

**COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR EMILY AND BRAD
3PM ON SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER AT ST MARY'S CHURCH,
KENTISBEARE**

Anyone who can go along to support Emily (our Youth Leader) and Brad who runs Crypt Youth with Emily, will be very welcome at the Commissioning Service for their lay roles within the Church.

The service is an opportunity for the wider church family to celebrate and support ministry within the Mission Communities.



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2025

*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.*

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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 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

TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2025

10.50 am Armistice Service by memorial, St Mary's Church

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2025

9.30 am Celtic Communion, and Junior Church
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

11.15 am Encounter

(9.30 am Holy Communion, Weare Giffard – Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore)

(11 am Holy Communion, Littleham – Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore)

COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: MICAH 4.1-5

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 15.9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 10 Nov	9.30 am Holy Dusters 2 pm Mothers Union (Our trip to Greenland – Pam and Paul) 5-6.30 pm Alpha Youth 7.30 pm PCC Meeting
Tues 11 Nov	10.50 am Armistice Day Service, St Mary's Memorial 12.30 pm St Mary's School Interfaith week 6.30 pm Alpha Course at Rectory 7.30-9.15 pm Northam Choral Practice
Wed 12 Nov	9.30 am Music Makers

Thurs 13 Nov	9 am St Mary's School Interfaith Week 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (12-16s)
Fri 14 Nov	11.15 am-1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 15 Nov	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 10 am Away Day for Alpha Course – Bowood Farm
Sun 16 Nov	9.30 am Celtic Communion, and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter 3 pm Commissioning Service for Emily and Brad at St Mary's Church, Kentisbeare

PRAYER

Please remember Peter, a regular attendee of Friday Diner, who has recently died.

We give thanks for his life and pray for comfort for his family and friends.

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.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST – DURRANT HOUSE HOTEL

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER AT 9.30 AM

Do come and enjoy a delicious breakfast, cooked to order and get your strength up for all that Christmas shopping! Why not bring a friend? The cost, as usual, is £10 per person.

To book, please take an envelope from the back of the Church, fill in your details, enclose your payment and hand it in to either Karen Johns, Lorna Thomas or the Church Office by **Sunday 30 November at the latest.**

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.

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