

## Reaching out to all knitters. 16 Days of Activism - Chains which bind

The knitted/crochet chains will be used during 16 Days of Activism to highlight the number of reported cases of Domestic Abuse. The knitted chains can be made from any odd pieces of wool. The number of reported cases of domestic abuse is astounding so please do get knitting for this powerful campaign.

Contact **Jacquie Ballantyne (Mothers' Union Branch Leader)**  
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## CREATION FEST ON 2 AUGUST

If you would like to go to this event in Wadebridge Celebrating the Good News of the God that loves us where there will be everything from bands to speakers, glow youth to exhibitions and much more something for all the family. if you could let Mark Porthouse know.

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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 20 JULY 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am Celtic Communion, and Junior Church  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore  
Talk: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

11.15 am Encounter

*(9.30 am Holy Communion, Weare Giffard – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)*  
*(11 am Holy Communion, Littleham – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)*

### SUNDAY 27 JULY 2025 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 am Said Holy Communion  
President: Rev'd Alan Glover

9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion  
President: Rev'd Fran Allison  
Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover

*(11 am Morning Praise, Littleham – Sarah Cordingley)*  
*(11 am Holy Communion, Landcross – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)*

*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,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## FIRST READING

### A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

## GOSPEL READING Luke 10.25-37

### The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will

repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

## PRAYERS

Please pray for Rachel Millard.

## DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 21	9.30 am Holy Dusters 2 pm St Marys School end of year service
Tues 22	11 am Highwood House Nursing Home
Wed 23	10-11.30 am Stay and Play
Thurs 24	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm (11-16s)
Fri 25	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner
Sat 26	8 am Morning Prayer
Sun 27	8 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am Encounter

## UCAN SUNDAY 27 JULY 2025

Next week 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.

## STAY AND PLAY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Stay and Play will be on Wednesdays, 23 and 30 July, and 6 and 13 August from 10-11.30 am.

This is for children under 5 and their carers siblings up to the age of 8 also welcome. There will be toys, snacks, songs, story time, craft table and much more. Tea and coffee for the adults. It is free of charge, but a voluntary donation of £2 to cover refreshment costs would be welcome.

## HOLIDAY CLUB 14-21 AUGUST

We have a Holiday Club this summer at St Mary's Church for children aged 7-14 years old which will run from Monday 18 August until Thursday 21 August and is from 10 am to 4 pm each day.

There will be games, crafts, songs, science experiments and Bible stories.

The cost is £10 per child, with a reduction for additional children in the family. To book or get more information, please contact us at Church Office on 01237 472551 or email [admin@stmaryschurchbideford.org](mailto:admin@stmaryschurchbideford.org) Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. **The cut-off date for places is 25 July.** (Please note, if we don't have enough children signed up, the club will not be able to run.)

## BREAKFAST CLUB

We will be running a free Breakfast Club from 9.30-10.30 am for 7-16-year-olds on Thursdays 31 July, and 7, 14, and 28 August. Just come along!

