

URGENT HELP NEEDED WITH FRIDAY DINER

At the moment the Diner is in danger of closing some weeks due to

- (i) lack of helpers;
- (ii) uncertainty over providing main meals

We do have some volunteers who provide meals regularly eg. puddings/soup, but if more volunteers came forward, they would not have to cook so often.

Please speak to Richard James or the office if you think you might be able to help in any way.

Other vacancies

We also need to boost our number of volunteers with the following groups:-

Pastoral Visitors
Junior Church Helpers
'Open the Book' Storytellers
Holy Dusters
Welcomers
Coffee Teams
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Please see information sheet near the main door about each role and who to contact if you are interested in helping.

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Part of the Mission Community of
Bideford, Landcross, Littleham, Monkleigh and Weare Giffard

Our Purpose:
TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2026

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

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

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2026

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 am	Said Holy Communion President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
10.30 am	All-Age Worship Rev'd Ruth Beckett/Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

(11 am Celtic Service, Landcross – Sarah Cordingley)

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,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55.1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14.13-21

Feeding the Five Thousand

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and

were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tues 4	10.30 am Mary Sumner Day Communion Service followed by coffee and (bring your own) lunch. 7.30 pm Parish Prayer, St Mary's House
Wed 5	10-11.30 am Stay and Play
Fri 7	11.15 am-1pm Friday Diner
Sat 8	8 am Morning Prayer 10.30 am-12.30 pm St Mary's Café
Sun 9	8 am Said Holy Communion 10.30 am All-Age Worship

Prayer

We pray for the work of South West Community Chaplaincy (SWWC) in all they do to support people coming out of prison.

Stay and Play

We will be running Stay and Play sessions on Wednesdays, 5, 12, and 19 August from 10-11.30 am.

This is for children under 5 and their carers siblings up to the age of 8 also welcome. There will be toys, snacks, songs, story time, craft table and much more. Tea and coffee for the adults. There is no charge although voluntary contributions of £2 to cover costs of refreshments would be very welcome.

Wednesday 12 August at 7.30 pm – St Mary's Church National Emergency Briefing Film

For anyone who missed the chance to see the National Emergency Briefing film back in April, it is being shown again on Wednesday 12 August at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church.

The film brings together leading expert insights on the climate and nature crisis and presents the national implications of climate and nature breakdown.

Sunday 16 August - Holy Trinity Church, Weare Giffard at 6 pm Hymns And Pimms

Come along to Holy Trinity Church (Weare Giffard) on Sunday 16 August at 6 pm for a relaxed summer evening with a glass of Pimms, friendly conversation and the chance to hear and sing some of our favourite hymns.