

## 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.

## LET'S GET QUIZZICAL

### SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER (6.30 PM FOR 7 PM START)

Please join us for a quiz set by our very own quiz master, John Henderson!

There will be teams of up to 6 people (maximum 15 teams).

Tea, coffee and snacks will be provided, but please bring your own other drinks.

Entry will be £5 per person.

Please either sign up on the list in church, or let the office know by Monday 22 September, as numbers will be limited due to space available.

***Claire is away on holiday until Thursday 11 September. If you need to contact one of the clergy between now and then please speak to Ruth or Robin (see telephone numbers below.)***

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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 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)*

### SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2025 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am Morning Worship, and Junior Church  
President: Rev'd Ruth Beckett  
Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover

11.15 am Encounter

*(9.30 am Morning Praise, Weare Giffard – Rev'd Robin Pirrie)*

*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**

God of glory  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ

## **FIRST READING Hebrews 13 1-8. 15-16**

### **Service well pleasing to God**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So, we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## **GOSPEL READING Luke 14 1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

### **Humility and Hospitality**

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

## **DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

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| Tues 2  | 10.30 am Holy Communion M.U Corporate<br>7.30-9 pm Northam Choral rehearsals start |
| Thurs 4 | 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s)<br>5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (12-16s)                    |
| Fri 5   | 11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner<br>6pm Choir Open Practice                             |
| Sat 6   | 8 am Morning Prayer<br>8.15 am Men's Breakfast<br>10 am Treblemakers Open Practice |
| Sun 7   | 9.30 am Morning Worship, and Junior Church<br>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.

## **CHOIR OPEN PRACTICE SESSION ON FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER AT 6 PM**

This session is open to anyone who might be thinking about joining the Choir and would like to see how it works and maybe join in.

## **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 served during the interval. Suggested donation £5 pp.

## **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.

## **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 available and donations from this will go towards Devon Historic Churches Trust.