

**NEXT SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2018  
SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**



Readings: 2 Cor. 4: 3-6  
Mark 9: 2-9

8 am HOLY COMMUNION  
President and Preacher :Rev'd  
Claire Rose-Casemore  
9.30 AM COFFEE & CROISSANT before ...  
10 am ALL AGE SERVICE  
Led by Leigh and the Team  
11.30 PARISH COMMUNION  
Celebrant: Rev'd Claire Rose-  
Casemore

No evening service

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES**

**Monday 5 February**

Ps 1; Gen 29: 31- 30: 24; 2 Tim 4: 1-8

**Tuesday 6 February**

1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30, Ps 84: 1-10; Mark 7: 1-13

10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

**Wednesday 7 February**

Ps 119: 1-32; Gen 31: 25-32: 2; Titus ch1

**Thursday 8 February**

Ps 15: Gen 32: 3-30; Titus ch2

**Friday 9 February**

Ps 19; Gen 33: 1-17; Titus ch3

**Saturday 10 February**

Ps 23; Gen ch35; Philemon

8 am Prayers

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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 4 FEBRUARY 2018  
2ND BEFORE LENT**

*WELCOME!* Please stay for tea or coffee after the service—we would love to chat with you.

If you don't normally take communion but would like God's blessing, please come up to the altar rail holding this bulletin. Alcohol free wine is available at the 10 am service: please go to the right hand side of the altar and then ask the chalice administrator.

Preacher this morning is Rev'd Leigh Winsbury.

Today is Margaret Funnell's last Sunday with us before she moves nearer to her family in Bristol. Please stay after the service to enjoy cake and a drink with her.

Maddy's new contact details are: The Vicarage, 5 Manor Court, Parkham, Bideford EX39 5PG. Tel. 451445.

Good news - Our Father Willis Organ is now cleaned and restored and ready for action, nearly 3 weeks ahead of schedule.

2000 yrs of spirituality in 2 hrs! - different ways of praying **this Mon** 5 Feb 2-4 pm Westward Ho! Church Hall with Rev'd Dave Carrington. All welcome

**This Tues** 6 Feb, Christians Together in Bideford Meeting at 2 pm, St Mary's Hse. Open meeting, all welcome. Rev'd Paul Snell, new Ecumenical Officer for Churches Together in Devon will be there.

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.

Do you feel you would like to reach out to those suffering loss? How about coming along to our Reflections group (see bulletins/notice in porch for dates) to see if you might be interested in joining our team? Or ring Maggie 01805 625209 or Fiona 01237 421079 for a chat.

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.

Children's Society boxes - so far we have sent £664.08 with two boxes still to come in. Thank you all who gave so generously. The Children's Society are delighted.

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

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**

- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ **TEA WITH FRIENDS**, Wed 21 Feb 2.00 pm at St Mary's Church: Talk by John Nixon on Bessie of Bidford, 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.

JESUS SHALL TAKE THE HIGHEST HONOUR,  
Jesus shall take the highest praise.  
Let all earth join heaven in exalting  
The Name which is above all other names.  
Let's bow the knee in humble adoration,  
For at His name every knee must bow.  
Let every tongue confess He is Christ, God's only Son;  
Sovereign Lord, we give You glory now.

*For all honour and blessing and power  
Belongs to You, belongs to You.  
All honour and blessing and power  
Belongs to You, belongs to You,  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God.*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise Him, hallelujah!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:

*O praise Him .....*

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light:

*O praise Him .....*

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, hallelujah!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care:

*O praise Him .....*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, hallelujah!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:

*O praise Him .....*

know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

YOU'RE THE WORD OF GOD THE FATHER,  
From before the world began;  
Every star and every planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice:  
Let the skies declare Your glory,  
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
With a word You stilled the sea;  
yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free.

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting victory from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven  
Leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father  
Interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

JESUS, WE ENTHRONE YOU,  
We proclaim You our King.  
Standing here in the midst of us,  
We raise You up with our praise.  
And as we worship, build a throne,  
And as we worship, build a throne,  
And as we worship, build a throne:  
Come, Lord Jesus, and take Your place.

### **Please pray for those people living in:**

Monday: Eastwood, East Ridge View  
Tuesday: Furzebeam Terrace, Fort Terrace  
Wednesday: Grange Road, Gammaton Road  
Thursday: Goaman Road, Graynfield Drive  
Friday: Grenville Terrace, Heathfield Road  
Saturday: Hillcrest Road, Karen Close

### **Please pray for those who are sick:**

Jean Bale, Maryanne Benson, Trish Bishop, Nicky Day, Cynthia Ettlting, 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 -**

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

### **Dates of Events and Meetings**

Mon 5 Feb 6-7.30 pm Cryptonites Youth Group  
7 pm Rehearsal for licensing service at Weare Giffard  
Tues 6 Feb 10.30 Holy Communion  
2.00 pm CTBD Mtg, St Mary's House  
Wed 7 Feb 9.45 and 11 am Music Makers  
1.45-3.15 Kingsley School Visit  
2.30 pm Hymn choosing at John Dare's  
Thurs 8 Feb 11 am Funeral of Winifred Griffiths  
7 pm Moo v2  
Sun 11 Feb 9.30 am Coffee and Croissant before the All Age Service  
Mon 12 Feb 2.30 pm Mothers' Union  
6-7.30 pm Cryptonites Youth Group  
Tues 13 Feb 2-4.30 pm Messy Church Pancakes  
Wed 14 Feb 9.45 and 11 am Music Makers  
Thurs 15 Feb 2.00 pm Julian Group

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

CHRIST IS OUR CORNER STONE  
On Him alone we build;  
With His true Saints alone  
The courts of Heav'n are fill'd:  
On His great love  
Our hopes we place  
Of present grace  
And joys above.

Oh, then with hymns of praise  
These hallow'd courts shall ring:  
Our voices we will raise  
The Three in One to sing;  
And thus proclaim  
In joyful song,  
Both loud and long,  
That glorious Name.

Here gracious God, do Thou  
For evermore draw nigh;  
Accept each faithful vow,  
And mark each suppliant sigh;  
In copious shower  
On all who pray  
Each holy day  
Thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from Heav'n  
The grace which we implore;  
And may that grace, once given,  
Be with us evermore,  
Until that day  
When all the blest  
To endless rest  
Are call'd away.

## COLLECT

Almighty God, give us reverence for all  
creation and respect for every person, that  
we may mirror your likeness in Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## THE FIRST READING

### *Colossians 1: 15-20*

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible  
God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him  
all things in heaven and on earth were  
created, things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or  
powers—all things have been created  
through him and for him. He himself is  
before all things, and in him all things hold  
together. He is the head of the body,  
the church; he is the beginning, the  
firstborn from the dead, so that he might  
come to have first place in everything. For  
in him all the fullness of God was pleased  
to dwell, and through him God was  
pleased to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven, by making  
peace through the blood of his cross.

## GRADUAL HYMN

IN CHRIST ALONE my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and  
storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## GOSPEL READING

### *John 1: 1-14*

In the beginning was the Word, and the  
Word was with God, and the Word was  
God. He was in the beginning with God. All  
things came into being through him, and  
without him not one thing came into  
being. What has come into being in him  
was life, and the life was the light of all  
people. The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome  
it. There was a man sent from God, whose  
name was John. He came as a witness to  
testify to the light, so that all might  
believe through him. He himself was not  
the light, but he came to testify to the  
light. The true light, which enlightens  
everyone, was coming into the world. He  
was in the world, and the world came into  
being through him; yet the world did not