

Job Vacancies in St Mary's Church

Pastoral Visitors
Junior Church Helpers
'Open the Book' Storytellers
Friday Diner
Holy Dusters
Welcomers and Coffee Makers
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Please see the fuller notes near the Church entrance for more information if you are interested in helping at any of the above groups.

We cannot run our groups without the help of our congregation and some of our groups are getting very low in numbers of volunteers.

As well as being key to helping people in our church and community, volunteering in one of the groups is a good way to socialize and build friendships with other people from our Church family.

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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 12 JULY 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SEA SUNDAY

8 am Said Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

10.30 am All-Age Worship
All-Age Team and Rev'd Ruth Beckett

6 pm Patronal Evening Service, Landcross

(11 am Celtic Communion, Landcross – Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore)
(Rev'd Robin Pirrie in Westward Ho!)

SUNDAY 19 JULY 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am Celtic Communion (Treblemakers singing), and Junior Church

11.15 am Encounter Service

(9.30 am Morning Praise, Weare Giffard – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)
(11 am Holy Communion, Littleham – 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

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Romans 8.1-11

Life in the Spirit

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil

and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

The Parable of the Sower Explained

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Mon 13	2 pm Mothers' Union – Quiz Tables 7.30 pm PCC Meeting
Wed 15	9.30 am Music Makers (last one of term) 11.30 am Moreton Court Holy Communion
Thurs 16	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) (last one of term) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s) (last one of term)
Fri 17	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 18	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 12.30-3.30 pm Children & Families Day, Crypt Youth
Sun 19	9.30 am Celtic Communion (Treblemakers singing), and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter

Appeal for helpers at Stay and Play

We are hoping to run Stay and Play sessions in the school summer holidays.

The dates will be Wednesdays 5, 12, and 19 August. (Possibly also 26 August but this is still to be confirmed).

These sessions are very much appreciated by parents, but we do need help, mainly to serve refreshments. If you are able to help between 9.30 and 11.30 am, on any of the dates, please to Lorna 01237 477117, or Pattie 01237 476501. Thank you.