

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST - SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER AT THE DURRANT HOTEL, NORTHAM 9.30am

Its breakfast time again and we hope you will join us for a relaxed gathering over a freshly cooked breakfast. Please do invite a friend. Everyone welcome. There is no limit on numbers so please don't sign up until you are ready to pay. Its £10 per person and we have to pay the Durrant in advance which is why the list will close on 28 September, and we won't be able to give any refunds after that date.

Sign up sheets are on the welcoming table just inside the door and when you are ready to pay, please speak to Lorna Thomas, Karen Johns or Sarah Cordingley.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF HARVEST SERVICE ON SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER AND BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

Please note a joint Harvest Service will take place on Sunday 5 October at the later time of 10.30 am. There will be no Encounter Service that day.

Coffee will be available before the service from 9.45 am.

Following the service there will be a bring and share lunch. More details to follow soon.

BAGS OF GARDEN WASTE

Is there anyone with a van or large car that could remove some of the big bags of garden waste from St Mary's Church House Garden, please. Jeff Hayward has taken 2 bags already. If anyone can help, please let Karen Johns know.

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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 14 SEPTEMBER 2025 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8 am Said Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Ruth Beckett
- 9.30 am Family Worship All Age Service
All Age Team and Rev'd Robin Pirrie
- 11.15 am Encounter
Rev'd Robin Pirrie

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

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2025 MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 9.30 am Celtic Communion and Junior Church
President; Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Edukid
- 11.15 am Encounter
Rev'd Robin Pirrie
- 3 pm Baptism of Jack Jenkins
Rev'd Robin Pirrie

(9.30am Holy Communion, Weare Giffard- Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore)

(11am Holy Communion, Littleham- Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore)

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 God,
you search us and you know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest of you in weakness,
now and in all our days:
through Jesus Christ our Lord

FIRST READING 1 Timothy 1.12-17

Gratitude for mercy

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Luke 15. 1-10

The Parable of the lost sheep

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

The Parable of the lost coin

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 15	7.30 pm PCC Meeting
Tues 16	10.30 am Holy Communion (CRC) 2.30 pm Reflections (RP)
Wed 17	9.30 am Music Makers 11.30 am Moreton Court Holy Communion (CRC)
Thurs 18	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (12-16s)
Fri 19	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 20	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers
Sun 21	9.30 am Celtic Holy Communion and Junior Church (RP) 11.15 am Encounter (RP) 3 pm Baptism of Jack Jenkins (RP)

PRAYERS

Please pray for the work of Mind, our Mission Away Giving Charity for September.

Also, we pray for those people that need extra prayers at this time, and for those that have no one to pray for them.

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER DAVID SPARKES FILM NIGHT

(For those who live alone but would like to watch a film with others.) The next one will be on Wednesday 24 September, 6.45 pm for 7 pm. Please let David Sparkes know by Sunday 21 September.

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 SAT 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.