

## **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](http://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 3 MAY 2026**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.30 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion, and Junior Church plus Baptism of Hester Beckett-Gregg 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)*

**SUNDAY 10 MAY 2026**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8 am	Said Holy Communion
10.30 am	All-Age Worship with All-Age Team and Rev'd Ruth Beckett
6 pm	Healing and Wholeness Service Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

*(11 am Celtic Communion- Landcross) Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore)*

*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,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## FIRST READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner',  
and

'A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

## GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14. 1-7

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going. 'Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

## PRAYER

Please remember Steve Roberts and his sons in your prayers following the very sad passing of Kay earlier this week. May they feel God's love and presence with them at this difficult time.

We also pray for, and welcome, Hester Beckett-Gregg and Leonard Tucker as they join the church family through baptism today.

## DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tues 5	10.30 am Holy Communion M.U. Corporate 7.30-9.15 pm Northam Choral rehearsal
Wed 6	9.30 am Music Makers
Thurs 7	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.50-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s)
Fri 8	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 9	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 10.30 am St Marys Cafe
Sun 10	8 am Said Holy Communion <b>10.30 am</b> All Age Worship 6 pm Healing and Wholeness Service

### **All-Age Service on 10 May at 10.30 am**

Just a reminder that the All-Age Service will move to the later start time of 10.30 am starting next week.

Please note that coffee and tea will be served **after** the service, not before as originally notified. This will allow the coffee teams to be part of the service instead of still clearing up when the service starts.

### **Healing and Wholeness Service on 10 May at 6 pm**

Please join us for this quiet, gentle service with prayers for healing and peace.

The theme will be '**10 days of Waiting**' marking the 'gap' between Ascension and Pentecost often mirroring 'waiting time' in our own lives.

### **A.V for Encounter**

'We are very fortunate to have a rota of 4 people taking care of the AV for the 9.30 am 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.'