

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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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 Marys 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 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)

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST 2025 EIGHTH 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 Robin Pirrie
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)

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

Generous God

you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as a mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

FIRST READING Colossians 3. 1-11

Living as those alive in Christ

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

GOSPEL READING Luke 12. 13-21

The Parable of the rich fool

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me. Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for

many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'""But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 4	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Tues 5	10.30 am Mary Sumner Day Communion Service followed by lunch (bring your own) 7.30 pm Parish Prayer in St Mary's House
Wed 6	10-11.30 am Stay and Play
Thurs 7	9.30-10.30 am Breakfast Club 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm (11-16s)
Fri 8	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner
Sat 9	8 am Morning Prayer 10.30-12.30 pm Holy Grounds Coffee morning
Sun 10	8 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am Encounter 12.30 pm Baptism of Arabella Gordon 6 pm Hymns and Pimms

PRAYERS

We welcome Arabella Gordon and her family as she is baptised into the church family today.

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 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!

STAY AND PLAY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Stay and Play dates in August will be on Wednesdays, 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

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