

## **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 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 - Chris Turner

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)*

**SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am Said Holy Communion  
President; Rev'd Madeline Bray

9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose Casemore  
Talk: Tim and Miranda Heathcote, CMS

11.15am Encounter  
Talk: Tim and Miranda Heathcote

*(11am Holy Communion Harvest, Landcross - Rev'd Ruth Beckett)*  
*(11am Morning Praise, Littleham - Rev'd Madeline Bray)*

*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

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## FIRST READING 1 Timothy 2.1-7

### Instructions on worship

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Saviour who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose, I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying, – and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

## GOSPEL READING Luke 10. 25-37

### The Parable of the Good Samaritan

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' What is written in the Law' he replied. 'How do you read it?' He answered "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and "Love your neighbour as yourself. 'You have answered correctly,' Jesus replied. Do this and you will live.' But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

In reply Jesus said, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too a Levite when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out 2 denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."

'Which of these three to you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers'

The expert in the law replied 'The one who had mercy on him'

Jesus told him, 'Go do likewise.'

## DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wed 24	9.30 am Music Makers 3.30-5.15pm Messy Church
Thurs 25	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (12-16s)
Fri 26	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 27	8 am Morning Prayer 10am-12pm Drum Workshop 6.30 for 7pm Lets get Quizzical Quiz
Sun 28	8am Said Holy Communion (MB) 9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion (CRC) 11.15am Encounter (RP)

## PRAYERS

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

## 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.

## APPLE JUICING EVENT TODAY FROM 2PM

Bideford Sustainability Group have hired equipment at Pollyfield Centre Bideford East. If you have an abundance of apples we can juice them for you. We have organised bottles or you can bring your own. There will be a charge of £2 to cover the cost of the equipment and the bottles.