

DRUM WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER BETWEEN 10 AM AND 12 NOON

People interested in attending the Drum Workshop on 27 September, please let Chris Beechey know.

Anyone aged 11 upwards especially welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID ANNUAL QUIZ – FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

The annual quiz for Christian Aid will be taking place on Friday, 5 September at the Baptist Church on Mill Street. Start time will be 7 pm.

The teams will be up to 6 people. If you are on your own, or in a smaller group, you can join up with people in other groups.

Tea, coffee and cake will be served during the interval.

Suggested donation is £5 per person.

Talking of quizzes – please put a note in your diaries for a **special quiz to take place at St Mary's Church on Saturday 27 September** (start time 7 pm) hosted by our very own John Henderson! More information to follow soon.

Take away cards and enquirers booklet for visitors

You will notice when coming into Church there are 'explore cards' which offer comfort and direction to folk who are visiting the Church. Please do have a look- *and take one if you are in need*- but primarily this is to help with reaching out to visitors... Also, there is a new stock of 'Why Jesus?' for anyone who is enquiring. I hope they will be a blessing. Rev'd Claire.

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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 24 AUGUST 2025 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

(11 am Morning Praise, Littleham – Rev'd Robin Pirrie)
(11 am Holy Communion, Landcross – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST 2025 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

11.15 am Encounter

(11 am Lay led service, 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 and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace
truly to believe and to preach your word:
grant that your Church
may love that word which he believed
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 5. 12 -16

The Apostles heal Many

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

GOSPEL READING Luke 22.24-30

The dispute about Greatness

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tues 26	11 am Highwood Care Home Visit
Thurs 28	9.30-10.30 am Breakfast Club 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (12-16s)
Fri 29	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner
Sat 30	8 am Morning Prayer
Sun 31	9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

We pray especially for those that need extra prayers at this time, and for those that have no one to pray for them.

UCAN SUNDAY TODAY

This 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.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our last free Breakfast Club of the holidays for 7-16-year-olds will run from 9.30-10.30 am on Thursday 28 August. Just come along!

HOLY GROUNDS IN SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 10.30 AM – 12.30 PM

Please come along and support this event as it is in aid of Alzheimer's Society. We will also be selling copies of Sheenah's book.

The church will remain open from 12.30-3 pm for people to come and look around St Mary's Church as part of Heritage Weekend and Devon Historic Churches Trust Day.

There will be refreshments and donations from this will go towards Devon Historic Churches Trust.

TREBLEMAKERS – OPEN PRACTICE

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER AT 10 AM

Any children over the age of 7 who are curious to see what the Treblemakers do, and maybe join in, please come along on 6 September at 10 am for the Open Practice.