

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!



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 28 JUNE 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 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)
(Rev'd Madeline Bray at Abbotsham)

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SUNDAY 5 JULY 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| 9.30 am | Morning Worship with Holy Communion, and Junior Church
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore |
| 11.15 am | Encounter |

(9.30 am Holy Communion, Weare Giffard – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)
(11 am Morning Praise, Littleham – Sarah Cordingley)
(Rev'd Robin Pirrie at Northam and Rev'd Alan Glover at Appledore)

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

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING: Romans 6.12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10.40-42

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of

cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

July

Wed 1	9.30 am Music Makers 2.30 pm M.U. Summer Party at St Mary's Church Hall, Appledore
Thurs 2	2.30 pm Kingsley School End of Year Service 4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s) 7 pm Taize, Landcross
Fri 3	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 4	8 am Morning Prayer 8.15 am Men's Breakfast 9.30 am Women's Breakfast, Brewers Fayre 10 am Treblemakers 2 pm Wedding of Kerry Kracke and Scott Evans
Sun 5	9.30 am Morning Worship H.C., and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter

Prayer

Please pray for the work of Mind, our Mission Away Giving Charity for June, and everyone they help through their support.

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.

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.