

Appledore Christian Music Festival
Friday 15 – Sunday 17 May

There will be a variety of workshops, concerts and services at Appledore Baptist Church, St Mary's Church (Appledore), and St Helen's Church at Abbotsham.

If you are interested, please see more information from the programmes over in church, or go to appledorechristianmusicfestival.co.uk

Christian Aid Breakfast on Saturday 16 May at Baptist Church

There will be a breakfast/brunch to support Christian Aid Week on Saturday 16 May, from 10 am-12 noon. This will be at the Bideford Baptist Church, Mill Street, in the Top Hall. Small breakfast is £5, large breakfast is £7.50.

Please sign up on the list at the back of church (by 6 May).

Please also look out for Christian Aid Week between 10-16 May. The focus this year is on helping mothers in Kenya to grow fresh vegetables in urban spaces to help provide for their families. We will be handing out envelopes in church. If you are writing a cheque to put in an envelope, please make it payable to Christian Aid. Please give to Sue Jeffery or Sheenah Middle or post your envelope through the Church House letterbox.

And a very big thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Christian Aid Smartie tube appeal.

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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 APRIL 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

9.30 am Celtic Communion, and Junior Church
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am Encounter

(9.30 am Morning Praise, Weare Giffard – Sarah Cordingley)

(11 am Holy Communion, Littleham – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)

SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

UCAN SUNDAY

8 am Said Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Alan Glover

9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Ruth Beckett

11.15 am APCM
(No Encounter Service)

4 pm Youth Church

(11 am Holy Communion, Landcross – 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

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 9: 6-7

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 24.13-35

The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table

with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tues 21	10.30 am Holy Communion 2.30 pm Reflections 7.30-9.15 pm Northam Choral rehearsal
Wed 22	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 23	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.50-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s)
Fri 24	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 25	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers
Sun 26	8 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am APCM 4 pm Youth Church

UCAN Sunday – 26 April

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 build up our supplies for Friday Diner. Also, any cash donations that we can buy suitable items to top-up Friday Diner.

APCM – Sunday 26 April at 11.15 am

The APCM this year will be next week on 26 April at 11.15 am, following the 9.30 am service. We will hear what has happened over the past year and what plans there are for the future. We will also be electing 2 Churchwardens, 10 PCC members (1-year term) and 3 Deanery Synod Reps (3-year term.)

Youth Church – Sunday 26 April at 4 pm

Next Sunday (and every fourth Sunday of the month) there will Youth Church from 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