

**NEXT SUNDAY 13 MAY 2018**  
**SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

Readings: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end  
John 17: 6-19

8 am HOLY COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Peter Scott  
Preacher: Rev'd Peter Scott

9.30 am COFFEE & CROISSANT before ...

10 am ALL AGE SERVICE  
Led by the All Age Team

11.30 am HOLY COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Penny Dobbin,  
the Rural Dean

No Evening Service

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES**

**Monday 7 May, Rogation Day**

Ps 65; Num 16: 1-35; Luke 6: 27-38;

**Tuesday 8 May, Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c. 1417**

Acts 16: 22-24; Ps 138; John 16: 5-11

10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

**Wednesday 9 May, Rogation Day**

Ps 132; Num 17: 1-11; Luke 7: 1-10

**Thursday 10 May, Ascension Day**

Ps 110; Isa 52: 7-end; Heb 7: 26-end

7 pm ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

**Friday 11 May**

Ps 81; Num 20: 1-13; Luke 7: 11-17

**Saturday 12 May**

Ps 47; Num 21: 4-9; Luke 7: 18-35

8 am Prayers

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**BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN**

Part of the Mission Community of  
Bideford, Landcross, Littleham, Monkleigh  
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*Our Purpose:*

*TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD*

**SUNDAY 6 MAY 2018**  
**EASTER 5**  
**ROGATION SUNDAY**

*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.

This morning's preacher is Rev'd Peter Goodall.

Tonight's service is Evensong at 7 pm led by Peter Hooper.

Following the Confirmation Service on Sunday Bishop Robert wrote and said:-

"It was a real treat being with you yesterday for the Confirmation Service. Whenever I come to St Mary's I always feel encouraged and energised by the warmth and vitality of your congregation, and yesterday was no exception".

**THY KINGDOM COME!** Inspired by our two Archbishops we are taking part in the National initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come!' between Ascension Day and Pentecost (10-20 May). **Every night** we will be holding an hour of prayer in St Marys Church, Bideford, between **6-7pm.**

The Prayer times will be varied in style as different members of the Clergy and Reader Team will be facilitators. But we will all be praying for the help of the Spirit to refresh, heal and inspire us in our Community, Church, amongst our Neighbours, and in the wider Country and World.

We kick off on Ascension Day- Thursday 10 May - with a Communion Service at 7pm and the sessions culminate in a Pentecost Holy Communion Service at 10am on Sunday 20 May Let's (together!) ask for the Holy Spirit to come!

To mark the start of Christian Aid Week (13-19 May) we are holding a **CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH** in church on **Sunday 13 May at 12.30 pm**. All donations will go towards helping people throughout the world. **Names by today please** on list at back of church.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 13-19 MAY.** We are having a morning street collection on Friday 18 and also one at Morrisons on Thursday 17 May. If anyone feels able to help with either of these please see Maggie Webster or phone 01805 632209.

Please can anyone offer to take Wayne to Exeter on Saturday 26 May so that he may complete his Pastoral Care Course. Please contact 477117 or Church Office if you can help, thank you.

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**

- ⇒ **APPLEDORE SINGERS - Open Rehearsal on Mon 14 May** 7.30-9pm at Appledore Baptist Church. If you enjoy singing and are thinking of joining local ladies' choir, why not come along? You'll be most welcome. Contact Pam Beechey, Musical Director on 01237 420652.
- ⇒ **MOTHERS' UNION**, Mon 14 May at 2.00 pm with John Vinton on 'Modern Day Slavery'.
- ⇒ **TEA WITH FRIENDS**, Wed 16 May at 2 pm with Sharon Snell on 'Part 2 of the Braddick Family History'.

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

Monday: Lansdowne Terrace, Laurel Avenue  
Tuesday: Lenwood Park, Lime Grove  
Wednesday: Little Meadow Way, Littlefield  
Thursday: Lombard Close, Lower Gunstone  
Friday: Middle Gunstone, Love Lane  
Saturday: Lower Meddon Street, Marine Gardens

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

Jean Bale, Maryanne Benson, Trish Bishop, Pauline Carpenter, 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, Marion Woolf

**Please remember the souls of the departed - Brian Shury** and the families of those who have recently been bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*YOU ARE THE VINE,  
We are the branches,  
Keep us abiding in You.  
You are the Vine,  
We are the branches,  
Keep us abiding in You.*

Then we'll grow in Your love,  
Then we'll go in Your name,  
That the world will surely know  
That You have power to heal and to save.

SUCH LOVE, pure as the whitest snow;  
Such love, weeps for the shame I know;  
Such love, paying the debt I owe;  
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness;  
Such love, filling my emptiness;  
Such love, showing me holiness;  
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, springs from eternity;  
Such love, streaming through history;  
Such love, fountain of life to me;  
O Jesus, such love.

### **CLOSING HYMN**

BROTHER, SISTER LET ME SERVE YOU  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
We are brothers on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you  
In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister let me serve you  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.

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

Mon 7 May **No** Cryptonites (Bank Holiday)  
Tues 8 May 7.30 pm Archdeacon's Visitation  
Wed 9 May 2. pm Julian Group  
7.30 pm Baptism Introduction Evening  
Thur 10 May 7.00 pm Ascension Day Service  
12-19 May CHRISTIAN AID WEEK  
Sun 13 May 12.30 Christian Aid Lunch  
Mon 14 May 2 pm Mothers' Union  
Tues 15 May 2.30 pm Reflections  
7 pm All Age Planning  
Wed 16 May 2 pm Tea With Friends

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY,  
I have heard My people cry;  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.*

*Is it I, Lord?*

*I have heard You calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord,*

*If You lead me;*

*I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain;  
I have wept for love of them –  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone;  
I will speak My word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them –  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts are satisfied;  
I will give My life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

### **COLLECT**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to  
your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

## THE FIRST READING

### **Acts 10: 44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## GRADUAL HYMN

### A NEW COMMANDMENT

I give unto you,  
That you love one another  
As I have loved you,  
That you love one another  
As I have loved you.

By this shall all men know  
That you are My disciples,  
If you have love one for another.  
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## GOSPEL READING

### **John 15: 9-17**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Love is his word, love is his way,  
feasting with all, fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love, is his way:

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his way, love is his mark,  
sharing his last Passover feast,  
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,  
love, only love, is his mark:  
*Richer than gold...*

Love is his mark, love is his sign,  
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,  
'This is my body, this is my blood' -  
love, only love, is his sign:  
*Richer than gold...*

Love is his sign, love is his news,  
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget  
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood' -  
love, only love, is his news:  
*Richer than gold...*

Love is his news, love is his name,  
we are his own, chosen and called,  
family, brethren, cousins and kin,  
love, only love, is his name:  
*Richer than gold...*

Love is his name, love is his law,  
hear his command, all who are his  
'Love one another, I have loved you'  
love, only love, is his law.  
*Richer than gold...*

Love is his law, love is his word:  
love of the Lord, Father and Word,  
love of the Spirit, God ever one,  
love, only love, is his word:  
*Richer than gold...*

## COMMUNION HYMN

ABBA FATHER, let me be  
Yours and Yours alone.  
May my will forever be  
Ever more Your own.  
Never let my heart grow cold,  
Never let me go.  
Abba Father, let me be  
Yours and Yours alone.