

### **Women's Breakfast – Saturday 4 July, 9.30 am at Brewer's Fayre**

Please can you let Karen Johns or Lorna Thomas know (or sign-up on the sheet by the main door) if you would like to be included at the next Women's Breakfast on Saturday 4 July at Brewer's Fayre. They need final numbers by today, Sunday 28 June.

### **Why Questionnaires?**

If you have a child or grandchild that does or doesn't come to Church, or comes occasionally, please would you kindly ask them to fill in a questionnaire and pass it back to the office. You will find them by the Church door.

### **Why are we doing this?**

- 1) We haven't had a review for some time.
- 2) Our leaders/helpers will be encouraged by the positive feedback, and we will have more of a notion of what children enjoy most.
- 3) What might we be missing? What puts parents/children off? How can we make church more of an option for those who *don't* come at the moment?

**Timeline:** Questionnaires out on 3 June - **returned today, 21 June at the latest.** - Collating of information on 22 June - Findings taken to Children and Family leaders Meeting on 23 June to consider. Many thanks. Emily and Claire.

### **Help needed with painting at St Mary's House**

We are looking for a volunteer (or a couple of volunteers) who would be able to do some painting in the downstairs meeting room of St Mary's House. One wall needs to be painted completely and the emulsion and paintwork on the other walls needs touching up. If you can help, please call Justine on 07941 912090. Any help gratefully received!

### **CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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## **BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN**

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

### **SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2026**

#### **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

11.15 am Encounter, with Holy Communion

*(9.30 am Morning Praise, Weare Giffard – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)*

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

### **SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2026**

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion  
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie

11.15 am Encounter

*(11 am Holy 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 our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## FIRST READING: Romans 6.1-11 Dying and Rising with Christ

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10.24-39

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

## DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tues 23	11 am Reflections Team Meeting – St Mary's House 5 pm Children and Family Meeting – St Mary's House
Wed 24	9.30 am Music Makers 11.30 am Deanery Chapter Meeting – St Mary's House 7 pm Archdeacon's Visitation Service, St Michael's Church, Great Torrington
Thurs 25	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s)
Fri 26	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 27	8 am Morning Prayer 12 noon – 4.30 pm Drug and Alcohol Abuse Training
Sun 28	8 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11.15 am Encounter

## Thank you!

Thank you very much to Karen and Ian who ran a car boot sale at the weekend to raise money for St Mary's Church and the swift boxes.

There are still some books (50p each) and jigsaws (£2.50 each) at the back of church if you would like to buy some.

## Wednesday, 24 June at 7 pm - Archdeacon's Visitation Service St Michael's Church, Great Torrington

The Archdeacon's Visitation Service is when Sally and Justine are officially sworn in as our Churchwardens.

Anyone is welcome to attend this act of worship, and it would be nice to give support to Sally and Justine.

## Alcohol & Drug Abuse Training St Mary's Church - Saturday 27 June from 12 noon – 4.30 pm

Alcohol and Drug Training information for community groups and individuals will be taking place in St Mary's Church on Saturday 27 June between 12 noon and 4.30 pm.

The key aim of the training is to help volunteers better understand the challenges faced by people affected by drug or alcohol use, mental health difficulties, homelessness, trauma, and social isolation.

This is free training for non-clinical volunteers and community support teams and individuals across Bideford and the surrounding area.

Anyone who is interested is very welcome to attend this training.