

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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FROM VERA

Thank you to everyone who made my birthday weekend such a success. I was given flowers, cards, gifts and a very happy time all day. I am so fortunate to be part of a wonderful Church Family. May the Lord bless you all.
Vera .

HYMNS AND PIMMS 10 AUGUST

Do come and have a hearty sing of our favourite hymns and worship songs. Hear from members of the Church family why these hymns/songs are special to them! Rounded off by a glass of Pimm's- what could be nicer!

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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 27 JULY 2025 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY UCAN SUNDAY

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)

SUNDAY 3 AUGUST 2025 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore Talk: Rev'd Ruth Beckett
11.15 am	Encounter
12.30 pm	Baptism of Arabella Gordon Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

(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

Creator God,
you made us all in your image
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do:
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Colossians 2.6-19

Fullness of Life in Christ

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 11.1-13

The Lord's Prayer

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

Perseverance in Prayer

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he

answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 27	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Wed 29	10-11.30 am Stay and Play
Thurs 30	9.30-10.30 am Breakfast Club 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm (11-16s)
Fri 31	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner
Sat 1	8 am Morning Prayer 8.15am Men's Breakfast
Sun 2	9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am Encounter 12.30 pm Baptism of Arabella Gordon

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.

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!

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.

LITTLEHAM VILLAGE GARDEN TRAIL 2 & 3 AUGUST 12 noon – 5pm

Come and join us at St Swithun's for a Cream Tea and visit local gardens. Start the trail at any participating garden. There is a plant sale and cold refreshments at 2 Langerton Manor. Raising funds for St Swithun's Church, £5 per adult, children free (accompanied by an adult.)