

ADVENT COURSE AT LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL

Because there is an Alpha Course taking place at St Mary's, an Advent Course will take place at Littleham Village Hall which is open to everyone in the villages and St Mary's.

The course will be part one of Pete Grieg's course on the Lord's Prayer.

There will be four informal discussion afternoons, with tea and cake, from 2.30-4 pm in Littleham Village Hall.

They will be on Thursdays, 20 and 27 November, and 4 December, and Wednesday 10 December.

You are welcome to join for some or all of the sessions.

If you would like to book a place, please can you let Church Office know.

MESSAGE FROM ROSE YOUNG-FRENCH ABOUT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT BIDEFORD RUGBY CLUB

Hello, I am planning and organising a Community Christmas Day Lunch at Bideford Rugby Club. The event has been running successfully for the past three years.

I am looking for volunteers including a Chef and would appreciate you passing this on to your networks.

If you know anyone who would like to join us for a delicious three course meal, please let me know. We are also able to collect to and from the venue on the day. Contact email roseyoungfrench52@gmail.com or telephone 07895035091

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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 12 OCTOBER 2025 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8 am Said Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
- 9.30 am All Age Service and Baptism of Lullah Russell
President: Rev'd Claire Rose- Casemore
- 11.15 am Encounter Service with Holy Communion
- 6 pm Service of Healing and Wholeness with 5 Parish Choir
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- (10.30 am Harvest at Methodist Chapel- Littleham Rev'd Ruth Beckett)
(11 am Celtic Communion- Landcross Rev'd Madeline Bray)

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2025 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 9.30 am Celtic Communion and Junior Church
President: Rev'd Madeline Bray
- 11.15 am Encounter
- (11 am Harvest Festival Service Weare Giffard – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)
(11 am 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

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2. 8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

A Worker Approved by God

Remind them of this and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 17. 11-19

Jesus cleanses ten lepers

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 13 Oct	9.30 am Holy Dusters 2 pm Mothers Union (Children's Society Talk – David Foster) 5-6.30 pm Alpha Youth – St Mary's Church 7.30 pm Standing Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Tues 14 Oct	2 pm Kingsley School Harvest Festival 6.30 pm Alpha Course at Rectory 7.30-9.15 pm Northam Choral Practice
Wed 15 Oct	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 16 Oct	11 am Sandhurst Visit 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s)

Fri 17 Oct	5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (12-16s) 11.15 am-1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 18 Oct	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 7-9.30 pm Concert with Churchdown Male Voice Choir and Appledore Singers
Sun 19 Oct	9.30 am Celtic Communion and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

Please pray for Susan Barnes who is going through a difficult time with her health.

THIS EVENING – 6 PM A service of Healing and Wholeness at St Mary's. Come to this quiet service where there will be the opportunity for anointing and prayer – ideal for the weary.

CHANGE OF DATE OF PARISH PRAYER IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Please note that Parish Prayer at St Mary's House will be on the first Monday of the month (not Tuesday) for November and December. This is because of the Alpha Course currently taking place on a Tuesday.

November will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 3 November, and December will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 1 December, both at St Mary's House.

Concert with Appledore Singers and Churchdown Male Voice Choir Saturday 18 October 2025, St Mary's Church at 7 pm

Come and join us for a great evening with Appledore Singers and Churchdown Male Voice Choir on Saturday 18 October from 7 pm.

Tickets are £5 payable at the door with all proceeds going to North Devon Hospice.

Doors open at 6.15 pm.

ALL SOULS SERVICE ON SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 9.30 AM, ST MARY'S

On Sunday, 26 October at the 9.30 am service we will remember by name, people who have died in the past 12 months whose funeral services our clergy have taken.

Please let the office know by Monday 20 October if there is someone you have lost in the last 12 months, whose name you would like read out at this special service.

Big Quiz for Parkinsons at Skern Lodge, Appledore Friday 7 November, 7 pm for 7.30 pm start

John Henderson is organising the Big Quiz for Parkinsons at Skern Lodge, Appledore on Friday 7 November. Doors open 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

Teams of 6. There will be a bar and raffle.

£10 per head to include soup and a roll.

For further information and to book a table please contact John Henderson on 01237 473337.