

**NEXT SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2019
PALM SUNDAY**

Readings: Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-end
Luke 19: 28-40

- 8 am HOLY COMMUNION
President and Preacher:
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore
- 10 am PROCESSION FROM KINGSLEY
STATUE to
- 10 am COFFEE & CROISSANT before ...
- 10.30 am ALL AGE SERVICE
Led by Rev'd Claire and the
Sunday School Team
- 11.30 am HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-
Casemore

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 8 April

Ps 73; Jer 21: 1-10; John 11: 28-44

Tuesday 9 April

Num 21: 4-9; Ps 102:1-3,16-23; John 8: 21-30

10.30 am Communion, M U Corporate,
Rev'd Robin Pirrie

Wednesday 10 April

No Music Makers

Ps 55; Jer 22: 20-23: 8; John 12: 1-11

Thursday 11 April

Ps 40; Jer 23: 9-32; John 12: 12-19

Friday 12 April

Ps 22; Jer ch24; John 12: 20-36a;

Saturday 13 April

Ps 23; Jer 25: 1-14; John 12: 36b-end

8 am Prayers

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Part of the Mission Community of
Bideford, Landcross, Littleham, Monkleigh
and Weare Giffard

Our Purpose:

TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2019
PASSION SUNDAY**

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH
MEETING**

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. Gluten free
wafers are also available on request.

We have the Passion Reading this morning,
so there is no sermon. (Please feel free to sit
during the reading as it is lengthy),

Tonight's service is Compline for Passiontide
at 7 pm.

If we can do something to help you please
do get in touch. If we don't have the
answers we will try to signpost you to those
who do. Contact Church Office 474078 or
Lorna 477117.

Today is our *ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH
MEETING* (APCM) at 11.45 am, for which we
hope you will stay. Our Churchwardens and
PCC members will be voted in. We will
follow this with lunch at The Royal Hotel,
Bideford.

Rev'd Claire would like to thank everyone
for making St Mary's Church such a special
place this year and for all your hard work.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, when we
process from the Kingsley Statue at 10 am
to church for our 10.30 am All Age service
followed by Parish Communion at 11.30
am. Please come and join us.

On Palm Sunday (14 April) we will be making the Church Easter Garden and would be very grateful for donations of small flowers, small potted plants (such as primroses and pansies) and moss. These can be brought on the 14th or if you would like me to collect please ring 477117. Many thanks Lorna

MOTHERS' UNION, Tomorrow, Monday 8 April at 2 pm when Rev'd Robin Pirrie will be talking on Easter Reflections.

Robin Edwards is being baptised at the Baptist Church on Palm Sunday, 14 April, at 5.30 pm. Everyone is most warmly welcome.

REFLECTIONS on Tuesday 16 April at 2.30 pm will be discussing hobbies and activities.

Christian Aid—Please remember to hand in any money collected in the Smarties tubes to Sue Jeffery or Maggie Webster by next week, Palm Sunday.

Jean Stewart would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and good wishes following her operation. This was successful—Jean is now getting used to walking with 2 sticks!

BOOKWORMS, who are St. Mary's very sociable reading group – (we always welcome new members – Maggie Murray 477568), had a lovely afternoon tea recently at The Chocolate Teapot cafe in Mill Street, Bideford. So, we invite all (within reason) from our Church Family to join us there for an afternoon tea on: **SATURDAY 22 JUNE AT 3.30 pm** (and not 15 June as originally advertised as Claire and I need to be in Exeter that day). The cost is £7.50 per person which includes a 55p tip each. Numbers are limited to 40 so be quick to sign up on list or contact me (477568) to reserve a place.

DIARY DATES

- ⇒ **Howler-oke**, Thurs 11 April at Crealock Arms at 8 pm. Marking 10th anniversary of Littleham Howlers and to raise money for St Swithun's, Littleham kitchen and drainage work.
- ⇒ **Bookworms**, Mon 13 May, 7.30 pm at Maggie Murray's when we will be looking at The Blasphemer by Nigel Farndale. New members are always very welcome (477568)

Please pray for those people living in:

Monday: Fordlands Crescent, Forest Hill
Tuesday: Four Acres, Gatefield Road
Wednesday: Geneva Place, Glenburnie Rd
Thursday: Glenburnie House, Glen Gardens
Friday: Glendale Terrace, Glenfield Road
Saturday: Glentorr Road, Godborough View

CLOSING HYMN

MY LORD, WHAT LOVE IS THIS
That pays so dearly,
That I, the guilty one,
May go free!

*Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
The Son of God given for me.
My debt He pays, and my death He dies,
That I might live, that I might live.
(Last time only)
That I might live!*

And so they watched Him die,
Despised, rejected;
But oh, the blood He shed
Flowed for me!

And now, this love of Christ
Shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away,
Live again!

COMMUNION HYMNS

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

THANK YOU FOR THE CROSS,
The price You paid for us,
How You gave Yourself,
So completely,
Precious Lord (precious Lord).
Now our sins are gone,
All forgiven,
Covered by Your blood,
All forgotten,
Thank You, Lord (thank You, Lord).

*Oh, I love You, Lord,
Really love You, Lord.
I will never understand
Why You love me.
You're my deepest joy,
You're my heart's desire,
And the greatest thing of all, O Lord, I
see:
You delight in me!*

For our healing there,
Lord, You suffered,
And to take our fear
You poured out Your love,
Precious Lord (precious Lord).
Calvary's work is done,
You have conquered,
Able now to save
So completely,
Thank You, Lord (thank You, Lord).

Please pray for those who are sick:

Jean Bale, Amanda Beer, Maryanne Benson, Trish Bishop, Pauline Carpenter, Tim Cotter, Nicky Day, Tyler Hooper Graham and Karel Johnston, Eileen King, Alan Power, Beryl Pullin, David Sharp, Kevin Smith, Phyllis Ward, Iris Way, Marion Woolf

Please remember the souls of the departed, particularly Valerie Oke, 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	2 pm Mothers' Union
Tues 9	7.30 pm Parish Prayer
Wed 10	No Music Makers (Easter Hols)
Thurs 11	1 pm Funeral of Valerie Oke
Sun 14	10 am Palm Sunday procession from Charles Kingsley statue 10.30 am All Age Service followed by 11.30 am Holy Communion
Mon 15	7 pm 5 Parish Holy Compline, Landcross Church
Tues 16	10.30 Holy Communion 7 pm 5 Parish Celtic Communion, St Mary's
Wed 17	7 pm 5 Parish Stations of the Cross, Weare Giffard Village Hall
Thurs 18	7 pm Holy Communion with foot washing followed by Prayer Vigil until 10 pm
Frid 19	9.30 am Walk of Witness from Pollyfield 11.45 am United Christians Together Service 2-3 pm Meditation on the Cross
Sat 20	8 pm Easter Eve Vigil
Sun 21	6 am Easter Sunrise Communion 8 am Easter Communion 10 am Easter Communion

ENTRANCE HYMN

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS, *the love of Christ proclaim*
Till all the world adore His sacred name!

Come, brethren, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

Each new-born soldier of the Crucified
Bears on his brow the seal of Him who died.

This is the sign which Satan's legions fear
And angels veil their faces to revere.

Saved by this cross whereon their Lord
was slain,
The sons of Adam their lost home regain.

From north and south, from east and west
they raise
In growing unison their song of praise.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto
Thee.

Let every race and every language tell
Of Him who saves our souls from death
and hell.

Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair
may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his
passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's
blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Philippians 3: 4-14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have

already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

GRADUAL HYMN - Choir

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:

way of salvation, gate of life celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

GOSPEL READING

Dramatic reading of the Passion according to Luke

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.