

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) jballant@btinternet.com or **07811814341** for your pattern and more information.

Sunflowers Community Group



Not on Facebook, but still want to stay in the loop? Join Sunflowers our friendly What's App community for anyone who'd like to hear what's going on at St Mary's and other local churches. Whether it is upcoming special services, coffee mornings or community events Sunflowers is a simple and welcoming way to stay connected. If you would like to be added or just know about events, please speak to Sheenah Middle or Karen Johns

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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 10 AUGUST 2025 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 8 am | Said Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Claire Rose Casemore |
| 9.30 am | Morning Worship with Holy Communion
President; Rev'd Madeline Bray
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose- Casemore |
| 11.15 am | Encounter |
| 6 pm | Hymns and Pimms
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore |

(11 am Celtic Communion Landcross Rev'd Ruth Beckett)

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2025 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 9.30 am | Celtic Communion
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk Rev'd Alan Glover |
| 11.15 am | Encounter |

(9.30 am Holy Communion, Weare Gifford - Rev'd Ruth Beckett)

(11 am Holy Communion, Littleham - 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

Lord God
your son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 5.16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15.18-24

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 11	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Wed 13	10-11.30 am Stay and Play
Thurs 14	9.30-10.30 am Breakfast Club 11 am Sandhurst Care Home visit 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm (11-16s)
Fri 15	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner
Sat 16	8 am Morning Prayer
Sun 17	9.30 am Celtic Service 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

Please pray for Ian Squires, a friend of Karen Johns who is ill in hospital with terminal liver cancer.

Please also pray for Tim and Miranda Heathcote, our CMS (Christian Ministry Society) links, in the work they do. There will be a chance to hear about their work on Sunday 28 September at the 9.30 am service.

HYMNS AND PIMMS TONIGHT

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!

STAY AND PLAY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The last Stay and Play date in August will be on Wednesday, 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

Our free Breakfast Club for 7-16-year-olds will run from 9.30-10.30 am on Thursdays 14, and 28 August. Just come along!

CHURCH BARBEQUE SATURDAY 23 AUGUST 12 NOON-4PM

Venue - Rectory Garden (In church if wet). There will be games for children, and stalls.

We would welcome puddings and salads.

The barbecue is free, but donations welcome.

Please bring a folding chair and also bring a friend if you would like to.