

**NEXT SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2018
EPIPHANY 2**

Readings: Revelation 5: 1-10; John 1: 43-end

- 8 am HOLY COMMUNION
President and Preacher:
Rev'd Leigh Winsbury
- 9.30 am COFFEE & CROISSANT before ...
- 10 am ALL AGE SERVICE
Led by Rev'd Maddy Bray and the
All Age Team
- 11.30 am HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Maddy Bray
- NO Evening service

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 8 January

Ps 2; Gen 1: 1-19; Matt 21: 1-17

Tuesday 9 January

1 Sam 1: 9-20; 1 Sam 2: 1, 4-8; Mark 1: 21-28
10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Claire Rose-
Casemore

Wednesday 10 January

Ps 20; Gen 2: 4-end; Matt 21: 33-end

Thursday 11 January

Ps 21; Gen ch3; Matt 22: 1-14

Friday 12 January

Ps 67; Gen 4: 1-16, 25-26; Matt 22: 15-33

**Saturday 13 January, Hilary, Bishop of
Poitiers, Teacher, 367**

Ps 33; Gen 6: 1-10; Matt 22: 34-end
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 7 JANUARY 2018
EPIPHANY**

*We wish everyone a very Happy and
Healthy New Year*

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.

Today we celebrate the Feast of *EPIPHANY* and
so at our 10 am service there will be a modicum
of *INCENSE*. So you may prefer to sit further
back than normal if incense affects you, and
please do ask for communion to be brought to
you at the back if you would prefer not to come
up to the altar.

This morning's preacher is Rev'd Maddy Bray.

We *WELCOME* Harrison Keen, together with his
family and friends, as he comes to be baptised
into the Church Family at 12.30 pm.

It is with sadness to announce the deaths of
Jack Bale, husband of Jean; and of Albert Man-
ning, our Tower Captain for many, many years.
The Church Family offers its *CONDOLENCES* to
their families. Albert's funeral is tomorrow at
3 pm at N Devon Crematorium, and Jack's at
1 pm at Appledore Church on Thurs 18 January.

Also we announce the death of Sally Wetherill,
whose funeral is on Thurs 11 Jan at 11.20 am,
and Iris Pink, whose funeral is on Wed 10 Feb at
3 pm - both at N Devon Crematorium. Our
sincere *CONDOLENCES* to both families.

ALPHA HAS STARTED! Please pray for those
attending and those leading the course (each
Thursday until 15 March 6.30-9 pm). If you can
provide a meal, or part, for any week see/email
Sue Sparkes sue_sparkes@hotmail.co.uk.

WORK STARTS on Phase I of our Project Appeal
tomorrow: ie work on our Father Willis organ.
This will mean that we will have no organ for
about a month.

WELCOME to our new Parish Administrator, Debbie Crawford, who starts a 2 week handover with Maddy tomorrow. (Maddy's last day is 19 January.)

Can anyone offer a *LIFT TO EXETER* on the following dates: Saturdays **13 Jan**, 24 Feb, 14 Apr, and 26 May? This is to enable Wayne to access his Pastoral Care course. Please speak to Wayne.

REFLECTIONS, for those suffering loss, next meets on Tuesday 16 January at 2.30 pm when people are invited to talk about times past and bring photos.

TEA WITH FRIENDS has moved to the 3rd Wednesday of the month (not the 2nd). So the next one is on 17 January, at 2 pm, when Babs Muir will invite us to make crafts for Valentine's Day. Do come, join in, and then have tea.

The next *BOOKWORMS* isn't until 5 March when 'Seeds of Doubt' by Pamela Vass will be discussed at Maggie's (477568). The meeting to discuss 'Northanger Abbey' has been postponed from 12 Feb to a date some time in the future.

Has anyone been to the Sales and now doesn't know what to do with their old FRIDGE which is still in good condition? Maddy would love to hear from you! Please phone her on 477488.

John and Anne Henderson move to 4 Moreton Court EX39 3FP on Fri, 12 January. Their telephone number, 473337, remains the same. They have a counter-top dishwasher for sale.

WAYFARERS GROUP - open to all - meets from 2-4 pm on Mon 8 January in Holy Trinity church hall, Westward Ho!. Our subject will be "Hopes for 2018 - the grace to accept what cannot be changed, the courage to change what we can and the wisdom to know the difference".

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (WPCU) is 15-30 January inc. See page 3 for times and venues - please support when you can.

APPLEDORE SINGERS thank all who helped raise £950 for Devon Air Ambulance over the festive period. Rehearsals begin on Mon 8 January 7.30-9 pm, Appledore Baptist Church. New members welcome. Contact Pam Beechey 420652.

DIARY DATES

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

⇒ 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. Her last Sunday at St Mary's will be 28 January.

I LIFT MY HANDS (*echo*)
To the coming King, (*echo*)
To the great I AM, (*echo*)
To You I sing, (*echo*)
For You're the One (*echo*)
Who reigns within my heart. (*all*)

*And I will serve no foreign god,
Or any other treasure;
You are my heart's desire,
Spirit without measure.
Unto Your name
I will bring my sacrifice*

ALL HAIL THE LAMB, enthroned on high;
His praise shall be our battle cry.
He reigns victorious, forever glorious,
His name is Jesus, He is the Lord.

CLOSING HYMN

GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT,
As year succeeds to year;
God is working His purpose out,
And the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

From utmost East to utmost West,
Wherever man has trod,
By the mouth of many messengers
Rings out the voice of God;
Listen to me, you continents,
You islands, look to me,
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

We shall march in the strength of God
With the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
May shine throughout the world:
We shall fight with sorrow and sin,
To set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth,
Unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
Till God gives life to the seed;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

OFFERTORY HYMN

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE;
Bearing gifts we travel afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light*

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring, to crown Him again
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign:

O Star ...

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a deity nigh:
Prayer and praising all men raising
Worship him God most high.

O Star ...

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in a stone-cold tomb:

O Star ...

Glorious now, behold Him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice:
Heaven sings "Alleluia",
"Alleluia" the earth replies.

O Star ...

COMMUNION HYMNS

WHAT CHILD IS THIS, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste, to bring Him praise,
The babe, the Son of Mary.*

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ ...

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ ...

Please pray for those people living in:

Monday: Southview Terrace, Southwood Drive
Tuesday: Slade Road, Sunningdale Terrace
Wednesday: Stanbridge Park, Stella Maris Court
Thursday: Stucley Road, The Quay
Friday: The Salterns, The Strand
Saturday: Torridge Hill, Tower Street

Please remember the souls of the departed - Andrew Lock, Albert Manning, Jack Bale, Iris Pink and Sally Wetherill - and the families of those who have recently been bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 8 Jan 2.30 pm Mothers' Union
6-7.30 om Cryptonites Youth Group
7.25 pm PCC, St Mary's House
Tue 9 Jan 7.30 pm Parish Prayer, St Mary's House
Wed 10 Jan 9.45 and 11 am Music Makers

Mon 15 - Sat 20 January
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU)

Mon 15 Jan 12 noon WPCU Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
2 pm Julian Group, in church
6-7.30 pm Cryptonites Youth Group
Tue 16 Jan 12 noon WPCU Friends Meeting House (Quakers) Honestone Street
2.30 pm Reflections for the bereaved
7 pm All Age Planning
Wed 17 Jan 9.45 and 11 am Music Makers
10.30 am Reflections mtg, St Mary's Hse
12 noon WPCU Northam Methodist Chch
2 pm Tea with Friends
Thu 18 Jan 12 noon WPCU here in St Mary's
2.30 pm Pastoral Care Mtg, St M's Hse
7.30 pm Home Group Leaders' meeting, at the Rectory
Fri 19 Jan 12 noon WPCU Bideford Baptist Church
Sat 20 Jan 11 am WPCU Lavington URC (10.30 am coffee first)
Mon 22 Jan 6-7.30 om Cryptonites Youth Group
7.30 pm Standing Committee
Tue 23 Jan 2 pm Deepening Prayer, in St Mary's Hse
7.30 pm Baptism Introduction evening

ENTRANCE HYMN

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Led by You for ever be.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to Your lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
You whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with one accord,
Seek forgiveness from our Lord.

As they offered gifts most rare
Gold and frankincense and myrrh,
So may we cleansed from our sin,

Lives of service now begin,
As in love our treasures bring,
Christ, to You our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Your glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
You its light, its joy, its crown,
You its sun, which goes not down.
There forever may we sing
Hallelujahs to our King.

COLLECT

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your
glory, hidden through past ages and made
known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

GRADUAL HYMN

FOR THIS PURPOSE CHRIST WAS REVEALED,
To destroy all the works
Of the Evil One.
Christ in us has overcome,
So with gladness we sing
And welcome His kingdom in.

(Men)

Over sin He has conquered, (Women)

Hallelujah, He has conquered. (Men)

Over death victorious, (Women)

Hallelujah, victorious. (Men)

Over sickness He has triumphed,

(Women)

Hallelujah, He has triumphed. (All)

Jesus reigns over all!

In the name of Jesus we stand,
By the power of His blood
We now claim this ground.
Satan has no authority here;
Powers of darkness must flee,
For Christ has the victory.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been