 | 9.30 am Holy Dusters 1.45 pm Funeral of Graham Johnston 3 pm M. U – The Fresh Springs Ship Project |
| Tues 10 | 7 pm Rehearsal for Confirmation Service |
| Wed 11 | 9.30 am Music Makers |
| Thurs 12 | 11 am Sandhurst Care Home visit 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm (11-16s) |
| Fri 13 | 11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice |
| Sat 14 | 8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers/ 10.30 am Holy Grounds |
| Sun 15 | 10.30 am Confirmation Service (Coffee from 9.45 am) 12.15 pm Confirmation Celebration Lunch |

M.U. Members please note that the meeting tomorrow, Monday 9 June will start 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.

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 –