

COLLECT

Eternal God,
 who made this most holy
 night to shine with the
 brightness of your one true
 light:
 bring us, who have known the
 revelation of that light on
 earth,
 to see the radiance of your
 heavenly glory;
 through Jesus Christ your Son
 our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with
 you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING**Isaiah 9:2-7**

The people who walked in
 darkness have seen a great
 light; those who lived in a
 land of deep darkness — on
 them light has shined. You
 have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you as
 with joy at the harvest, as
 people exult when dividing
 plunder. For the yoke of their
 burden, and the bar across
 their shoulders, the rod of
 their oppressor, you have
 broken as on the day of
 Midian. For all the boots of
 the tramping warriors and all
 the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the
 fire. For a child has been born
 for us, a son given to us;
 authority rests upon his
 shoulders; and he is named
 Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty
 God, Everlasting Father,
 Prince of Peace. His authority
 shall grow continually, and
 there shall be endless peace
 for the throne of David and his
 kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with
 righteousness from this time
 onwards and for evermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts
 will do this.

SECOND READING**Titus:2.11-14**

For the grace of God has
 appeared, bringing salvation
 to all, training us to renounce
 impiety and worldly passions,
 and in the present age to live
 lives that are self-controlled,
 upright, and godly, while we
 wait for the blessed hope and
 the manifestation of the glory
 of our great God and Saviour,
 Jesus Christ. He it is who gave
 himself for us that he might
 redeem us from all iniquity
 and purify for himself a people
 of his own who are zealous for
 good deeds.

GOSPEL**Luke 2:1-20**

In those days a decree went
 out from Emperor Augustus
 that all the world should be
 registered. This was the first
 registration and was taken
 while Quirinius was governor
 of Syria. All went to their own
 towns to be registered. Joseph
 also went from the town of
 Nazareth in Galilee to Judea,
 to the city of David called
 Bethlehem, because he was
 descended from the house and
 family of David. He went to be
 registered with Mary, to whom
 he was engaged and who was
 expecting a child. While they
 were there, the time came for
 her to deliver her child. And
 she gave birth to her firstborn
 son and wrapped him in bands
 of cloth, and laid him in a
 manger, because there was no
 place for them in the inn. In
 that region there were
 shepherds living in the fields,
 keeping watch over their flock
 by night. Then an angel of the
 Lord stood before them, and
 the glory of the Lord shone
 around them, and they were
 terrified. But the angel said to
 them, 'Do not be afraid; for
 see—I am bringing you good
 news of great joy for all the

people: to you is born this day
 in the city of David a Saviour,
 who is the Messiah, the Lord.
 This will be a sign for you: you
 will find a child wrapped in
 bands of cloth and lying in a
 manger.' And suddenly there
 was with the angel a multitude
 of the heavenly host, praising
 God and saying, 'Glory to God
 in the highest heaven, and on
 earth peace among those
 whom he favours!' When the
 angels had left them and gone
 into heaven, the shepherds
 said to one another, 'Let us go
 now to Bethlehem and see this
 thing that has taken place, which
 the Lord has made known to
 us.' So they went with haste
 and found Mary and Joseph,
 and the child lying in the
 manger. When they saw this,
 they made known what had
 been told them about this
 child; and all who heard it
 were amazed at what the
 shepherds told them. But
 Mary treasured all these words
 and pondered them in her
 heart. The shepherds
 returned, glorifying and
 praising God for all they had
 heard and seen, as it had
 been told them.

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
 in this night you have made
 known to us again
 the coming of our Lord Jesus
 Christ:
 confirm our faith and fix our
 eyes on him
 until the day dawns and Christ
 the Morning Star rises in our
 hearts.
 To him be glory both now and
 for ever. Amen.

Holsworthy Benefice

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek

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CHRISTMAS EVE	Crib Service	Bridgerule	3pm
	Carols around the trees	Holsworthy Square	4pm
	Midnight Mass of the Lord's Nativity	Pyworthy	11.15pm
	Midnight Mass of the Lord's Nativity	Holsworthy	11.30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY	Sung Holy Communion	Hollacombe	9.00am
	Holy Communion with Carols – bring a Christmas present to show and tell	Bridgerule	10am
	Holy Communion with Carols	Holsworthy	10am
	Christmas Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11 am
BOXING DAY	Christmas Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11 am
WED 27th Dec	Christmas Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11 am
THU 28th Dec	Carol Service	Hollacombe	3pm
	Christmas Holy Communion	Holsworthy	7pm
FRI 29th Dec	Christmas Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11am
SUN 31st Dec	Benefice Holy Communion	Holsworthy	10am
NEW YEAR'S DAY	Benefice Holy Communion with Carols followed by bring & share lunch	Holsworthy	11am
	Said Holy Communion	Holsworthy	7pm
THU 4th Jan	Said Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11am
FRI 5th Jan	Said Holy Communion	Holsworthy	11am
SAT 6th Jan	Benefice Sung Holy Communion for everyone		
EPIPHANY	do bring your nativity wise men to be blessed	Holsworthy	4pm

Change in times of services on Sundays - STARTING 7th JANUARY

Church	1st Sunday of the month	2nd Sunday of the month	3rd Sunday of the month	4th Sunday of the month
Bridgerule St Bridget	11.15am Family Communion	11.15am Morning Prayer	11.15am Holy Communion	11.15am Family Service
Hollacombe St Petroc	3pm Sung BCP Evening Prayer		9.30am Sung BCP Holy Communion	
Holsworthy St Peter & St Paul	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer 6pm Meditative Eucharist
Pancrasweek St Pancras				9.30am Holy Communion
Pyworthy St Swithun	11.15am Family Service	11.15am Holy Communion	11.15am Morning Prayer	11.15am Family Communion

5th Sundays will rota around the benefice. Please consult the benefice service rota for services additional to, and occasional changes to, the normal services. They can also be found on the new Calendar on the Benefice Website; www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk

14th Jan, 3pm, Pancrasweek Parish Church - Benefice Plough Sunday Service with refreshments afterwards. Bring your tractor or other farming equipment (part of!) to be blessed. NB No Morning Prayer at Bridgerule.

Benefice Mid-Week Holy Communion and Café

St Peter & St Paul, Holsworthy every Friday at 11 am. Everyone is most welcome.

Lay Worship Leaders

Across the Mission Community there is a need for lay worship leaders. There will be a short training course which consists of one midweek evening and the following Saturday morning. The initial course is the evening of Thur 18th and the morning of Sat 20th January. Please speak with Mother Elizabeth if interested.

Servers – all churches

If anyone would like to come and learn how to serve the altar for the Eucharist on a Sunday you'd be most welcome - please contact Mother Elizabeth.

I pray you all have a blessed and joy filled Christmas with love and prayers, Mother Elizabeth

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