



In aid of Halwill Church Tower Fund

Common Fund – Good News

Many Parishes in the Holsworthy Deanery/Mission Community have struggled over the years to pay their full assessment of the Common Fund to the Diocese each year.

The Common Fund goes towards paying the salaries of our clergy. In our area, this is subsidised to a large extent by the better endowed parishes in East and South Devon.

This year, due to everyone's hard work and with much encouragement from our clergy, Holsworthy Deanery now has one of the highest percentages of Common Fund payment both in the Barnstaple Archdeaconry and the Diocese of Exeter as a whole.

We have gone from being one of the worst Deaneries in the whole Diocese to one of the best.

This is excellent news and well done to everyone who has worked so hard to achieve this.

This has been helped by many Parishes now making Common Fund payments by Standing Order and also by an increasing take up, by parishioners, of the Parish Giving Scheme.

It enables regular giving and cash flow as well as an automated system for Gift Aid claims by Parishes.

The Parish Giving Scheme also significantly reduces the workload for Parish Treasurers.

Having reached this position now is particularly timely, as the Diocesan Board of Finance has recently announced that they intend to take a more robust approach towards defaulting Parishes in the future.

ASHWATER, BEAWORTHY, CLAWTON, HALWILL & TETCOTT with LUFFINCOTT

1 st January	Benefice Candlelit Carols & Music	Luffincott Church	7pm
20 th January	Beetle Drive for Connect	Halwill Parish Hall	7pm
22 nd January	United Churches Service of Christian Unity followed by Bring & Share Lunch in Baptist Hall	Halwill Baptist Chapel	11am
28 th January	Wine & Wisdom	Clawton Village Hall	7.30pm
29 th January	Ashwater Benefice Celtic Communion	Beaworthy Church	11am

BLACK TORRINGTON, BRADFORD with COOKBURY, HIGHAMPTON & THORNBURY

14 th January	Benefice Saturday Church followed by Holy Communion	Bradford Village Hall	10am
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BRADWORTHY, SUTCOMBE, PUTFORD, ABBOTS BICKINGTON, BULKWORTHY & MILTON DAMEREL

1 st January	Benefice Eucharist	Putford Church	10.30am
10 th January	Monthly coffee morning/jumble sale	Bradworthy Church	10am
29 th January	Benefice Eucharist	Bradworthy Church	10.30am

Once again Bradworthy had a very successful Christingle service. We counted about 290 people and raised £435 for the Children's society.

All of the services in the Benefice were well attended with possibly as many as 500 people attending one or more services our churches.

BRIDGERULE, HOLLACOMBE, HOLSWORTHY, PANCRASWEEK & PYWORTHY

1 st January	No service at Hollacombe or Bridgerule, other services as normal rota		
6 th January	Benefice Holy Communion	Holsworthy Church	7pm
15 th January	Plough Sunday Service No service at Bridgerule or Pyworthy	Pancrasweek Church	11.15am
22 nd January	Holy Communion No service	Bridgerule Church Pancrasweek Church	11.15am
25 th January	Coffee Morning in aid of Holsworthy Food Bank Everyone welcome	Memorial Hall	9.30am
29 th January	Benefice Holy Communion Followed by refreshments	Holsworthy Church	10am

Please note: throughout January, the services will be the normal service rota (including the Wednesday midday Holy Communion) except for the changes shown above.

For further information regarding any of the above items and the submission of future notices, please contact your local benefice correspondent below. All copy to be received by the 20th of the month please.

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