

**NEXT SUNDAY 19 MAY 2019  
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



ST MARY'S  
PARISH  
CHURCH  
BIDEFORD

FULL  
VERSION

Readings: Rev 21: 1-6  
John 13: 31-35

8 am HOLY COMMUNION  
President and Preacher:  
Rev'd Kevin Beer

10 am PARISH COMMUNION  
President: Rev'd Kevin Beer/  
Steve Roberts  
Preacher: Rev'd Kevin Beer

4 pm EXPLORE TOGETHER

7 pm TAIZE

## **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 12 MAY 2019  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

Our 10.30 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). Gluten free wafers are also available on request before the service.

This morning's preacher at the 8 am service is Rev'd Marisa Cockfield.

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.

Today marks the beginning of Christian Aid Week. This year the focus is on childbirth where in countries like Sierra Leone 10 women every day die as a result of trying to give birth. You will be given an envelope as you come into church. Please give generously and take an extra one if you have friends, family or neighbours whom you think might like to be involved. It would be appreciated if you could return the envelopes to Sue Jeffery or Maggie Webster by Sunday 16 June at the latest so that we can give a cheque for our total from St Mary's to the Christian Aid Treasurer to be added to that of all the combined Churches in Bideford and area.

We are also holding a delicious three course Christian Aid Lunch today (suggested donation £7) after Church, 12.00 for 12.30. Please join us.

### **THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES**

#### **Monday 13 May**

Ps 103; Deut 9: 1-21; Eph 4: 1-16

#### **Tuesday 14 May, Matthias the Apostle**

Ps. 139, Deut. 9.23-10.5, Eph. 4. 17-end  
10.30 am Communion, Rev'd Marisa Cockfield

#### **Wednesday 15 May**

Ps 135, Deut. 10. 12-end; Eph 5: 1-14

#### **Thursday 16 May**

Ps 118; Deut 11. 8-end, 5. 15-end

#### **Friday 17 May**

Ps 33; Deut 12. 1-14; Eph 6: 1-9

#### **Saturday 18 May**

Ps 34; Deut 15. 1-18; Eph 6: 10-end  
8 am Prayers

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**Next Sunday 19 May** there will be a Christian Aid Service at Northam Methodist Church at 10.30 with guest speaker Jill Stone, Christian Aid S W Regional Coordinator, followed by a Lunch from 12.00 onwards. Everyone is welcome to all or part of this.

**MOTHERS' UNION** is tomorrow, 13 May at 2 pm—Observe, Listen and Act (MUOLA) Workshop feedback to all members.

**Bookworms**—Please note this **will be this Tues 14 May**, not Mon 13 May as advertised last week, due to a clash with PCC Meeting. We will meet at 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)

**An event to raise money and have fun.  
Saturday 18 May - 10 am - 12 noon**

Is your Teddy brave enough to parachute off the church tower?

We need people to come with their teddies but also volunteers to do face painting, make cakes, craft stall, time keepers, teddy loaders, teas and coffees. Please see Pattie or Bekah if you can help.

**REFLECTIONS GROUP** is for anyone in the community dealing with bereavement and loss. The next meeting is on *Tues, 21 May, at 2.30 pm* when there will be a speaker from North Devon Hospice.

You are invited to the **Holy Communion Commissioning Service of the Rev'd Derek Arnold as Rural Dean for the Hartland Deanery**, led by Bishop Jackie with Mark the Archdeacon, on **22 May at 7 pm** at Holy Trinity, Westward Ho! Refreshments will be served after the service. Choir Dress for all visiting clergy who would like to robe (please let Vickey Moth on vickeymoth@gmail.com or 01237 470003 know if you are). Please can you let the Church office know if you intend to go.

PLEASE SIT

## TALK 2

## PRAYER TIME

PLEASE STAND

## SONGS

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL,  
All consuming fire is in Your gaze.  
Jesus, I want You to know  
I will follow You all my days.  
For no one else in history is like You,  
And history itself belongs to You.  
Alpha and Omega, You have loved me,  
And I will share eternity with You.

*It's all about You, Jesus,  
And all this is for You,  
For Your glory and Your fame.  
It's not about me,  
As if You should do things my way;  
You alone are God,  
And I surrender to Your ways.*

### WE WANT TO SEE JESUS LIFTED HIGH,

A banner that flies across this land,  
That all men might see the truth and know  
He is the way to heaven.  
(Repeat)

*We want to see, We want to see,  
We want to see Jesus lifted high.  
We want to see, we want to see,  
We want to see Jesus lifted high.*

Step by step we're moving forward,  
Little by little taking ground,  
Every prayer a powerful weapon,  
Strongholds come tumbling down,  
And down, and down, and down.

*We're gonna see, we're gonna see,  
We're gonna see Jesus lifted high.  
We're gonna see, we're gonna see,  
We're gonna see Jesus lifted high.*

PLEASE SIT

## NOTICES

## BLESSING

The Milky Way have generously donated their new wedding venue for a fundraising "**Summer Garden Party**" run by Bideford Inner Wheel for the North Devon Hospice on **Tuesday 4 June** starting from 1 pm and to include a glass of Prosecco, cream tea and free entry to the 'birds of prey' display and Merlin's show and other activities... Enquiries/Tickets £10 from Sally Drakeford (01769560422)"

**AFTERNOON TEA—SATURDAY 22 JUNE AT 3.30 pm at The Chocolate Teapot** (and not 15 June as originally advertised). The cost is £7.50 per person which includes a 55p tip each. Numbers are limited to 45 (we will have sole use) and a non returnable payment in full is required on booking a place. So be quick to sign the list at back of church or contact me (477568) to reserve a place.  
*Maggie Murray*

### THANK-YOU

I know this is late but I just wanted to say a huge personal 'thank you' to all those who made this year's Holy Week and Easter so special. To those who polished the brass, arranged the flowers and put together the garden of repose, to those who sang, served, played a musical instrument, catered, taught and helped the children and offered hospitality. To those who prayed, preached and organised...thank you so much. It was a special and holy time.

The next big festival is of course Ascension and Pentecost. Between those days of 30th May to June 9th we will be invited to share in the Archbishop's Initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come'. 'Watch this space' to find out more!  
God bless you. Revd Claire

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You will probably have noticed that work has been taking place on the electrics in the church. Things are a little different so if you have any difficulties in locating sockets, switches or making things work please contact Chris Hall. Thank you.

## **Ecclesiastical nominations for £1000 grant award**

In order for the St Mary's Appeal to receive a £1000 grant award from Ecclesiastical, we need to nominate ourselves by as many people as possible. It's a really simple process.

Please type in the following website address

<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good/>

In the right hand corner is an orange button "Nominate"- click

Our charity reg number is 1129064

Charity type = religion

Location = Devon

Who are you = "Other"

Enter your name and email address (one email address per application)

In the "why are you nominating this charity" section please copy and paste the following:

**St Mary's Church, located in Bideford has £475K funds of work to complete to continue to provide a service to our local community, conserve and remodel the church for current and future generations. In May 2017 the PCC held an open day at St Mary's inviting local dignitaries, businesses in Bideford, schools, colleges and a variety of organisations to seek their thoughts on improving the church and its functionality. By far the most pressing response was to improve access to the church for the elderly, wheelchair, pushchair/pram users for community activities such as Music Makers, Messy Church, Services, Friday Diner, Men's Breakfast We intend to do this by widening the entrance externally and internally, put in new glass doors, a ramp, hand rail and removing bottlenecks inside the church. A £1000 grant will help towards this.**

This is just the warm up round, We will try again in June for the £50K award!

Many thanks for your help - the more nominations the better!

If your nomination is successful please contact me or Ellie for BACs details. Thank you, Jo Gillard

Ecclesiastical is today the only financial services group that exists to give its profits to charity. On Tuesday 23 April, the company launched its Movement for Good Awards, which is a programme designed to give £1million directly to charities "that are changing people's lives for the better".

The giving programme has two funding categories: £,1000 awards, which will be awarded to 500 charities, (open for nominations from

## **COLLECT**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into  
one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

## **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.

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH;  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life;  
I'm so glad You came to save us.

*You came from heaven to earth to  
show the way,  
From the earth to the cross,  
My debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave,  
From the grave to the sky,  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.*

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

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*

## **DRAMA**

### **TALK 1**

#### **CONFESSION**

We are sorry for the times we have  
turned away from you.  
When we have not done what you have  
asked us to do.  
When we have not said what you have  
asked us to say.  
When we have not treated others as  
you would want.  
We are sorry for the times we have  
turned away from you.  
Please forgive us.

**Amen**

#### **ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God who forgives all who  
truly repent forgive you and renew a  
right spirit within you.

**Amen**

23 April – 17 May), and £50,000 grants, which  
will be awarded to just 10 eligible charities with  
an income of less than £5million, (open for nomi-  
nations from 17 June – 26 July).

Ecclesiastical has said: "We're proud to be doing  
things differently. To be giving back to the  
communities we serve and championing the  
issues that really matter to them – working  
together to build a movement for good."

Please see Full terms and conditions on  
Ecclesiastical website. They may want to  
contact you for publicity!

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#### **SAFEGUARDING**

Some people in the congregation may have  
had an email from me about safeguard-  
ing. The diocese wants every church within its  
boundaries to be vigilant about safeguarding,  
both for the sake of workers and those who  
come through our doors. To that end, they  
have developed a 'Safer recruitment'  
policy, which provides a safe structure for both  
paid and voluntary workers within the  
church. This ensures that everyone who is ful-  
filling a role is checked and verified, but  
also supported and cared for themselves.

At St Marys we are so grateful for the many  
people who volunteer in many ways to keep  
the church and its various groups and  
activities running.

If you have begun volunteering in a role  
within the past year, you will soon get an  
application form from me, asking for the  
names of 2 referees, who can vouch for your  
suitability to do the job required. This is not  
meant to be 'invading your privacy' in any  
way, but simply to ensure everyone is safe and  
cared for. I will send for references and then  
we'll have a chat to make sure you are com-  
pletely happy, and then you will be able to  
begin to continue to volunteer in your  
chosen way. If you would like to volunteer  
with a particular group, then have a word with  
the group leader first, and maybe go along and  
observe, but please have a chat with me be-  
fore beginning to volunteer on a regular  
basis.

This is a huge culture change for the church,  
but is the way society is leading and we must  
not be seen to lag behind in putting the  
welfare of others before our own. If you are  
unsure about any of this and want to chat  
further, please see me after the service.

*Sue Sparkes*

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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.

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

Monday: Meadowville Vale, Meddon Street,  
Tuesday: East View Terrace, Torridge View  
Wednesday: Model Terrace, Maine Close  
Thursday: Marlborough Court, Metherill Road  
Friday: Middleton Road, Mill Street  
Saturday: Milton Place, Moreton Avenue

**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 Sally Ford, and the families of those who have recently been bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Dates of Events and Meetings**

Mon 13 2 pm M.U.  
6-7.30 pm Cryptonites  
7.25 pm PCC Meeting  
Wed 15 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers  
2.30 pm Funeral of Sally Ford  
7.30 pm Parish Prayer  
Sat 18 10-12 noon Parachuting Teddies  
Mon 20 7.25 pm Standing Committee

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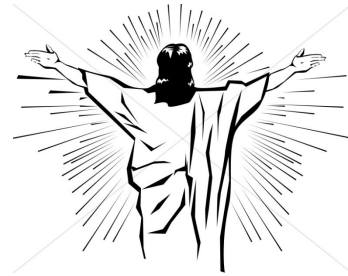
**BIBLE READINGS**

Rev 7: 9-17  
John 10: 22-30 (see separate sheet)

**ST MARY'S ALL AGE SERVICE**

***Our Theme today is:***

***"I am the way the truth and the life"***



**WELCOME**

**BIBLE READING**

**John 14: 1-6 (NLT)**

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going." "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

*PLEASE STAND*

**SONG**

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.