

### **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST - SAT 4 OCT AT DURRANT HOTEL, 9.30am**

There is still time to sign-up. Its £10 per person. The list will close today, 28 September, and we won't be able to give any refunds after today. Please speak to Lorna Thomas, or Karen Johns to sign up and pay.

### **HARVEST SERVICE ON SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER AND BRING AND SHARE LUNCH**

The Harvest Service will take place next week, 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. There will be wine available for small donation, or you can bring your own and please bring your own crockery and cutlery.

Below are the items that Harbour particularly need as Harvest donations, please:-

Milk, cooking sauces, tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, tinned veg, soup, baked beans, tinned meat and fish, tea, coffee and sugar, biscuits, cereals.

### **Mission Away Giving**

The next meeting of the Mission Away Giving Committee will be on 9 October at 7.30 pm in the Church and we will be drawing up the list of charities which it is proposed St. Mary's support through its tithe.

PLEASE if you would like to make any suggestions, Christian, secular, local or worldwide can you let me know as soon as possible. It would be helpful to have

- The name and contact details of the charity
- Its aims and objectives
- Recent information about how it is achieving these

Many thanks, Lorna. 01237 477117 [dorrinton@btinternet.com](mailto:dorrinton@btinternet.com)

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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 28 SEPTEMBER 2025 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8 am	Said Holy Communion President; Rev'd Madeline Bray
9.30 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion President: Rev'd Claire Rose Casemore Talk: Tim and Miranda Heathcote, CMS
11.15 am	Encounter Talk: Tim and Miranda Heathcote, CMS

*(11 am Holy Communion Harvest, Landcross – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)*

*(11 am Morning Praise, Littleham – Rev'd Madeline Bray)*

### **SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 2025 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY HARVEST SUNDAY**

9.45 am	Coffee and tea before ....
<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Junior Church President: Rev'd Madeline Bray
12 noon	Bring and Share Lunch

*(9.30 am Holy Communion, Weare Giffard – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)*

*(11 am Harvest Festival Service – Monkleigh – 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

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

## FIRST READING 1 Timothy 6. 6-19

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. Final Charge to Timothy But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen. Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

## GOSPEL READING Luke 16. 19-end

### The rich man and Lazarus

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So, he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can

anyone cross over from there to us.' "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' "'No, Father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

## DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tues 30	11 am Highwood Home Visit
Wed 1	9.30 am Music Makers 7.30 pm Bideford Music Club Concert Joel Munday (Violin) and Julian Trevalyan (Piano)
Thurs 2	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (12-16s)
Fri 3	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 4	8 am Morning Prayer 8.15 am Men's Breakfast – Brewers Fayre 9.30 am Women's Breakfast- Durrant House Hotel 10 am Treblemakers
Sun 5	9.45 am Coffee and tea followed by ... <b>10.30 am</b> Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Junior Church 12 noon Bring and Share Lunch

## PRAYERS

Please pray for Linda Burrows' sister, Margaret Charbanneau, who has died after a long illness.

Please also pray for Marion Jones who would appreciate your prayers.

## 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.

## ALPHA COURSE

### Can you help?

- For 11 weeks from 7 October, we will be running the Alpha Course 6.30-8pm in the Rectory. It would be great to supply a home-made cake for each session. If you are willing to supply one, please contact Debbie in the Office. Thank you!
- One of the Alpha candidates would like a lift each week from and to Torrington. Would you be able to help with this? Please have a word with Rev'd Claire or Rev'd Robin.
- Please can you Pray for the Alpha candidates- that they will find this Course life giving and come to know the Lord in a deep and personal way. Please think about inviting someone you know- it's not too late!