

## **Revision to Electoral Roll**

Before the Annual Church Council Meeting (APCM) takes place on Sunday 26 April 2026, we need to revise our Electoral Roll.

Being on the Roll means you regard this church as a church of worship for you (and your family). You can still be a member of our Roll if you also attend other churches. Being a member on the Roll also means you can vote on important issues for St Mary's at the APCM.

The revision will take place between 22 and 30 March 2026. Forms are available in Church and the office at 9 Church Walk for anyone who is new to St Mary's in the last year, changed address, or think they may not be on the Roll (and are baptised and aged 16 or over.)

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## **BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN**

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*Our Purpose:*  
*TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD*

### **SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2026 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY**

9.45 am Refreshments, followed by .....

10.30 am Celtic Communion, and Junior Church  
President: Claire Rose-Casemore

No Encounter Service

*(11 am 4 Parish Mothering Sunday Service, Weare Giffard  
- Rev'd Ruth Beckett/Sarah Cordingley)*

### **SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT PASSIONTIDE BEGINS**

8 am Said Holy Communion  
President: Rev'd Ruth Beckett  
Passion Readings

9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion  
Passion Readings  
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am Encounter

4 pm Youth Service

*(11 am Holy Communion, Landcross – 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

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## FIRST READING: COLOSSIANS 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## GOSPEL READING: MARK 1.29-34 Jesus heals many at Simon's house

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

## DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Mon 16	9.30 am Holy Dusters
Tues 17	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Reflections 7.30-9.15 pm Northam Choral rehearsal
Wed 18	9.30 am Music Makers 11.30 am Moreton Court Holy Communion 7 for 7.30-9 pm Lent Course St Mary's Church
Thurs 19	2 for 2.30-4 pm Lent Course, Littleham Village Hall 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30 -7 pm Crypt youth (12-16s)
Fri 20	11.15 am - 1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 21	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 2-4 pm St Mary's Singers rehearsal
Sun 22	8 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Passion Readings 11.15 am Encounter 4 pm Youth Church

### **Sunday 22 March at 4 pm - New Youth Church**

On Sunday 22 March (and every fourth Sunday of the month) there will be an exciting new Youth Church starting (4-5 pm) at St Mary's Church.

This is aimed at children aged 7-14 and will include drama, music, discussions and prayer. For more information, please email [brad.emily.childrenandfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:brad.emily.childrenandfamilies@gmail.com)

### **Women's Breakfast – New Venue!**

Our next Women's Breakfast will be at Brewer's Fayre, Atlantic Park, Clovelly Road on Saturday 28 March at 9.30 am. There is a sign-up sheet in Church so please add your name if you'd like to come, by 26 March latest.

### **David's Film Night**

(For those who live alone but would like to watch a film with others.) The next one will be on Thursday 26 March, 6.45 pm for 7 pm. Please let David know in church by this Sunday. Please note change of day for this month.