

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.

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.

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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 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)

SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 2025
LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
ALL SOULS DAY

8am Said Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

9.30am All Souls Morning Worship
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
Talk: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

11.15am Encounter

(11am Holy Communion Landcross- Rev'd Ruth Beckett)

(11am Morning Praise Littleham – Sarah Cordingley)

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, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord

FIRST READING: GENESIS 32.22-31

Jacob Wrestles With God

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 18 1-8

The parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you; he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 20 Oct	9.30 am Holy Dusters 5 pm Project Mustard Seed Meeting St Mary's House 5-6.30 pm Alpha Youth - Holy Trinity Westward Ho!
Tues 21 Oct	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Reflections 6.30 pm Alpha Course at Rectory 7.30-9.15 pm Northam Choral Practice
Wed 22 Oct	9.30 am Music Makers 3.30 pm Messy Church
Thurs 23 Oct	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (12-16s)
Fri 24 Oct	11.15 am-1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 25 Oct	8 am Morning Prayer
Sun 26 Oct	8am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am All Souls Morning Worship 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

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

UCAN SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 2025

Next 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.

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER—DAVID'S FILM NIGHT (For those who live alone but would like to watch a film with others) The next one will be on Wed 22 October 6.45 for 7 pm. Please let David know in church by today, 19 October, if you would like to go. Thank you.