

Deanery Synod – Visit to Lundy on Sunday 5 July 2026

There is a special Oldenburg sailing from Bideford to Lundy on Sunday 5 July (leaving at 9.30am and returning by 8.30pm) for Lundy Sunday Fly-in when dozens of light aircraft, microlights and vintage planes will be attempting to land on the island's grassy airfield.

As well as the fly-in there will be the chance to join a short service of Evening Prayer at 5pm with Sara Mendosa (the minister on duty that weekend), before the 6.30pm sailing back to Bideford.

You can buy lunch in the Tavern or take your own packed lunch.

There are some tickets still available for anyone who would like to visit Lundy. Prices are £59 return, with some concessions and family tickets available. Booking is with the Lundy Shore Office on 01271 863636 or online under Lundy Day Trips.

Trypraying Leaflets and Booklets

Following on from last Sunday when Rev'd Madeline last Sunday suggested each of us trying to pray for five people who do not yet know God, we have enclosed a useful leaflet from trypraying which encourages people to try prayer.

We also have a number of booklets by the main door of church. The booklet is a 7-day prayer guide for those who are not religious. Please take one if you know of someone who might be curious to know more.

Christian Aid Envelopes

Please let us have any outstanding donations for Christian Aid Week today for passing on to the charity.

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

SUNDAY 24 MAY 2026

PENTECOST

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

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

11.15 am Encounter

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

SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026

TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
Talk: Rev'd Madeline Bray

11.15 am Encounter

(11 am 4 Parish Lay Led Service, Landcross)

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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: ACTS 2.1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 20.19-23

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Fri 29	11.15 am - 1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 30	8 am Morning Prayer 2 pm Talk and discussion with John Hedge about his new book
Sun 31	9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am Encounter

UCAN Sunday

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 would be appreciated so that we can buy suitable items to top-up Friday Diner.

Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed in so many ways to the Pentecost Experience. The school were very positive, and the team excelled themselves even if they are now exhausted!

May God bless you all. Lorna

Talk by John Hedge about his new book 'I Ni Che' Saturday 30 May at 2 pm

John Hedge will be giving a talk about his new book, which celebrates 25 years of friendship and support for community projects in Mali.

The talk will be followed by a discussion and tea and coffee.

It is free entry with a collection for church funds.

Thanksgiving Service for Kay Roberts Monday 1 June at 10.30 am in St Mary's Church

There will be a service to celebrate the life of Steve Roberts' wife, Kay, on Monday 1 June at 10.30 am at St Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome.

There will be light refreshments following the service at the back of church.