

NEXT SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2018

Lent 1

Readings: 1 Pet. 3: 18-end; Mark 1: 9-15

- 8 am HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
Preacher: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 10 am PARISH COMMUNION
Celebrant: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore/Rev'd Leigh Winsbury
Preacher: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 7 pm TAIZE

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 12 February

Ps 30; Gen 37: 1-11; Gal ch1

Tuesday 13 February

James 1: 12-18; Ps 94: 12-18; Mark 8: 14-21
10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Alan Glover

Wednesday 14 February, Ash Wednesday

Ps 38; Dan 9: 3-6, 17-19; 1 Tim 6: 6-19
7pm Holy Communion with Ashing

Thursday 15 February

Ps 77; Gen ch39; Gal 2: 11-end

Friday 16 February

Ps 3; Gen ch40; Gal 3: 1-14

Saturday 17 February

Ps 71; Gen 41: 1-24; Gal 3: 15-22
8 am Prayers

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ST MARY'S
PARISH
CHURCH
BIDEFORD

FULL
VERSION

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 11 FEBRUARY 2018
SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

WELCOME! We hope you enjoy the coffee and
croissant before our 10 am service.

Our 10 am All Age service continues **at 11.30 am** with a short *COMMUNION SERVICE* to which everyone is welcome. (if you'd like alcohol free wine, please let the chalice administrator know).

And there's more tea or coffee after the 10 am service—we would love to chat with you.

This morning's preacher at the 8 am service is Rev'd Peter Scott.

There is no evening service tonight.

Next Sunday is *UCAN SUNDAY* when your gifts of cans and/or cash would be appreciated for those in need.

Message from Maddy: "Following my last Sunday with you, thank you for the wonderful send off - you were so generous with your words, prayers and gifts. Bless you all." (Read more in March's newsletter.)

Rev'd Maddy Bray's licensing service to the Hartland Coast Mission Community will be on Monday 12 February at 7 pm in Buckland Brewer Church. Due to limited space please share transport as much as possible. Please sign on lists at back of church if you can offer/or need a lift.

Rev'd Marisa Cockfield's licensing service to our Mission Community will be on Tuesday 13 February at 7 pm in Weare Giffard Church.

Messy Church is holding a **PANCAKE PARTY this Shrove Tuesday**, 14 Feb, 2-4.30 in Church. Children with parents/carers welcome. Please book: Bekah 07805 719598. Pancake races, crafts and for eating!

The next Tea With Friends will be on Wed 21 February at 2.00 pm in St Mary's Church. John Nixon will be talking about Bessie of Bideford, our Father Willis Organ.

CONFIRMATION

The confirmation date has had to change as Bishop Sarah, who was going to take it, is now going to be the Bishop of London! Bishop Robert will be taking the Confirmation on **Sunday 29 April at 6.00 pm**. If you are interested in being confirmed please see one of the clergy and please keep following Thursdays free for the Confirmation sessions: 12, 19 and 26 April - 7.30 pm at the Rectory. If you can also attend the Lent Course this would be a great foundation to the Confirmation Course.

Hopefully on Mon 19 and Tues 20 March we are going into St Mary's School to work with the children on the 'Easter Experience' which follows Christ's journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. If you are interested in taking part contact Lorna 477117, Pattie 476501 or Bekah 423914.

Please help people displaced from their homes. Collect your Smarties tube and Count Your Blessings Christian Aid leaflet from table by door. Eat smarties before Lent and refill with coins of your choice. Count your blessings during Lent and fill in the boxes. Please hand in money for both to Sue Jeffery or Maggie Webster by Easter.

If you can provide a MEAL, or part, for the Alpha Course any week see/email Sue Sparkes sue_sparkes@hotmail.co.uk.

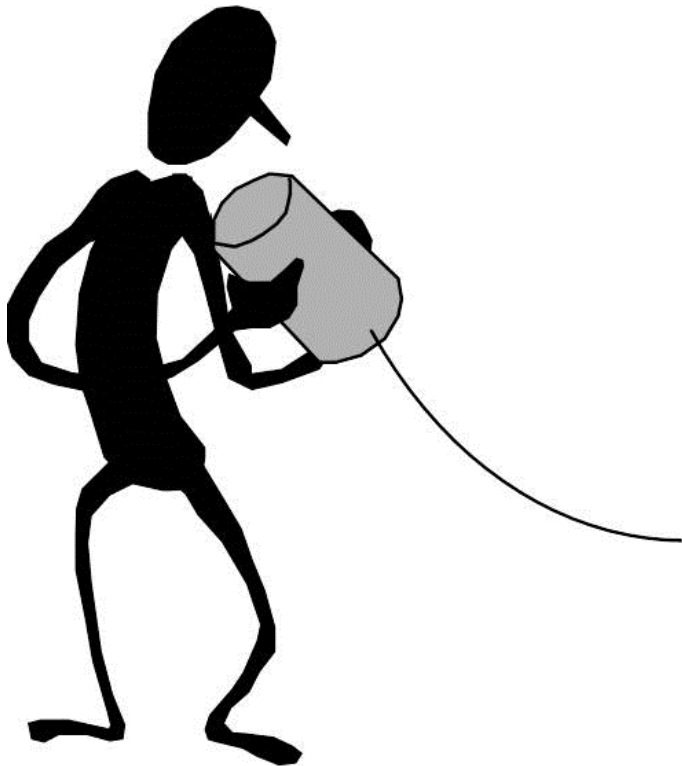
There are two pumpkins which have been left in the office of St Mary's House. Please could the owner collect them from the office this week or we will need to get move them on.

Wooda Surgery offers a Befriending Service for isolated/lonely, local patients and *NEEDS MORE BEFRIENDERS*. If you could spend an hour a week befriending somebody please call Justine at WoodaPlus for details, on 427813.



DIARY DATES

- ⇒ **TEA WITH FRIENDS**, Wed 21 Feb 2.00 pm at St Mary's Church: Talk by John Nixon on Bessie of Bideford, St Mary's Father Willis Organ
- ⇒ **LENT COURSE 2018** will be looking at how the work of the Cross covers our relationships with God, ourselves, each other and Creation. **Tues 20 Feb** 2.00 pm Littleham V Hall **Wed 21 Feb** 7.00 pm St M Church **Tues 27 Feb** 2.00 pm LVH, 7.00 pm St M Church **Tues 6 Mar** LVH 2.00 pm, **Wed 7 Mar** 7.00 pm St M Church, **Tues 13 Mar** 2.00 pm LVH, 7pm St M Church.



- ⇒ **STEPPING STONES Day Conference** Sat 3 March 10.30 to 3.30 pm lunch inc, St Mary's Church - praying and connecting with young people. To book email Sylvia West (sylvia.pillowery@gmail.com)
- ⇒ **STREAMS** Sat 3 March 12.45-5.00 pm at Littleham Village Hall. An opportunity for women to take time out from normal schedule to join in range of activities or just enjoy the tranquil environment. Suggested donation £5. For further details ring Sarah Cordingly on 471441.
- ⇒ **BIDEFORD TOWN BAND SPRINGTIME CONCERT** Sat 3 March 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church. Tickets on door or call Becky on 01237 475653. Everyone welcome.
- ⇒ **BOOKWORMS** Mon 5 March 7.30 pm at Maggie's house when 'Seeds of Doubt' by Pamela Vass will be discussed. Newcomers welcome: phone Maggie on 477568.

Please pray for those people living in:

- Monday: Merryfield Road, Mines Road
- Tuesday: Monks Close, Nuttaberry Hill
- Wednesday: Newport Terrace, Northfield Road
- Thursday: North Road, Old Barnstaple Road
- Friday: Ochill Close, Railway Terrace
- Saturday: Springfield Terrace, Southolm Terrace

Please pray for those who are sick:

Jean Bale, Maryanne Benson, Trish Bishop, Nicky Day, Cynthia Ettling, Tyler Hooper, Pam Jarvis, Graham Johnston, Eileen King, Enid Parish, Alan Power, Beryl Pullin, Kevin Smith, Betty Thompson, Iris Way, Phyllis Ward.

Please remember the souls of the departed:

Winifred Griffiths, Jean Jones, Jen Vickers, and the families of those who have recently been bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Dates of Events and Meetings

- Mon 12 Feb 2.30 pm Mothers' Union
6-7.30 pm Cryptonites Youth Group
- Tue 13 Feb 2-4.30 pm Messy Church Pancakes
- Wed 14 Feb No Music Makers - Half Term
5 Parish Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Ashing 10.30 am at Landcross or 7.00 pm at St Mary's
- Thu 15 Feb 2.00 pm Julian Group
- Mon 19 Feb 6-7.30 pm Cryptonites Youth Group
- Tues 20 Feb 2.30 pm Reflections
7.00 pm All Age Planning
- Wed 21 Feb 9.45 and 11 am Music Makers
2.00 pm Tea With Friends
7.00 pm Lent Course
- Thu 22 Feb 10.30-12.30 Data Protection Course
2.00 pm Funeral of Margaret Baily
2.30 p.m. Moreton Court HC
7.00 pm Marriage Preparation Course

ST MARY'S ALL AGE SERVICE

Our Theme today is:

***LIVING TOGETHER THE
JESUS WAY***

**Listening - to be challenged to
listen to God and each other**

WELCOME

***Introduction - puppet sketch
based on Samuel 3: 1-11***

PLEASE STAND

SONG During which a collection will be taken
for God's work in and through this church.

COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, re-
joice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age;
'Our God is all in all'.

PLEASE SIT

**HOW ARE YOUR LISTENING SKILLS?
What do you think are the barriers
that stop us hearing God and each
other?**

After this part of the service there will be
opportunity for PRIVATE PRAYER if you so
wish in St Peter's Chapel (to the right of the
main altar) for either yourself or on someone
else's behalf, and in total
confidence.

Do join us for COFFEE, before we conclude
with a short said Communion service at 11.30
am in St Peter's Chapel



SONG

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see!

THE PEACE

God has called us to live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us turn to those around us - and perhaps to someone we don't know - and greet them by saying:

'The peace of the Lord be always with you'

PLEASE STAND

THE CREED

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty

Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You

Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
[x2]

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus
[x2]

For I believe in the name of Jesus
For I believe in the name of Jesus

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus
[x2]

SONG

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART, LORD,
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.

PLEASE SIT

DRAMATISED READING

John 4: 5-20 (The Message)

Jesus had to pass through Samaria on his way to Galilee. He came to Sychar. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon. A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.) The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jews in those days wouldn't be caught dead talking to Samaritans.) Jesus answered "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water." The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?" Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst - not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of

endless life." The woman said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again!" He said, "Go call your husband and then come back." "I have no husband," she said. "That's nicely put: 'I have no husband.' You've had five husbands, and the man you're living with now isn't even your husband. You spoke the truth there, sure enough." "Oh, so you're a prophet! Well, tell me this: Our ancestors worshipped God at this mountain, but you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place for worship, right?"

LISTENING IN PRAYER

CONFESSION:

Mighty God,
You delight in making yourself known.
We don't always delight in your invitation.
Sometimes we don't read your word or think about it for days or weeks at a time.
We are sorry and want to take delight in you as the bible writers did.
We are thirsty and you invite us to drink at your living water.
Forgive us for our forgetfulness.
Forgive us for the times when we are not listening.
Forgive us for the times when we mishear you.
Help us to hear your voice and respond.
Amen

ABSOLUTION:

Now may almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT:

Holy God,
You know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.