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You are warmly invited to the back of the Church for prosecco and cake on Sunday 23 November from 10.30 - 11.15 am. It will be lovely to see you.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

For the last few years, I have organised Christmas gifts for families in need at St. Mary's School, from our church family.

I am currently preparing 40 gifts for this year.

These gifts are received with such thanks and gratitude by the families concerned, and it is done with complete confidentiality by the pastoral care staff at the school.

I realise that this is an expensive time of year for everyone, but any monetary donations that you can give to help with the cost will be gratefully received and will help to brighten many local Christmases.

Please give whatever you can in an envelope to Debbie or Karen in the Church Office.

Many thanks, Maggie Murray

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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 2 NOVEMBER 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

ALL SOULS

9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion, and Junior Church

President: Rev'd Alan Glover

Talk: Rev'd Ruth Beckett

11.15 am Encounter

(3 pm Memorial Service, Weare Giffard - Rev'd Ruth Beckett)

SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2025

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8 am Said Holy Communion

President: Rev'd Alan Glover

11.30 am Remembrance Day Service

President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover

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 of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: EPHESIANS 1. 11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 6. 20-31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you^[d] on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

LOVE FOR YOUR ENEMIES

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs

from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 3 Nov	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Parish Prayer – St Mary's House
Tues 4 Nov	10.30 am Holy Communion (M.U.) 6.30 pm Alpha Course at Rectory 7.30-9.15 pm Northam Choral Practice
Wed 5 Nov	9.30 am Music Makers 7.30 pm Bideford Music Club Concert <i>Kasparas Mikuzis (Piano)</i>
Thurs 6 Nov	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (12-16s)
Fri 7 Nov	11.15 am-1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 8 Nov	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 10.30 am Holy Grounds Café
Sun 9 Nov	8 am Said Holy Communion 11.30 am Remembrance 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 tomorrow, Monday 3 November, and December will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 1 December, both at St Mary's House.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ON SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER

The Civic Remembrance Service will start at approximately 11.30 am at St Mary's Church. Please come and represent St Mary's Church family if you can.

Please note there will be no Holy Communion at the Remembrance Service. There will be an 8 am said Holy Communion for those people who would like communion.

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