

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!

Office hours week commencing Monday 6 July

Please note that Church Office will be open on reduced hours this week due to Debbie being on a week's leave:-

Monday 6 July, 10 am to 12 noon
Tuesday 7 July, 10 am to 12 noon
Thursday, 9 July, 10 am to 12 noon

The office will be open as normal on Monday 13 July at 9 am.

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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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 5 JULY 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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 in Northam) (Rev'd Alan Glover in Appledore)

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!)

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

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Romans 7.15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tues 7	10.30 am Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate) 7.30 pm Parish Prayer (St Mary's House)
Wed 8	9.30 am Music Makers 3.30 pm Messy Church
Thurs 9	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s)
Fri 10	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 11	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers 10.30 am – 12.30 pm St Mary's Café 11 am Torridge Valley Guild of Ringers Annual Festival
Sun 12	8 am Said Holy Communion 10.30 am All-Age Worship 6 pm Patronal Evening Service, Littleham

Prayer

Please pray for the work of CAP (Christians Against Poverty), our Mission Away Giving charity for July, who do so much in our community to help people with budgeting and managing debts.

5 July Appledore Singers – Northam Hall 2.30 pm

Please join the Appledore Singers for the 'Super Summer Concert' later today at 2.30 pm in Northam Hall (at the top of Fore Street).

Admission £6 on the door (Under 16s free). Includes tea/coffee/biscuits.

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, 19 and 26 August.

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.