

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 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)

SUNDAY 3 MAY 2026

- 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion and Junior Church
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose- Casemore
- 11.15 am Encounter
- 1 pm Baptism of Leonard Tucker

(9.30 am Holy Communion, Weare Giffard)

(11 am Morning Praise, Littleham)

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,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people maybe gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING ACTS 2. 42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 10. 1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again, Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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| Tues 28 | 7.30-9.15 pm Northam Choral rehearsal |
| Wed 29 | 9.30 am Music Makers 3.30- 5.15pm Messy Church |
| Thurs 30 | 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.50-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s) |
| Fri 1 May | 11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice |
| Sat 2 | 8 am Morning Prayer |

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| | 8.15am Men's Breakfast |
| | 10 am Treblemakers |
| Sun 3 | 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion & Junior Church |
| | 11.15 am Encounter |
| | 1pm Baptism of Leonard Tucker |

UCAN Sunday – 26 April

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 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 today 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

This 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

David's Film Night

(For those who live alone but would like to watch a film with others.) Due to the New Road being closed at night the next one will be on Thursday 30 April, 6.45 pm for 7 pm. Please let David know in church by this Sunday. Please note change of day for this month.

A.V for Encounter

'We are very fortunate to have a rota of 4 people taking care of the AV for the 9.30am service, however we would value more support for the Encounter service. It really is quite straightforward and training would be provided. I am hopeful that it would generally just be on a monthly basis. If you feel that this is an area where you could serve please speak to Marcia 07546 849863.'