

### **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 26 OCTOBER 2025**

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**ALL SOULS**

8 am Said Holy Communion

President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

9.30 am All Souls Morning Worship

President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

Talk: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

11.15 am Encounter

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

*(11 am Morning Praise, Littleham – Sarah Cordingley)*

**SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2025**

**FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

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)*

*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,  
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,  
that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will  
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ  
Our Lord

## FIRST READING: JOEL 2.23-32

Be glad, people of Zion,  
rejoice in the Lord your God,  
for he has given you the autumn rains  
because he is faithful.  
He sends you abundant showers,  
both autumn and spring rains, as before.  
The threshing floors will be filled with grain;  
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.  
"I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—  
the great locust and the young locust,  
the other locusts and the locust swarm —  
my great army that I sent among you.  
You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,  
and you will praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has worked wonders for you;  
never again will my people be shamed.  
Then you will know that I am in Israel,  
that I am the Lord your God,  
and that there is no other;  
never again will my people be shamed.

## The Day of the Lord

"And afterward,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions.  
Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.  
I will show wonders in the heavens  
and on the earth,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.  
The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.  
And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved;  
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem  
there will be deliverance,  
as the Lord has said,  
even among the survivors  
whom the Lord calls.

## GOSPEL READING: LUKE 18. 9-14

### The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

## DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 27 Oct  | 9.30 am Holy Dusters<br>5-6.30 pm Alpha Youth – St Mary's Church                                |
| Tues 28 Oct | 11 am Highwood visit<br>6.30 pm Alpha Course at Rectory<br>7.30-9.15 pm Northam Choral Practice |
| Fri 31 Oct  | 11.15 am-1 pm Friday Diner<br>6 pm Choir Practice                                               |
| Sat 1 Nov   | 8 am Morning Prayer<br>8.15am Men's Breakfast<br>10 am Treblemakers                             |
| Sun 2 Nov   | 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion, and Junior Church<br>11.15 am Encounter            |

## PRAYERS

Please see below request for prayer from Chris Turner:-

Edukid is taking a group to Uganda and to Peru this weekend. Most of the participants will not previously have travelled with Edukid and are going because of their desire to help children living in poverty.

We would really appreciate peoples' prayers for the trips to go smoothly and for the group to feel a connection with the children and to discern how God may like them to help.

## UCAN SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 2025

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.

## 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.