

### **Christian Aid Lent Appeal**

Don't forget to return your Smartie tubes to Church today. All contributions will be given to Christian Aid, an organisation which works all over the world to try to eradicate poverty. Thank you. Susan Jeffery and Sheenah Middle.

### **APCM – Sunday 26 April at 11.15 am**

The APCM this year will be 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.)

*Please consider who you would like to be part of the leadership team of St Mary's Church — and if it could be you. There is a nomination list at the back of church near the children's corner until Sunday 19 April.*

### **Clergy available following Easter Sunday**

The clergy will be having a well-earned break following the Easter Sunday Service.

If you need to speak to a member of the clergy urgently, please contact: -

Rev'd Madeline Bray, Monday 6 - Wednesday 8 April on 01237 477488 or  
Rev'd Ruth Beckett, Thursday 9 – Sunday 12 April on 01237 439584

### **Church Office Closed over Bank Holiday**

Please note that Church Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. It will re-open on Tuesday 7 April at 9 am.

### **CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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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 5 APRIL 2026**

**EASTER DAY**

6.30 am	Easter Morning Sunrise Service by Kingsley Statue, Bideford Quay
9.45 am	Refreshments
10.30 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore Talk: Rev'd Alan Glover <u>No</u> Encounter Service

**SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2026**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

8 am	Said Holy Communion President: Rev'd Ruth Beckett
9.30 am	All Age Worship President: Rev'd Madeline Bray
11.15 am	Encounter

*(11 am Celtic 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 Glory,  
by the rising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ

## FIRST READING ACTS 10. 34-43

### Gentiles hear the good news

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

## GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 28 1.10

### The Resurrection of Jesus

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

## DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Mon 6	Office Closed
Tues 7	10.30 am Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate) 7.30-9.15 pm Northam Choral rehearsal 7.30 pm Parish Prayer – St Mary's House
Wed 8	7.30 pm Bideford Music Club Concert Chloe Piano Trio (Piano, Violin & Cello)
Fri 10	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner
Sat 11	8 am Morning Prayer 10.30 am St Mary's Café
Sun 12	8 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am All Age Worship 11.15 am Encounter with Holy Communion

### National Emergency Briefing film

#### Wednesday 15 April at 7.30 pm

A chance to find out what the climate and nature crisis will mean for all of us. Film followed by cake and a discussion. To help with setting up please call Steve Jarvis 07464 550023

### Assistant Parish Administrator post finishing

As from Friday 17 April, due to financial constraints, our Assistant Administrator Karen John's employment is coming to an end. As from this date the office will no longer be staffed on a Friday and will go back to opening 9 am to 12 noon Monday to Thursday.

We want to thank Karen for all her efforts and for her support to Debbie during her employment and wish her all the very best.

She is a much-valued member of our Church community, and we will continue to see her regularly in her role as Server, and all the other things she does for St Mary's.

### Change of time for All-Age Service from May

Rev'd Claire recently announced that the All-Age Service on the second Sunday in the month will be changing its start time from 9.30 am to 10.30 am.

This will mean there will be no separate Encounter Service at 11.15 am on the second Sunday. Instead, the Encounter congregation will join (and some will help with) the All-Age Service.

Timing for refreshments on All-Age Sundays will move to 9.45 am, before the Service, not afterwards.

### **Please note though that these changes will take effect from the May All-Age Service on Sunday 10 May.**

April's All-Age Service will be at the current time of 9.30 am, with refreshments following the service, and an Encounter Service at 11.15 am.